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Clean Sweep



Members of the Seven Lakes Lions Club were on hand for the Seven Lakes-West End Business Guild's Meet the Merchants night on Tuesday, September 23. Beautiful weather brought out a good crowd for the event.

Darr: ARB no rubber stamp

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

Architectural Review Board [ARB] member Bob Darr was not amused.

"I can assure the writer of that letter that this member (and I believe the ARB) is not in the tank with anybody — not developers, not builders, not banks, not lawyers, not friends, not neighbors, not the Country Club, not anybody," declared Darr.

The letter that offended Darr was put out by a group of Seven Lakes Country Club members opposed to the sales of the old practice range. They said the ARB would "rubber stamp" any subdivision design presented for the range.

Darr, speaking during the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors during its Wednesday, September 24 Open Meeting, said that he did not take his responsibilities and obligations to ARB lightly

"My votes will be decided on what the rules say and what I believe, under those rules and regulations, is in the best interest of this community."

A standing committee with members appointed by the Board of Directors, the ARB has seen much controversy over the past

(See "SLLA Meeting," p. 32)

Club calls vote on driving range sale

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

In a vote to be finalized on October 30, the Board of Directors of Seven Lakes Country Club is asking its members to approve the sale of the old practice range, which lies between East Devonshire Avenue and Seven Lakes Drive. A separate ballot asks members for the authority to borrow \$150,000.

The Club also increased dues \$20 per month in all dues categories beginning October 1.

A September 15 cover letter

mailed to members along with the two ballots explains that the Board was counting on realizing revenue from the sale of the old practice range earlier in the year, but that was delayed by "the lawsuit, the Moore County building moratorium, and delays brought about by the Moore County Planning Department."

"Believing that revenue from the sale of the Old Practice Range would be forthcoming," the letter explains, "the Board deferred a dues increase That revenue

(See "Driving range," p. 37)

Fewkes promises even more openness

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

Mary Anne Fewkes opened her first general meeting as President of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association with The Pledge of Allegiance, and then pledged that the Board of Directors, under her leadership, would continue to strive for openness in decision making.

"I commit myself and my entire Board to improving openness," Fewkes said during the Tuesday, September 23 meeting. Though "total agreement is not always, possible," she noted, "we are working very hard at listening to everybody." Fewkes said the current SLWLA Board of Directors is "the most open of Boards ever," and added that "we have worked very hard to be that."

"We will try to have more community forums for any key issues we are addressing," she prom-

Referring to the recent unanticipated resignation of former SLWLA President Jim Haggard, Fewkes began her remarks noting that she was "very surprised and disappointed to get Jim's email." She thanked Haggard and added that "we will miss him very, very deeply on the

(See "Westside meeting," p. 35)

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Herdrich appointed Lake and Dam Director

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

Mick Herdrich has been appointed to serve out the eighteen months remaining in former President Jim Haggard's term of office on the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors. Herdrich will assume the role of Environment Director, which includes responsibility for the lake and dam.

The appointment came in a sixto-two vote of the Board, meeting in special session on Monday afternoon, September 22. Jim Barrett, Jim Johnson, and Adam Wimberley had also submitted their names as candidates for Haggard's seat; but Wimberley later withdrew his name, indicating that he would run for a full term in next Spring's annual meeting elections.

Johnson, who ran unsuccessfully for the Board in elections held this past March, has publicly expressed skepticism about the process undertaken to select a remediation strategy for the Lake Auman Dam.

Newly-elected President Mary

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Joan Frost drops by



Joan Frost, who will be Seven Lakes West's new Community Manager come January, dropped by to observe the Association's General Meeting on Tuesday, September 23.

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Anne Fewkes told The Times that Herdrich has been an active member of the Lakes and Dams Committee, involved in both the dam remediation project and issuing boat stickers.

Herdrich was also intimately involved, as a member of the Human Resources Committee, in investigating and then recommending Community Association Services, Inc. to take over management of Seven Lakes West. He is also a member of the Legal Affairs Committee.

According to the resume he provided to the SLWLA Board, Herdrich graduated from the US Naval Academy with a bachelors degree in engineering and holds an MBA from the University of New Haven. He served with the Navy as a helicopter pilot and

squadron legal officer. His civilian career included twenty-five years of human resources management experience with Pfizer and Fidelity Investments.

Herdrich was nominated by Ron Shepard; Ed Silberhorn seconded the nomination. Though Blaine Rowland and Ray MacKay were not present for the special session, they had provided proxies to Silberhorn and Karen Milligan, respective-

President Fewkes participated in the voting. She said that she was as committed as Haggard to fostering openness on the Board, but, unlike Haggard, would vote on matters that came before the

"I will vote, but I will vote last," Fewkes said.

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Commissioners warm to Small Area A Plan

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

Revisions to the Area A Small Area Plan appeared to meet with approval from Moore County's Board of Commissioners when they reviewed the revised plan in a Thursday, September 18 Work Session.

None of the commissioners raised any objection to the new draft; instead they thanked the Area A Steering Committee for addressing concerns raised about the first draft and then asked Planning Director Joey Raczkowski about next steps. It is expected that the Commissioners, during their Monday, October 6, meeting, will call for a public hearing on the plan that would be held during their Monday, October 20, meeting. Barring significant objections, the plan could be adopted at that meeting.

"I believe our meeting last night with the commissioners went well," Area A Steering Committee Chairman Dave Kinney of Seven Lakes told *The Times* after the Work Session. "Their comments were quite positive."

"There's always risk in jumping the gun," Kinney added, "but I do feel comfortable that they will approve our plan at their October 20 meeting."

The Area A Plan is a supplementary Land Use Plan that, if adopted, will apply to a hundred-square mile section of Western Moore County centered on West End and Seven Lakes. The plan was developed by an 18-member steering committee, based on public input and research collected during an 18-month process.

The Commissioners reviewed the first draft in April and sent it back to the Planning Board and Steering Committee with a list of questions and concerns. The Steering Committee made some revisions, held a final public input meeting on the new draft, tweaked the plan a bit more, and sent it to the Planning Board, which unanimously recommended its approval.

In many cases, the new draft simply softens the language in which its recommendations are couched. For example, instead of a recommendation to:

Create Moore County standards that exceed the Army Corps of Engineers for building in or near wetlands (riparian buffer).

the new plan suggests:

Investigate creating Moore County standards that exceed the Army Corps of Engineers for building in or near wetlands

(riparian buffer).

This sentence, aimed at protecting water supplies:

Prohibit the use of private irri-

gation wells in major subdivisions and planned unit developments served by public water.

(See "Area A," p. 31)



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New Animal Control Ordinance on agenda

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

A new Animal Control Ordinance is on the agenda when the Moore County Board of Commissioners meet on Monday, October 6. The Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance to gather citizen input, and, depending on what they hear, will likely either vote on approval or send the document back to the 20-member committee that created it.

That diverse team was organized by Commissioner Jimmy Melton and chaired by Mary Jo Morris and Al Carter, of the Moore County Animal Shelter. The Committee, which was assembled in February and has met thirteen times since, included veterinarians, dog breeders, hunting dog enthusiasts, the Kennel Club, a kennel operator, and members of animal welfare groups.

Melton, who took on the task of revising the ordinance at the request of Chairman Colin McKenzie, said during an August Board of Comissioners Work Session, "We went out looking for committee members and we came up with a comprehensive group of people. It's probably the most diverse group of people I have ever worked with."

During that same meeting, Morris said the group decided early on that they would "target behaviors, not groups."

"We didn't want to do licensing," she continued, "ban teth-

ering, or enact a leash law. We were able to have a consensus from the entire committee because we targeted behavior."

The group did not start from scratch, but rather with the existing Moore County Animal Control Ordinance, passed in 1988. Attempts to update the ordinance since then have failed due to strong public criticism when they reached the Board of Commissioners.

Carter told Commissioners that the critical weakness of the existing ordinance is that it gives County Animal Control "no authority to act in cases of neglect or abuse in many cases."

Here are some highlights of the amended ordinance:

TNR for Feral Cats

It appears that one of the most controversial portions of the ordinance is the support it offers for the Trap-Neuter-Return approach to dealing with feral cats.

During the August Commissioners Work Session, Morris explained that "It has been determined over time that simply confiscating cats does not eliminate the colony. Females go into estrus and produce kittens very

Feral cat colonies exist only where there is a food supply, she noted, and tend to expand the colony until they have reached the limits of that supply. Trapping and neutering cats and then returning them to the colony, called "TNR," suppresses the production of new kittens. A notch is cut into the left ear of the neutered cats, so they can be identified and released immediately if trapped again.

TNR has been practiced in downtown Southern Pines for some time now, and according to Morris, "In Southern Pines, they don't see kittens now. Over time, the size of the colony drops through attrition and it then ceases to exist."

The new ordinance provides for the identification of feral cat caregivers and requires Animal Control to contact a feral cat representative when a feral cat is trapped, so that TNR can be implemented.

While it makes that accommodation for the TNR approach, the ordinance continues to give Animal Control the authority to euthanize feral cats that are injured, diseased, or constitute

a nuisance.

Objections to TNR were raised late in the committee's process; Commissioner Cindy Morgan noted during the August work session that she had gotten a number of phone calls from those opposed to the approach.

Those who object to TNR often express concern that cats kill birds and that feral cats can be carriers of rabies. While the cats are vaccinated against when they are trapped and neutered, there is no practical way to ensure the released cat can be captured a second time and given rabies booster shots.

What's an owner?

The revised ordiance updates a number of definitions and adds others, including defining the

owner of an animal as anyone who keeps or harbors and animal, has an animal in their care, or acts as a custodian of the animal, unless they are boarding it for a fee. Owners so defined are made responsible for the care of the animal under the provisions of the ordinance.

The ordinance includes an extensive definition of cruelty aimed at, in Commissioner Melton's words, creating "a set of ordinances that have some teeth in them and can go out and go after these people who abuse animals."

Toward that end, the ordinance sets for standards of care that include feeding at least once a day, providing clean water in tip-resistant containers, and

(See "Animal," p. 30)



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County rolls back to Stage 1 water conservation

water conservation measures

Moore County has relaxed in the Seven Lakes - Pinehurst from Stage 2 Mandatory Conwater system, dropping back

Candidate forums planned for next week

Candidates for North Carolina House and Senate seats, district attorney, and district court judge will meet for a Candidate's Forum on Tuesday, October 7, at 7:00 pm, at the Seven Lakes West Communitv Center.

The forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters, the Moore County chapter of the NAACP, and the Seven Lakes Civic Club, and will be moderated by Greg Hankins, Publisher of The Seven Lakes

Invited participants include NC Senate-22 with Abraham Oudeh [D] vs. Harris Blake [R], the House of Representatives-52 with Betty Mangum [D] vs. Jamie Boles [R], District Attorney-19D with Maureen Helen Krueger [R] vs. Tony Berk (I), and the District Court Judge-19B with Marcie Quist vs. Robert M. Wilkins.

On Thursday, October 16, at 7:00 pm, a second Candidate's Forum will be held at the Senior Enrichment Center on U.S. 15-501 north of the Pinehurst Traffic Circle, featuring candidates for the Moore County Board of Education and the Moore County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors.

Invited to participate are candidates Ed Dennison vs. Kathy Farren, Laura Kelly Kite vs. Enola G. Lineberger for MCS Board, and the Soil and Water Conservation supervisor Billy Carter vs. Harry J. Huberth and Katherine McLeod.

The League of Women Voters of Moore County is the lone sponsor of this forum. The Times' Hankins will moderate.

Both forums are open to the public and free of charge.

servation to Stage 1 Voluntary Conservation. The Stage 1 Conservation Goal is a twenty percent reduction in water usage. The Stage 2 Goal was thirty

Explaining the decision to Moore County's Board of Commissioners during their Thursday, September 18 Work Session, Public Works Director Dennis Brobst said several developments in recent weeks have improved the water outlook:

- · Recent rains have reversed a long-standing rainfall deficit; rainfall in the county is now above average year-to-date and over the past twelve
- The groundwater level in the Mittendorf aquifer is stable and has begun to recover.
- The US Geological Survey

no reports no drought condi- lowing: tions in any part of the coun-

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminstration reports a favorable long-term weather outlook.

Finally, Brobst said, Harnett County water will begin to flow through the East Moore Water District and into the Pinehurst -Seven Lakes system within seven to ten days. Only some final disinfecting of lines remains to be done to make fully operational a system upgrade that involved the installation of eighty-four miles of water lines, a water tank, and two booster stations, Brobst said.

That new line can bring as much as one million additional gallons per day into the system.

Stage 1 Voluntary Conservation measures include the fol-

- · Reducing irrigation activity to once every three (3) days. Refraining from irrigation between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., when evaporation rates are higher. Watering only when absolutely necessary.
- Repairing any known leaks, e.g., dripping faucets, toilet leaks, etc.
- Refraining from washing vehicles frequently.
- Eliminating washing paved surfaces, unless for health or safety reasons.
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Principal Turk brings experience to WPMS

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

An award-winning educator, Dr. Candace Turk brings a wealth of experience to her new position as principal at West Pine Middle School

Turk received her B.S. in Social

Work from East Carolina University in 1973, and a B.A. in Theology from Way College of Biblical Research in New Knoxville, Ohio. She completed her M.A. in Special Education in 1992 and her Ed.D. in 2003, both from East Carolina University in 1975.

versity. In 2004, she was named Duplin County Principal of the Year and most recently served as Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Operations.

"The next step from your doctorate is to university to teach or

administration," explained Turk. "Sometimes you do things because you think it's the next step but every time I interviewed, I thought, what I really liked was being in a school. I like being a principal and didn't want to be a superintendent."

Turk and her husband had visited this area several times while competing in the National Tennis Association state championships, an event held each year in Pinehurst.

"We always commented how beautiful it was," said Turk. "And my husband suggested it was time to make another decision."

Settling in Foxfire Village, Turk said she and her husband, David, a school counselor at Southern Pines Elementary, enjoy long neighborhood walks after work. They have four children: two sons both serving in the Air Force, one stationed in Iraq

and the other in Texas, and two daughters. The oldest is a high school biology teacher and their younger daughter, a student at UNC-Wilmington, is studying abroad in Costa Rica.



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Boxes are located at the Seven Lakes Landowners Association office and West Side Park Community Center.

All completed information must be received by November 1.

Volunteers for the 2009 edition are Gail Cummins, Carol Mezaros, Arlene Perry, Ginnye Powers, Marilyn Holzerland, Bob Tourt, Ray Tourt, Jane Westlake, and Bertie Janosky. Doreen Smith is the volunteer coordinator.

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Tables will be set up for each Seven Lakes club, organization, or activity that has pre-registered to attend. If your club has not been contacted and wishes to be represented, please notify either Maureen Malone at 673-2553 or Nancy Kling at 673-6095.

This event is an opportunity to socialize and at the same time learn more about what activities and volunteer opportunities are available in our area. It is open to all Seven Lakers – newcomers, old timers, couples, and singles are all encouraged to attend. Tickets are \$5 per person and include an array of delicious hors d'oeuvres. This event is a BYOB, but glasses and ice will be provided.

Tickets will be sold Wednesday, October 8 through Friday, October 10 at the mailhouses: Northside 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm; Southside 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm; Westside 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm; or you may call Ginny Long at 673-3890 or Pat Weber at 673-1457. Get them early as they will sell fast!

November meeting

Women of Seven Lakes Meeting will be held Thursday, November 6 at 1:00 pm at the North Clubhouse. A wonderful seasonal treat for all, special guests the Project Succeed Hand Bell Choir will perform. Please bring an ornament to decorate the Christmas Tree.

Pig Pickin' & Card Party

Pig-pickin' BBQ, Fashion Show & Card Party Luncheon on Thursday, November 13 at 11:30 am at West Side Park Community Center, features a holiday fashion show courtesy of Phoenix Fashions, catering by Pik-n-Pig of Carthage, a mini-craft fair, raffles, and afternoon of card games.

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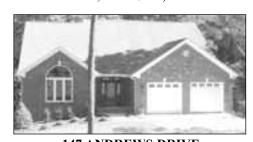
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Sue Hannel joins Edwards Real Estate

Veteran Moore County Realtor® Sue Hannel has joined Edwards Real Estate and Forestry Consulting, Inc.

"Sue will be working at our Seven Lakes location and we are very excited to have her aboard," said Christy Chavez, one of the firm's owners.

"Her knowledge, personality, and willingness to help have taken her a long way in this real estate business, and we look forward to a long future with Sue."

Hannel moved to North Carolina to enjoy the beautiful South and stop shoveling snow, after her husband, Charles, retired from International Harvester in Indianapolis, Indiana.

A Seven Lakes resident, Hannel has been an active residential Realtor® since 1994 and has sold real estate throughout the county.

Sue and Charles Hannel have two sons and five grandchildren.

"I am very pleased to be with Edwards Real Estate & Forestry Consulting," Hannel said.

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Sue Hannel

lives, I treat each transaction with care and concern," Hannel said.

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This forum is open to the public and will begin Monday, October 13, at 10:30 am at the Community Congregational Church, located at 141 N. Bennett Street in Southern Pines.

Additional information about this forum or NARFE is available by contacting Vilma Geisert at 215-5898 or George Sandoval at 246-9881.

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Pastor Richardson joins Seven Lakes Baptist

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

Saying that he's enjoyed every minute of being here, the new Pastor of Student Ministries at Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Stuart Richardson, is excited about his ministry and the future.

A Moore County native, Richardson grew up in Aberdeen, graduating from Pinecrest High School and then Wingate University, where he met his wife, Lindsay. The couple reside in Seven Lakes South.

"I love this area and God is on the verge of doing great things in Seven Lakes and Moore County." He continued, "We have a lot of children coming to Christ and experiencing salvation." Richardson oversees Wednesday and Sunday evening activities for youth in sixth through twelfth grades. His programming is based on ACTS; that is, acquire, connect, train, and serve. On Sundays, teens may

choose to participate in a drama team, puppet ministry, or community service ministry while on Wednesdays, the focus is on small groups enjoying prayer and quiet time together.



Pastor Stuart Richardson

Crafters, artists wanted

St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church in the Seven Lakes Business Village will hold their annual Mary Market on November 22. This is a perfect time to pick up a few handmade Christmas gifts and baked goods.

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Jenks to share story of African orphans

On Sunday, October 12, Reverend Greg Jenks will be telling the heartbreaking and heartwarming story of his mission to orpahned children in Africa during the combined church school classes at Marcus United Methodist Church beginning at 10:00 a.m. Jenks will continue his stories during the 11:00 worship

There are literally thousands of African households that include no adults. Genocide, famine, and, especially, the continentwide HIV/AIDS epidemic has left tens of thousands of orpahns to fend for themselves.

Inspired by the heroism of a fifteen-year-old parishoner called to minister to these children, Jenks himself was called to minister to African orpahns.

Under the auspices of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, he formed the Zoe (Zimbabwe Orphans Endeavor) Ministry.

Jenks credits 15-year-old Amanda Eckelkamp with igniting the spark that started Zoe Ministries.

Eckelkamp shared with Jenks, her pastor at the time, her desire to go to Zambia to work with AIDS orphans.

"In counseling Amanda, I knew she faced two main obstacles to actually going to Africa-her mom and dad!" Jenks explains. asked that I explain to her why they couldn't allow her to go."

"So I did my pastoral duty. I explained to Amanda how God often reveals his will to us through our parents. I reminded her that honoring one's father and mother is part of discipleship. Then I assured her that one day she would be in Africa, though it wouldn't be that next summer."

Amanda listened politely, and then disregarded absolutely everything I had said! Night after night, Africa was the topic of conversation at the dinner table

"In fact, both her parents in her home. The turning point came one night when she looked at her dad and said, "You're my earthly father and you're telling me no, but my heavenly Father is telling me yes."

> The young Eckelkamp made her trip to Africa in the summer of 2002.

> "Amanda introduced me to the plight of AIDS orphans in Africa," Jenks explains." Over the next year and a half, the spark ignited by the passion of Amanda Eckelkamp began flickering in my heart. I came to two realizations. First, God had put

a zeal in my heart for the children of Africa. Second, children would die if I didn't go."

Marcus United Methodist Church is located at 2081 Windblow Road, Jackson Springs. The church invites the community at large to come and hear Reverend Jenks' compelling stories of the orphans in Africa.

It is a part of the Sandhills Circuit, which includes the Eagle Springs, Pleasant Hill United Methodist Churches. For further questions, please contact Co-Pastors, Myron and Barbara Dice at 215-9655.

Chapel Rummage Sale needs your good stuff!

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

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.

Volunteers are needed on Friday and Saturday, October 17-18. For more information, call Jean Keating at 673-2778.

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Hoffmann, Honey will exchange vows

John and Elaine Hoffmann of Seven Lakes West joyously announce the engagement of their daughter Lindsey Marie to Aaron Joseph Honey, son of

John and Elaine Hoffmann of Charles and Rene Honey of even Lakes West joyously Oakboro, North Carolina.

Hoffman and Honey are both graduates of Appalachian State University, where Lindsey

received a Master of Arts degree in Communications Disorders and Aaron received a Bachelor's degree in Theaters Arts and Business Management. She is a Speech Language Pathologist for Moore County Schools in Cameron and Vass. He is a Security Specialist with Science Applications International Corporation [SAIC] currently on assignment at Joint Special Operations Command in the Requirements and Acquisition Directorate.

They will be married October 25 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pinehurst. After a Honeymoon trip to Savanah, Georgia, the couple will reside in Seven Lakes.

Forum: Is humankind destroying its future?

Bill Mamel will present "The Predicament of Mankind...is the earth going to be livable for humanity in the not-so-distant future?" at the Seven Lakes Forum on Wednesday, October 15 at 4:30 pm at the West Side Park Community Center.

Mamel's perception is that given the current exponential growth of population and other factors, the quality of life for our grandchildren and their offspring is in jeopardy, unless appropriate and timely action/s are undertaken by cooperative, competent earth leadership.
All women and men from Seven Lakes, and their guests, are invited to attend.

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The 'format' for the session follows:

- 4:30 pm Presentation of information
- 5:15 pm Speaker-participant dialogue

For further information, please contact Don Welch at 673-6701 or Bill Mamel at 673-8970



Lindsey Marie Hoffmann and Aaron Joseph Honey

NAMI offers October programs

The National Alliance for Mental Illness of Moore County has several special events planned for Sunday, October 5 at Pinehurst Village Hall [Assembly Hall].

An Ask the Professionals Forum will be held from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, featuring Dr. Ferdando Cobos, Medical Director for FirstHealth Moore Regional Addiction Services and Outpatient Behavioral Services, and Barbara McGowan, LCSW. Also Joey Pantoliano of "The Sopranos" will be present for a "Greet and Meet" session.

A "Pathway to Awareness" Walk, half mile to two mile walks, will be held at 2:30 pm. Registration begins at 12:30 pm. The walk will be held rain or shine.

"Candles in the Sky," a release of helium balloons in honor or memory of loved ones will be held at 3:30 pm.



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It's time to order trees for Winter planting

Planting trees can be your contribution to the environment. The Moore Soil & Water Conservation District encourages you to begin thinking about tree planting and preparing your tree seedlings this Winter.

Trees enhance the beauty of landscape and provide many benefits. They also create windbreaks to help protect homes, farm buildings, feed lots, and orchards from the cold winds and even provide a sound bar-

rier from nearby highways. Erosion control is sometimes our biggest worry and trees help to reduce wind and water erosion.

The Moore Soil and Water Conservation District is now accepting orders for the 2008-2009 planting season. The best time to plant trees is December through March. You may now place your order for trees to be picked up in late January. Orders will continue as long as supplies last. Order early because some species will sell out as the order season progresses.

This year there are seven selections to choose from: containerized Longleaf at 30 cents each; Bald Cypress, Persimmon, Flowering Dogwood, Eastern Redbud, and Crape Myrtle at 75 cents. Also containerized Buttonbush will be offered at \$1.50 each, and are highly recommended to attract wildlife. These seedlings range from twelve inches to some that are two feet tall.

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Moore Soil and Water Conservation District, P.O. Box 908, Carthage, NC 28327. Please enclose a note listing the kind and number of trees desired. Make sure to include your name,

address, and telephone number on your order.

If you have questions concerning the order, please call 947-5183 extension #3.

Brand New Old Glory



U.S. Navy Seabee UT1 Scott Kristek, son of Joe and Shirley Kristek of Seven Lakes West, home on leave from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, replaces the worn US Flag in the Seven Lakes Business Village with a brand new Old Glory.

SLLA Committee wants Board candidates

More and more families are choosing Seven Lakes North and South as their home. The Seven Lakes Landowners Association Nominating Committee are actively encouraging younger residents to make their voice heard and participate in the decision-making process by participating in various committees and running for the Board of Directors.

"There are lot of complaints that we 'oldies' are running this place: well, here's an opportunity to get in here. This community is run by volunteers and we encourage you to run," said Chair Bud Shaver. "Serving on the board is a good experience both in work and for the community."

Interested candidates should contact Shaver at mgshaver@7lakes.net or 673-4029; or committee members, JoAn Moses at 673-0368 jmoses370@yahoo.net; Carol Munro at 673-3661 chieffoullis@hotmail.com; Adam Smitley at 673-0124 andys@sandhillscenter.org; or Tammi Smith at 638-3848 alliejoe2@aol.com.

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Chamber sponsors State of Schools Luncheon

The Moore County Chamber primarily accomplished on the of Commerce is hosting a State of Schools Luncheon on October 7, at National Golf Club. Businesses will be provided an update by Dr. Susan Purser, Superintendent of the Moore County Schools. This is the third of the 2008 "State of" series.

"We are very pleased to have Dr. Purser presenting at this event," said Patrick J. Coughlin, President & CEO of the Moore County Chamber of Commerce.

"Businesses have a critical interest in education in their communities and need to be a part of the solution."

"Because education reform is

state and local level, it is important that we work together when dealing with the issue of education and student achievement. The stakes are high for the businesses community."

The State of the Schools will be held Tuesday, October 7, from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm at National Golf Club. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch.

RSVP to the Chamber at 692-3926 or contacting Lakota Copeland at Icopeland@moorecountchamber.com

The mission of the Moore County Chamber of Commerce is to provide quality, value-added services and programs to members to unite Moore County area businesses in a committed effort to strengthen the economic environment and thus, improve the quality of life for all of Moore County.

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Carthage Lions sponsor Strides diabetes walk

The Carthage Lions Club is sponsoring the Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness on Saturday, November 1 at Nancy Kiser Park in Carthage.

The goals are two fold:

- First, to raise awareness of the impact diabetes has on individuals and on our society.
- · Second, to raise funds to support diabetic research and assist needy visually and hearing-impaired people (locally & internationally).

The Lions invite area businesses to create teams of walkers to participate.

It is a grand way to provide team spirit outside of the office arena, and will visibly brand particpating companies as caring, community oriented health care providers.

Corporate sponsorships are also available. All corporate sponsors will receive recognition on shirts that will be provided to participant walkers as well as other event promotional materi-

This is yet another way for companies to demonstrate their community spirit.

Corporate sponsorship levels are: \$1,000 (Pride sponsor, one available), \$500 (Lion sponsor, two available), and \$250 (Cub sponsor, unlimited).

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All sponsors will receive a thank you note in the local news media, as well as a commemorative plaque after the walk.

Companies unable to field a team or sponsor our walk, can still support the cause by helping to get the word out.

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Ridenour's art featured

Eclectic Images with Artists of the Month, Nancy Campbell

An Opening Reception of and Alice Ridenour, will be held on Saturday, October 4 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Artists

League of the Sandhills located at 129 Exchange Street in Aberdeen.

> Shortly after moving to Seven Lakes in 1996, Ridenour joined the Artists League and has participated in many classes and workshops.

> Working in five mediums keeps art challenging but her favorite is soft pastels, which she uses to create pet portraits.

> The Eclectic Images exhibition continues through October 28. Gallery hours are Monday to Saturday, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

For more information, call 944-3979.



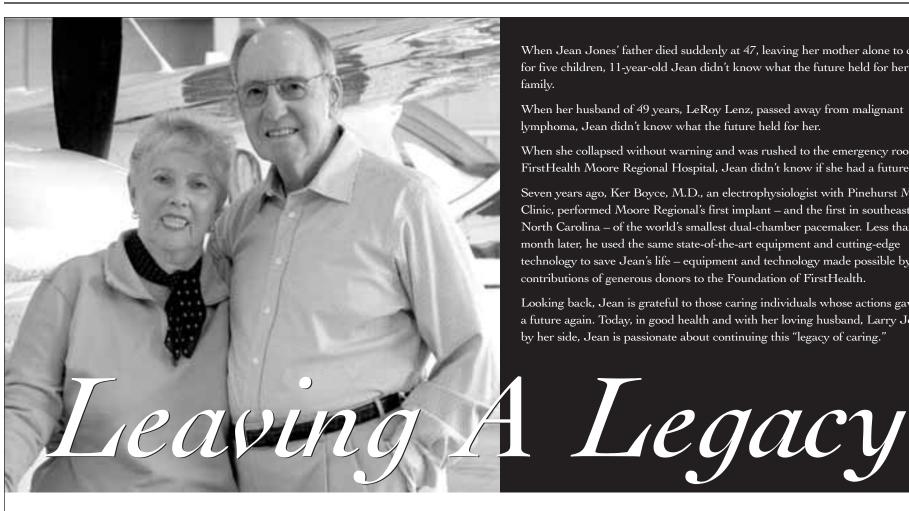
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When Jean Jones' father died suddenly at 47, leaving her mother alone to care for five children, 11-year-old Jean didn't know what the future held for her

When her husband of 49 years, LeRoy Lenz, passed away from malignant lymphoma, Jean didn't know what the future held for her.

When she collapsed without warning and was rushed to the emergency room at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital, Jean didn't know if she had a future.

Seven years ago, Ker Boyce, M.D., an electrophysiologist with Pinehurst Medical Clinic, performed Moore Regional's first implant – and the first in southeastern North Carolina - of the world's smallest dual-chamber pacemaker. Less than a month later, he used the same state-of-the-art equipment and cutting-edge technology to save Jean's life - equipment and technology made possible by the contributions of generous donors to the Foundation of FirstHealth.

Looking back, Jean is grateful to those caring individuals whose actions gave her a future again. Today, in good health and with her loving husband, Larry Jones, by her side, Jean is passionate about continuing this "legacy of caring."

As members of the Stepping Stones Campaign Committee and the Foundation's Legacy Committee, Jean and Larry Jones are busy getting the word out about FirstHealth. The community needs to be more aware of all that is accomplished through projects funded by the Foundation and the 'win-win' ways they can financially contribute.

"Larry and I feel we have a certain responsibility to our fellow man, especially those who live in the same community," Jean says.

As a board member of FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Moore Regional Hospital and the Foundation of FirstHealth, by serving on a variety of committees and with her charitable gift annuities, Jean is living her personal philosophy:

Because I am able, I have a responsibility to help others. Not am I, but how am I going to help.

If you do not think about your future, you cannot have one.

Jean has had two "wonderful men" in her life. She met the first, LeRoy Lenz, when they were going to college in

"When Roy came over, he was so nice to my mother and younger brother," Jean recalls. They dated for a year before marrying in 1948.

Roy, who was a fighter pilot, continued flying after the war, so Jean decided to take "emergency pinch hitter's" flight training. At the time, there were few women pilots – as Roy's friends constantly reminded her. But when they all took the written flight test together, only Jean passed - as she constantly reminded them.

She became a licensed pilot in 1971. She no longer has the time to fly regularly, but still keeps her license active.

Roy and Jean loved flying to Pinehurst to play golf. In 1986, they bought property in Whispering Pines, near the airport, with plans to retire here. But their future changed drastically when Roy became ill.

"You adjust to what happens in your life."

In 1989, Roy took early retirement from Brooklyn Union Gas Company and the couple moved to Whispering Pines. Because the facilities to treat cancer at Moore Regional were not what they are today, Roy continued his treatment

"He was a very strong person," Jean says. "He went

through radiation, chemotherapy, lost his hair six times and finally entered clinical trials, where he was in isolation for two weeks at a time."

After battling cancer for 11 years, Roy passed away in December 1997.

The future depends on what we do in the present.

During the years she cared for Roy, Jean became acutely aware of the needs of cancer patients and their families for quality care in a modern facility that is close to home. With her responsibilities as a caregiver at an end, Jean decided to dedicate herself to improving health care here by becoming involved with the Foundation of FirstHealth.

She immediately became part of what is now her first love the Pottery Auction that benefits FirstHealth Hospice.

Jean is also committed to encouraging others to become involved with the Foundation. When her friend and neighbor, Larry Jones, lost his wife, Suzie, to ovarian cancer in 1996, Jean invited him to become a member of the Scroll Society. She and Roy had joined the organization when they first moved here, and she retains the membership in his name.

After the deaths of their spouses, Jean and Larry became "good friends and then better friends." In 1999, Jean married the "second wonderful man" in her life.

We need not be afraid of the future, for the future will be in our own hands.

Larry was with Jean in January 2001 when she collapsed and was rushed to Moore Regional. There, her internist, Michael Daley, M.D., of Pinehurst Medical Clinic, diagnosed the long pauses in her heartbeat as cardiac arrhythmia.

The day after Dr. Boyce implanted the dual-chamber pacemaker that saved Jean's life, Larry sent her roses by way of a barbershop quartet that sang at her hospital bedside on Valentine's Day. Larry also helped her recover so they could share the future together.

To honor Dr. Daley and Dr. Boyce, Jean and Larry made a significant contribution in the form of a charitable gift annuity in their names to the Moore Regional Hospital

Determine your future now by taking hold of every opportunity.

Jean realizes how fortunate she is to have such a successful relationship with her sdoctors. It's a "partnership" she encouraged other people to develop at the 2003 "How to Talk to Your Doctor" seminar sponsored by the Foundation. More than 350 people heard Dr. Daley say that "medical providers need your input as much as you need their expertise. Patients should be involved in their own health care." Dr. Daley also emphasized how important genetics and family health history are in

As a member of the Foundation's Grant Review Committee, Jean learned about vascular disease, specifically abdominal aortic aneurysm, the inherited condition that claimed her father 60 years ago. In Decemaber 2006, Jean's daughter, Virginia Lenz Donovan, also died suddenly from an abdominal aortic aneurysm. It was that same year that the Foundation's Grant Review Committee agreed to fund new ultrasound equipment for a vascular screening program on the FirstHealth Mobile Health Services van. That program, along with an anonymous endowment of the Heart Survivors Fund supporting scholarships for the screenings, will allow people to be proactive about their own health

We should all be concerned about the future, because we will have to spend the rest of our lives there.

As members of the Stepping Stones Campaign Committee and the Foundation's Legacy Committee, Jean and Larry Jones are busy getting the word out about FirstHealth. Jean says, "Larry and I can see the impact our financial support has made, and it's inspiring to see the growth and sophistication of services offered by FirstHealth.

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WEE Principal Waller briefs Kiwanians

by Frank Krohn Seven Lakes Kiwanis

The Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club actively supports students at West End Elementary School through tutoring, the Terrific Kids program, wood crafts with Kindergartners, and other supporting roles as the need arises each year. On September 2, Principal Johnnye Waller was the featured speaker and brought the club up-to-date on the current status and a look into the school's future.

A big item of interest was that in the school year 2007-08, sixty percent of students improved their grades vs. the previous year, something which is continually being worked on at the school.

West End Elementary continues to grow each year. The enrollment this year is about 590 students vs. 560 last year. To

Evening Chat with Dr. Purser at West Pine

The last in a series of five informal Evening Chats with Dr. Susan Purser, Moore County Schools' Superintendent, will be held at West Pine Middle School on Thursday, October 9 at 7:00 pm in the school's multi-purpose

Her topic, "How do we measure school success?" will be followed by a question and answer period.

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help handle this growth, there has been the addition during the summer of one more modular unit to the campus. Each modular unit includes two classrooms.

Waller outlined four areas as important goals this year: soliciting greater input from parents

and the community's service organizations; improving the usage of technology by both the students and staff; improving the playground facilities, with an eye especially on the safety aspects of the equipment being



WEE Principal Johnnye Waller with Ginny Richmond, Program Coordinator.

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The SWAP program involves forty-five minutes of each day being devoted to working with individual students in an effort to bring each child up to grade level, should the student need help. Most of this special help is made possible by volunteers from the community. Waller indicated that to make this program most effective there is a need for more volunteers.

Overall, she is looking forward to a most successful year and thanked the Kiwanis Club for its support in the past.

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

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Chamber of Commerce CEO visits Kiwanis

by Frank Krohn Seven Lakes Kiwanis

On August 26, Seven Lakes Kiwanis learned some interesting information about Moore County from Moore County Chamber of Commerce CEO, Patrick Coughlin. Coughlin is an excellent and dramatic speaker, and he quickly captured the attention of the assembled crowd.

Responding to his request for anything of particular interest to the members, he concentrated his comments on three items of interest – the widening of Rt. 211 into Pinehurst, the water situation in Moore County, and the anticipated impact of BRAC to the county.

Coughlin commented that the widening of Rt.211 is still an active program with the DOT, but is running considerably behind schedule because of the lack of sufficient funding. The current reduction in gas tax income because of the reduction in driving by our residents is not helping the situation, but the purchase of "Right of Way" is still scheduled for early 2009.

He commented further that a priority item in North Carolina is to repair its many bridges that are in disrepair. Thirty percent of bridges in the state are rated "50" or below. The bridge that collapsed in Minneapolis was rated "50," giving North Carolina cause for alarm.

Addressing the water situation, Coughlin indicated that

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there is no lack of water in Moore County. The county sits abreast three river basins but has only one operative water treatment plant. That is not only inadequate to handle the requirements of the county on a physical capacity basis, but also makes it extremely difficult to meet Federal requirements to redeposit water into the source from which it was originally taken. A Water Task Force has been formed to analyze the situation in the county and recommend long term solutions.

Commenting on the BRAC situation. Coughlin said that all BRAC projects are supposed to be completed by 2011 but that it is behind schedule, and won't be completed until 2013.

Eventually there will be a net increase of 5,000 soldiers at Fort Bragg, plus an estimated 3,000 civilians. It is expected that there will be a total of 40,000 new people [children, family, etc.], and 7,500 of them will live in Moore County.

The major impact of BRAC on the county will be the influx

of about 800 new school children, which will be a real challenge to an already overburdened school system.

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Ed Schroeder, Kiwanis Club President, with Patrick Coughlin of the Moore County Chamber of Commerce.

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- WEE Fall Festival 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm, West End Elementary School. Sponsored by West End Elementary PTA. Fun planned for all! Pizza, hot dogs, popcorn, drinks, and more on sale in the food court; activities include cupcake walk, face painting, games, everyone wins a prize, dunking booth, jumping house and inflatable obstacle course, bingo, a silent auction, a \$75 gas card raffle with tickets on sale that evening for \$1 each. Information, call Stacey Hilliard 673-4775.
- **Ballroom Dancers of the** Sandhills Session - 7:15 pm. Olde West End Gvm. All levels are welcome to participate in a short group lesson, with open dancing to follow until 10 pm. Questions? Call Ray and Helen Pardue, at 673-6347.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

- Women take Charge...your divorce, your money - 9 am - 12 pm, Southern Pines Civic Club. Panel of experienced professionals will address legal, financial, and life issues surrounding divorce. Cost \$25. Space is limited. 725-1025.
- Eclectic Images Art Show - 3 pm - 5 pm, Artists League of the Sandhills, 129 Exchange Street, Aberdeen. Featuring Artists of the Month Nancy Campbell and Alice Ridenour. Gallery hours are Mon - Sat, 12 pm - 3 pm. Information, 944-3979.
- Pottery Plus Auction 5:30

pm - 8:30 pm, Country Club of North Carolina, Pinehurst. Benefits the FirstHealth Hospice Foundation. Silent and live auctions, cocktails, and hors d'ouvres. Tickets \$50/person. Information, 695-7510 or visit www.firsthealth.org

 Ruth Pauley Lecture Series: **Busting the** stigma of Mental IIIness - 7:30pm, Owens Auditorium, Sandhills Community College. Sponsored by NAMI-MC, Joey

SUNDAY, OCTOBER ς

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speaker. Free and open to the

public. Information, 245-3132.

- NAMI Forum, Pathway to Awareness Walk, and Candles in the Sky Observance - 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm, Pinehurst Village Hall. Sponsored by NAMI-MC, walk registration at 12:30 pm, Ask the Professionals forum featuring Dr. Ferdando Cobos and Barbara McGowan at 1 pm, also Greet & Meet with Joey Pantoliano. Pathway to Awareness Walk at 2:30 pm. Candles in the Sky helium balloon release at 3:30 pm in honor or memory of loved ones
- 3rd Annual Fall Praise and Worship Services - 7 pm, Marcus United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to share in special worship services with featured speak-

ers and music guests each night through Tuesday, October 7. Marcus United Methodist Church is part of the Sandhills Circuit with co-pastors Myron and Barbara Dice.

What's When Calendar

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

 Candidate's Forum – 7 pm, West Side Park Community

Center. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters, NAACP-Moore County Chapter, and Seven Lakes Civic Group, forum will feature candidates for NC House and Senate seats, district attorney, and district court judge. Moderated by Greg Hankins, publisher of The Seven Lakes Times. Forum open to the public and free of charge.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Ruth Pauley Lecture Series: Winston Churchill's Legacv - 7:30 pm, Owens Auditorium, Sandhills Community College. Sponsored by the English-Speaking Union, featured speaker is Celia Churchill Sandys. Free to the public, no tickets required. 245-3132.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

• Fall Family Fun-for-All – 4 pm

toric Courthouse, Carthage. MCS Superintendent Chat - 7 pm, West Pine Middle School. Moore County School Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser will discuss, "How do we measure school success?' Time for informal dialogue and questions will follow.

- 6 pm, Imagination Station,

Southern Pines. Children's

book illustrator Liz Conrad will

read stories. Raffles, goody

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tunity to learn about Parents as

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13 Split Pea with Ham Soup	14 Goldie's Chili	15 Broccoli Cheddar Soup	16 French Onion Soup	17 Manhattan Clam Chowder ♥
Salisbury Steak Dinner	Chicken Divan Dinner	Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner	Tilapia Scampi Style Dinner ♥	Chicken Paprikash Dinner
20 Lentil Soup ♥	21 Black Bean Soup	22 Potato Leek Soup	23 Beef Vegetable Soup ♥	24 Chicken with Wild Rice Soup
Two-Bean Enchiladas Dinner ♥	Chicken Tetrazzini Dinner	Pot Roast Dinner	Pork with Sage & Apples Dinner	Beef Stroganoff Dinner
27 Mushroom Barley Soup ♥	28 Broccoli Spinach Soup ♥	29 Crab & Shrimp Bisque	30 Beef Barley Soup	31 Shrimp & Sausage Gumbo
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Seven Lakes Community Fall Social - 4:30 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Sponsored by the Women of Seven Lakes, this event combines the former Mixer Party & the Newcomer's Open House and provides an opportunity to socialize and find out more about local activities. Tables will be set up for each Seven Lakes club and organization. Event is BYOB and tickets are \$5/person includes an array of delicious hors d'oeurves.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

- NC House Candidate's Forum 10:30 am, Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett Street, Southern Pines. Sponsored by NARFE Sandhills Chapter 1895, forum features Betty Mangum and Jamie Boles, the Democratic and Republican candidates for the NC House of Representatives. Open to the public. Information, Vilma Geisert 215-5898 or George Sandoval 246-9881.
- Moore County Board of Education Meeting – 7 pm, Central Schools Office, Carthage.
- Meet Moore County DA
 Maureen Krueger 7 pm –
 8:30 pm, West Side Park
 Community Center. Voters
 are encouraged to attend
 the meeting and learn more
 about Maureen Krueger.
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 the public.



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

- Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Work Session 8 am, West Side Park Community Center.
- Computer Club of Seven Lakes 3 pm, Game Room located next to SLLA offices. Featured speaker Christian Jones from Federal Signal, a company that supports security for police, fire, and other protective services. He will discuss computer security. All interested people welcome. Foxfire Village Council Meeting 7:30 pm, Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

• Seven Lakes Forum – 4:30 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Bill Mamel will present "The Predicament of Mankind...is the earth going to be livable for humanity in the not-so-distant future?" All women and men from Seven Lakes, and their guests, are invited to attend. Information, Don Welch 673-6701 or Bill Mamel 673-8970.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

 Seven Lakes Landowners Association Work Session – 8:30 am, SLLA Conference Room. WINTERIZE

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

- Our Saviour Lutheran Church Benefit Bazaar – 9 am – 2 pm, , 1517 Luther Way, Southern Pines. Big yard sale, café, crafts, & bake sale. Continues on Sat, Oct. 18. All proceeds donated to local programs that aid the needy in Moore County..
- Baron Maness & Easy Street concert – 7:30 pm, Owens Auditorium, Sandhills Community College. Featuring Baron Maness and his new

band, Easy Street, in their Fall Showcase. Tickets 783-4920.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

• SL Chapel in the Pines Rummage Sale – 8 am – 2 pm, Old

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New company stages 'Moon over Buffalo'

theater company in Moore Coun-

"We held a meeting in July to see if there was interest in this organized a steering committee

There is a new community project," said Don Bridge, who organized the meeting.

> "Nearly forty people showed up. Out of that meeting, we

to guide the group's formation. We had everyone throw in ideas about what to name the new organization, and the best name we came up with was "Sandbox Players."

Next on the agenda was the search for a debut play. "With so many people suggesting titles, I went on a massive play-reading binge," said Bridge. "For a week I barely left the house. I was just reading plays."

Bridge settled on "Moon over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig, the playwright best known for "Lend Me a Tenor."

"Moon over Buffalo' is perfect for us," said Bridge. "Like "Tenor," it is a farce with mistaken identities, illicit relations, and people running in and out slamming doors."

First produced in 1995 as a vehicle for Carol Burnett, "Moon

over Buffalo" ran on Broadway for nearly a year and garnered Tony nominations for both Burnett and co-star Philip Bosco.

The local production will be staged at the Sunrise Theater in downtown Southern Pines the weekends of October 17 - 19 and October 24 - 26. Evening show times will be 7:30 pm, while curtain for Sunday matinees will be 2:00 pm.

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The event includes a big yard sale, café with breakfast and lunch menu. handmade crafts, and a bake sale. All proceeds are donated to local programs that aid the needy in Moore County - the Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care, Inc., Family Promise, and Our Saviour's Discretionary Fund.

Donations of household items, books, jewelry, furniture, toys, books, Fall and Winter clothing, infant and children's clothing are needed and may be brought to the church on October 9-11 and October 13-14 between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.

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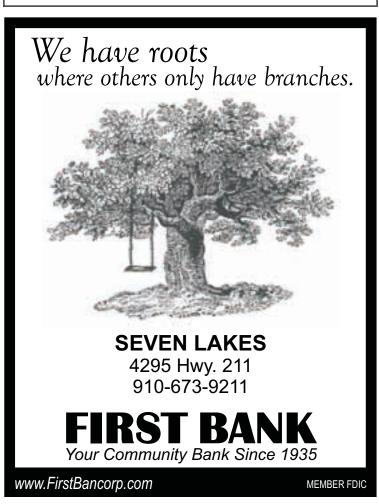
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Country Club in Pinehurst. The public is welcome to attend with a prior reservation.

Check-in is 11:30 am and the meeting will start at 11:45 am.

Hughes is a Moore County native and graduate of Pinecrest High School. She obtained a BA in Psychology from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and has worked for Moore County for thirteen years, serving as Financial Services Director for the last four years.

She is a Member of Brownson

Memorial Presbyterian Church.

For reservations, call Charlotte Gallagher at 944-9611 before October 17.

The total cost is \$12, payable by a check made out to the League of Women Voters of Moore County.

DA Krueger to visit WSP



Bud Shaver of Seven Lakes North with Commissioner Candidate Nick Picerno and Moore County District Attorney Maureen Krueger. Moore County District Attorney Maureen Krueger dropped by the West Side Park Community Center for a reception on Monday, September 29,

Krueger will meet with area residents at the same location on Monday, October 13 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

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Apple Crisp

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1 teaspoon cinnamon 3/4 cup quick cooking oatmeal

1/2 cup plain flour

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Peel the apples and slice them

Arrange slices in 8-inch round or square pan.

Combine flour, sugar, oatmeal and spice.

Mix in soft butter.

Sprinkle mixture over apples. Bake in 350 degree oven for 35-40 minutes.

Serve warm with ice-cream or whipped topping.



from Lucy's Kitchen

Lucy Ingram Seven Lakes South

Presentation: Pinehurst Greenway Trail

Molly Rowell, Chairman of the Greenway Wildlife Habitat Committee, will be at the Moore County Senior Enrichment Center on Tuesday, October 14 at 10 am with an informative presentation on the Pinehurst Greenway Trail. Learn about the plans for the magnificent pedestrian and bicycle trail that will extend for 20 miles when complete. Currently, 5 miles of trail have been completed with the recent Phase IV addition.

The Greenway Habitat Committee is working to make the Pinehurst Greenway a place to learn about the native plants and wildlife that thrive in this area. The Committee has been conducting surveys along the Greenway in order to catalogue the diverse flora and fauna that can be found along the path.

Please call 215-0900 to reserve a seat. The Senior **Enrichment Center is located** at 8040 Hwy 15-501 (2 miles north of the Pinehurst traffic circle).

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Some schools need only one AED. Because of the unusual design of its campus, Southern Pines Elementary needs two. The three high schools need at least three each.

"We're almost there," says Magnuson-Dow.

With grant-writing assistance from the Foundation of FirstHealth, HeartSafe Moore County has received \$21,000 from the John W. Roffe and Marjorie A. Roffe Endowment of the Moore County Community Foundation that will help meet the goal of total school coverage.

Money from the Community Foundation will pay for fourteen AEDs and cabinets. The Foundation of FirstHealth will provide another ten AEDs from its Kids in Crisis fund to fulfill a total Foundation commitment of 24 for the public schools.

According to Magnuson-Dow, thirteen more AEDs are needed to provide maximum coverage for the schools. Donations are tax-deductible and can be made to MooreHealth with the designation to HeartSafe Moore County – School Project, P.O. Box 2175, Southern Pines, N.C. 28388.

"All of us with Moore County Schools are grateful to both the Foundation of FirstHealth for its efforts in securing this grant and Moore County Community Foundation for providing the funding," said Dr. Susan Purser, superintendent of Moore County Schools. "What a wonderful accomplishment for Moore County Schools, HeartSafe Moore County and our communities that all 12,000 students and 2,000 employees in our schools

will have the amazing, lifesaving devices available."

The benefit exceeds the needs of students and school employees, however. Studies have shown that 20 percent of the nation's population is in the nation's schools on any given weekday.

"Our schools are truly centers of activity for our communities, and with so many athletic competitions, arts events and other gatherings, there are literally thousands and thousands of people in and out of our schools each month," Dr. Purser said.

"I want to say 'thank you' to HeartSafe Moore County and those who have made this possible." For more information, on Heart-Safe Moore County visit www.heartsafemoore.org.

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OPINION

Blow ye winds, heigh-ho!

I've come across some pretty cold ocean waters are, quite litstrange phenomena in my life but this week I encountered something completely new.

"Laura churns through the North Atlantic" screamed the headline.

Huh?

Reading further, I discovered I have a maximum sustained wind of sixty miles per hour and will only be a threat to shipping interests in the far north.

Well, that's good to know. I mean if I'm going to blow around some hot air the least I can do is knock a few ships and migrating birds off course.

But the real irony is that those

erally, the last place on Earth you're likely to find me.

This Laura can't swim, gets motion sick, and wears wool

when it's seventy degrees. Not exactly a hardy seafaring soul: hence, why vou, dear reader, will find me living happily

here in the drought-ridden and abundantly warm Sandhills. What's not to like?

For the sake of my kids, I

admit I pretend to enjoy water sports. You know, throw on a swimsuit, grab some shades, and try to look casual on the

Laura's -**Learning Curve**

Laura Douglass

It's a sham. I'm actually whiteknuckling the seat, completely absorbed as I focus on the horizon, trying not to notice the bobbing...up and down, up and down. Ugh.

And don't even get me started on my teen angst terrors after spending too many weekends sailing the Chesapeake with the 'rents. Come to think of it, I really hate flying too. I guess I'm just a terra firma kind of gal.

Certainly astrology didn't get it right. With a late July birthday, I'm not an earth sign but rather fall on the cusp of Cancer and Leo: one water, the other a sun sign. Hmm, a confused water and sun-born baby who favors dirt.

That's it, I'm mud. I knew it! At birth the doctor should have warned my mother, "Yup, look at the calendar, looks like mud to

Maybe I could have avoided damaging childhood traumas such as fishing trips, flying around the world, and sleeping in the v-

Oh well, at least the weather service got one thing right about Laura — that she draws energy both from the atmosphere and the ocean surface. Yeah that's right: the great sucking sound isn't NAFTA from the south but Laura gathering strength in the north.

Now if I could just figure out which way to blow the wind down Wall Street.

On the eve of the great Moore County cat fight

There's every indication that the customary calm that characterizes Moore County is about to be roiled by the rhetoric of a great debate.

But it won't be about taxes, or the airport, or the new roundabout, or where to build the new elementary school. It won't be about John Edwards pecadilloes, or Bristol Palin's pregnancy, Barack Obama's real estate deals, or how many houses John McCain owns.

It will be a debate about something much more basic, something much more visceral, something that cuts to the very core of what makes one human being different from another, a difference that ultimately defines what makes us "us" and them "them."

In other words, it's about cats.

Cats create one of the great dividing lines that splits humanity into warring camps. You either hate 'em or you love 'em. And, if you're in one camp, you have absolutely no idea what folks in the other camp could be thinking.

This baseline division of the human race into cat people and not-cat-people may well erupt into open warfare in the old courtroom of the Historic Courthouse in Carthage, when the Board of Commissioners hosts a public hearing on a new Animal Control Ordinance that a committee lead by Commissioner Jimmy Melton has been working on for months.

Why?

Because that proposed ordinance includes a provision that will allow folks to trap feral (that's a fancy word for "wild") housecats, neuter them, vaccinate them, and return them to the place they were caught. This process, called "TNR," or "trap, neuter, and return" is an alternative to the more customary

"T&K," or "trap and kill."

It seems the Feral Cat People [FCP], a loose knit but not disorganized group found out about the ordinance creation process and got in on the ground floor,

public hearing on the proposed ordinance, scheduled for the Monday, October 6, Commissioners meeting. We have already observed two shots across the bow from KWC

> activists and can anticipate their arguments.

The first involves a fancy bit of name-calling that borrows from the lan-

guage of environmental science. Feral housecats, the KWC will charge, are "a non-native, invasive species" which "historically do not occupy a niche in the

Sandhills ecosystem." Now, I must admit that I am not from around here, so I can't be one hundred percent sure, but it is my impression that a goodly percentage of the folks currently inhabiting Seven Lakes, Foxfire, Southern Pines, and Pinehurst might, if one were feeling uncharitable, be characterized as "a non-native invasive species."

And there is no doubt whatsoever in my mind that some of those New Jersey (not to mention Balmerese) accents I hear (See "Cats," p. 28)

Digging Deeper Greg Hankins getting the jump on the Kill

Wild Cats [KWC] faction. the

KWC folks got in late, and despite Herculean efforts, were unable to squelch the sections of the ordinance that protect the efforts of the FCP to manage feral cat populations through

Even more maddening, some portions of the ordinance make it hard for the KWC bunch to trap feral cats on their own property without getting an okay from their neighbors (who may be worried about Fluffy or MIttens straying from the backyard and getting snapped up in the neighbor's leg-hold trap).

The only recourse for the KWC is to raise Cain during the

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Tapping our human potential

Attempts to improve ourselves as members of the human race can be impeded by a host of obstacles. But if you talk to someone who has persevered you might find that he or she has faced up to a relatively humdrum existence and conquered

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mer recreation programs. She enhanced the summer day camp

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it through sheer determination.

We all know persons who seem to be living on the edge of nowhere. There's something missing. It seems that we all have more potential that we realize.

Potential can not only help

Various activities were offered

Thanks, Anne Johnson!

Steve Hudson

Seven Lakes North

ourselves along the path of life, but radiate out to impact family, friends, and even strangers.

It seems that lives with heavily over-laced structure could leave sparse opportunities for inherent qualities like imagination, awe, or the urge to clarify

Ms. Johnson has also been

instrumental in organizing some

fall activities for the youth in our

community. Soccer, tennis and

football are in full swing inside the

some of life's bafflements, to come into play.

Yes, every day is an opportunity to at least consider the possibility of change, renewal, or

at least partial regeneration.

The change to learn, grow, and feel as we grow and feel what life has to offer.

Even at this advanced age, I look for ways to impart at least a smidgeon of what

I have learned if it can help someone: but only at the proper time or moment.

What an opportunity lies before us to help in whatever small ways we can.



Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

Unexpected praise

Dear Editor:

Dear Editor:

An Open Letter to the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board of Directors

Board Members:

Usually I am very critical of your actions. This is a different matter.

I wish to commend you for voting in the By-law change that allows a landowner in good standing to vote, whether they live here or not.

That's a job well done!

on a daily basis so the children had a variety of choices from which to choose. The Seven Lakes Stingrays Swim Team benefitted from new coaching staff, college students that Ms. Johnson recruited. Many swimmers were very pleased with the level of expertise and ded-

When many folks are complaining about children vandalizing and "hanging out", Ms. Johnson is determinedly pursuing bringing activities to this community.

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Carol, Hannah, Gillian and Duncan Munro Seven Lakes North



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Shelter needs help to stay open

by Norm Dyson Seven Lakes West

Montgomery-Moore Animal Rescue [MMAR] was started a little over seven years ago, in the yard of an old dairy farm. Five years ago, with the help of volunteers from Seven Lakes,

Aberdeen, Southern Pines, and Pinehurst, the organization moved to its present location, an old truck terminal on five fenced-in acres. This space provides plenty of running room for the dogs. The organization continues to function with an all-

volunteer staff; no salaries are involved.

The rescue is a haven for starving, lonely, and abused animals that need shelter, a kind word, a good meal, and medical needs, including veterinarian care. Since its inception, over

2,000 companion animals have been placed in loving Moore County homes.

Due to rising costs; food, shelter, utilities, medical and veterinarian bills, insurance, and transportation, there is a possibility this good work will come to an end

the first of next year. Your kindness and generosity in the form of donations can prevent this closing from happening.

MMAR can be reached at PO Box 744, West End, NC 27376; by telephone at 910-572-3647; or at mmar@connectnc.net

Cats

(Continued from page 26) down at the Food Lion "historically do not occupy a niche in the Sandhills ecosystem."

And where would we be without those non-native, unhistorical settlers?

Occupying a sort of sand desert populated with longleaf pine trees that lost their investment value when they started putting iron instead of tar on the sides of ships.

In other words, all that "nonnative" "invasive" "ecosystem" "niche" talk is just a multisyllabic smoke screen behind which hide people who just don't like cats.

And more power to them. Half of of humanity just doesn't like cats. But the other half has done their homework, built their hypothesis, and tested it in the field.

What they have found is that feral housecats, like a lot of other animals, will breed right up to to the limits of the available food supply in a given area.

Cats are not nomads. They don't wander far. They settle on a home turf and build families 'til the food supply gets tight. Female cats react to the tightening food supply by suppressing ovulation. No more kittens.

Unless, of course, some enter-

prising member of the KWC comes along and traps and kills a portion of the population. Then food is more plentiful, mature females begin to ovulate, and more kittens are born.

The solution the FCP have found is to trap the feral cats, neuter them, vaccinate them, and put them back where they came from. The population is stable, there's no ovulation, and no kittens. Because cats don't wander much, the theory goes, the population, once all the cats are neutered, will eventually die out (assuming irresponsible humans don't drop more off).

Neutering the cats has some other advantages. Neutered male cats are less likely to spray their admittedly overwhelming love potion all over their territory. And neutered male and spayed female cats are not much interested in sex, which is good thing, because cat sex involves a lot of cat screaming (also known as caterwauling), mostly in the middle of the night.

Does TNR work?

The data are mixed. In some places, the colony sizes don't decrease - partly because folks will sometimes drop off unwanted cats and kittens near a colony.

Do feral cats kill birds and

rodents? When they can catch them. All cats — even Fluffy and Mittens — are natural-born predators.

Is there some virtue in killing feral cats to protect feral birds? Not that I can see — unless a feral cat colony happens to be located near a colony of some endangered species.

The results are mixed, but the alternative is to continue a policy of killing hundreds of feral cats each year.

The Commissioners should be wary of all that KWC talk about "Sandhills ecosystem niches" and "non-native, invasive species."

Some people just don't like

cats and don't much care whether they live or die. That's a fact, but it's not a sound basis for public policy.

The Commissioners should give Trap-Neuter-Return the chance it deserves and pass the Animal Control Ordinance as presented.

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Animal Control Ordinance

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providing appropriate shelter. The standards go so far as to describe minimum standards for the size of that shelter.

Standards are also set for the tethering of animals, requiring appropriately-sized tethers that include at least one swivel.

The ordinance also establishes minimum standards for the care and housing of equines - horses, donkeys, and mules including requiring that any equine bought into the county be vaccinated for rabies. It gives Animal Control officers the right to enter a locked vehicle to rescue an animal endangered by being left in a hot car.

Trapping

Another section of the Ordinance that has already run into some objections are restrictions on trapping.

The Ordinance forbids trapping of "domestic animals: dogs, cats, puppies, kittens" except in a live, humane trap. This clause would appear to apply to feral cats as well as house pets.

It also forbids the setting of leghold, conibear, or spring hold traps within one thousand feet of a residence without the property owner's permission - a provision aimed at avoiding a situation in which pets are caught in such trap.

A state-licensed wildlife removal operator objected to this restriction during the public comment

segment of a September Board of Commissioners meeting, noting that it would make impractical his use of traps to, for example, eliminate coyotes on a golf course

Microchipping & neutering strays

The ordinance includes new stricter rules on the treatment of stray animals that are reclaimed by their owners.

The first time a stray animal is picked up by animal control, it will be microchipped, at the owner's expense, for identification purposes. If the animal is picked up again, it will be spayed or neutered at the owner's expense. After that, each time the animal is picked up by animal control will net the owner a \$75 fine.

Owners are also responsible for the cost of boarding their

Individuals who pick up stray animals are required to contact Animal Control to report it. Animal Control officer then may collect the stray and take it to the animal shelter, so that an owner can claim it.

Miscellaneous provisions

The revised ordinance would

- · Require that groups offering animals for adoption in Moore County provide proof of sterilization for any animal over six months of age.
- · Ban the sale of chicks, duck-

lings, or rabbits as pets or novelties, as is sometimes done in the Easter season. It also bans the coloring or dying of these animals.

- Lay out strict standards for anyone keeping a vicious ani-
- · Prohibit the keeping of dangerous non-domestic animals, including wolves, coyotes, or

hybrids of those species.

Establish penalties for violating the ordinance of \$25 for the first offense; \$50 for the second offense; and \$75 for the third offense. Failure to pay fines or to come into compliance with the ordinance can result in addition fines of \$25 per day up to \$1,000.

Public Hearing

The public is invited to comment on the revised Animal Control Ordinance during a public hearing scheduled for the October 6 Board of Commissioners meeting, which will be held in the Historic Courthouse in Carthage, beginning at 4:00 pm.



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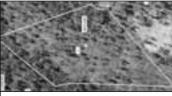
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Area A

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was changed to this:

Investigate ordinances to protect water supply by restricting use of private non-agricultural irrigation wells in developments served by public water.

That softening of the language is important because, once approved by the Commissioners, the Small Area Plan becomes a county policy document that will

guide the work of Planning and other departments. The original language threatened to give county staff and elected officials too little space to maneuver when working to turn plan recommendations into actual ordi-

The Commissioners seemed pleased with the changes and more concerned about next steps than any further tinkering

with the plan's language.

Originally, the Area A Committee was to be followed by an Area B Committee, then Area C, and so on. But that approach appears to have given way to a desire, on the part of the Commissioners and the Planning staff, to move next to an update of the 1999 countywide land use plan.

"What we are going to do

about Area B?" Chairman Colin McKenzie asked after the Area A presentation was complete?

Planning Director Joey Raczkowski replied that working on the Area A plan had taken a long time and used a lot of staff resources. The Area A Steering Committee ended up spending a lot of time looking at issues that have applicability county-wide, he noted — work that can be profitably incorporated into an update of the county-wide land use plan.

"Let's get the countywide plan updated," Raczkowski said. "Once that's done we can go into another small area and more quickly get a small area plan

Commissioners Tim Lea and Larry Caddell both expressed support for that idea. Each of the Commissioners thanked the

Area A Committee for their work.

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Raczkowski told the Commissioners that members of the Area A Steering Committee had asked that their group not be disbanded, but rather remain involved as Area A recommendations are implemented.

Commissioner Lea expressed support for keeping the Committeee in place.

Kinney praised the work of the group after the meeting. "Yea or Nay at the October Meeting, I want to applaud the Steering Committee members," he said. "In addition to the time and effort each member put in to our work, most put their heart and soul into it. Working with the committee and the planning staff was enjoyable, and a most rewarding experience."

Methodist Fall Praise Services

Beginning Sunday evening, October 5, the Marcus United Methodist Church will hold its 3rd Annual Fall Praise and Worship Services. Worship begins each evening at 7:00 pm in the church

The community is invited to share in these special worship services

Blood Drives

The September blood drive in Seven Lakes resulted in fifty-four productive units by sixty presenting donors, including two very welcome new donors, Connie Galford and Robin Tabor.

The next blood drive at Seven Lakes will be on Wednesday, November 12 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm at the North Clubhouse. Appointments may be scheduled by calling 673-4931.

October blood drives

Tuesday, October 14 from 9:00 am - 1:30pm at Moore Co. Agriculture Center in Carthage. Appointments, 947-

Monday, October 20 from 1:30 pm - 6 pm at First Baptist Church in Souther Pines. Appointment, 692-8571.

Monday, October 20 from 1:30 pm – 6 pm at Woodlake Country Club in Vass. Appointments, 245-2911.

Wednesday, October 22 from 10 am - 3 pm at First Health Moore Regional Conference Center. Appointments, 715-1478.

Friday, October 31 from 7:30 am - 12 pm at Village of Pinehurst Assembly Hall. Appointments, 295-1900.

Sunday October 5, with speaker Tony Seawell, music by Lisa Seawell and Rank How-

Monday October 6. with speaker Rev. Derald Smith, music by Adrian H. Davis

Tuesday October 7, with speaker Rev. Joe Forbes, music by Calvary Gospel Singers of Piney Grove Baptist Church in Windblow

A love offering will be taken each evening. Marcus United Methodist Church is part of the Sandhills Circuit. Myron and Barbara Dice serve as Co-Pas-

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year, including the resignation of
its chair and removal of one of
its members by a split vote of the

Board.

Now under the direction of Chairwoman Sally Kindsvatter, the committee may be in for yet another battle over a recently declined construction application.

During her report, Kindsvatter said an application for a new spec house was declined because it was not in harmony with its surroundings.

On Monday, September 29, the ARB held a special meeting to give all members of the committee a chance to review the declined application.

Rule 13.1.1.4 listed under the heading of ARB responsibilities reads, in part, "Assure compatible architectural designs and harmonious relationships with area construction . . ."

This rule and others that involve subjective judgements have long been an area of uncertainty where enforcement is concerned. The question now appears to be whether the Association will be willing and able to enforce the judgements of the Architectural Review Board.

During the public comment segment of the meeting, former ARB Chairwoman Donna Stephan urged the board to support decisions made by ARB: "We have a wonderful grapevine here, and the grapevine said a builder is trying to come into the community with a home that is not in keeping with the other houses in that area," said Stephan.

"I'm worried because [Don] Truesdell [then serving as SLLA President] was on my side supporting ARB; but, when push came to shove and the lawyers were in the back networking, last year's Board did not support me. Please do not weasel out on Sally the way last year's Board did on me!"

By-law amendment

By unanimous vote, the Board amended the By-laws to allow all property owners a single vote in electing directors and approving the budget.

The approved amendment removed the term owner-occupant, giving even part-time residents and lot owners the right to vote in elections. However, each member will only have one vote — even if they own more than one lot.

"If one company owns twenty lots, they get one vote; and if you own two houses, you only get one vote," explained Community Manager Dalton Fulcher. "All may vote; but only members residing in Seven Lakes for twelve months — that is, full-time — are eligible to run for election."

Finance

Treasurer Denny Galford reported the Finance Committee reviewed revised income and expense information for the swimming pool, Summer Day Camp, and May Follies event, and found the results to be satisfactory when compared to the budget.

A two-page financial summary was provided during the meeting. A more detailed eight-page statement is also available, by request, at the SLLA offices. Copies of invoices and additional financial documentation

may also be obtained by completing a standard request form.

Community Standards

Thirty-two community standards violations resulted in notification letters being sent, reported Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane.

"This is not an idle committee," said Beane.

Director Don Welch said the committee was using a system that allowed the entire community to be canvassed at least once a month.

He also reported a recent inventory of the boat storage area, performed in conjunction with the Maintenance Committee, documented fifty-eight registered trailers, eight non-registered trailers, two unspecified trailers, five trailers located in the junk area, and three illegally parked utility trailers that must be relocated. Also documented were fifteen registered boats and nine non-registered boats.

Welch requested approval to advertise the non-registered and abandoned boats and trailers. Owners will have thirty days to claim their property.

The Board also reapproved a resolution, passed last year but never formalized, permitting storage of utility trailers at residences under the same restrictions currently in place for boat trailers. If a satisfactory location cannot be determined, it may be necessary for owners to store their trailers off-site.

Welch designated Saturday, November 8 as Community Clean-Up Day. Sue Zeller will chair the project and is working on ideas and looking for volunteers. She can be reached at 673-3130.

During Public Comment, Donna Stephan expressed concern that such an event would create a large amount of yard debris for disposal.

Fulcher agreed that a Community Clean-Up Day would be an expensive project requiring several trucks to remove debris from the dump.

Shaver said average monthly disposal expenses are \$3,000; with an annual budget of \$18,000.

Beautification

Kindsvatter reported the Beautification Committee has agreed to provide all labor required to replant shrubs at Sequoia Point. She also said the committee recommends additional picnic tables, shade trees, grills, and benches be added — particularly in the swimming area.

"My committee has volun-(See "SLLA Meeting" p. 33)

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Shaver said the association maintenance staff would be able to construct new picnic tables during the Winter months.

Maintenance

A recent letter to the editor authored by former Treasurer

Steve Hudson noted that sixtyfour percent of the Maintenance budget is spent on salaries.

"Why is that surprising?" Maintenance Director Bud Shaver asked during Wednesday's Meeting.

"Maintenance is a service

industry, and that number shouldn't be a surprise."

He continued, "The implication that I don't have handle on the budget is incorrect."

Shaver said the average hourly wage in Moore County is \$19.00; and the average SLLA mainte-

nance staff hourly wage is \$15.42 [including salary & benefits].

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He said a new policy would be implemented allowing maintenance staff to privately contract with residents for side projects, as long as any work was com-

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pleted after 4:00 pm or on weekends. All requests should be

ends. All requests should be made at the office. Maintenance staff will contact the resident and finalize arrangements.

"Often there are needs by our community but it needs to be controlled," said Shaver.

Security

Director Gary Caulk reported that gate traffic has returned to normal following the Labor Day holiday weekend. Security responded to speeding boaters, investigated a missing vehicle, assisted with a boating accident, caught a vandal, responded to a jogger attacked by a dog, and assisted with a motor vehicle accident which resulted in a DWI charge.

During Public Comment, Northsider Michael Pennington said he disagreed with several policies concerning boating.

"Boaters have just as many rights as long as they are obeying the rules," said Pennington. "If someone is out on the lake and believes I'm violating something, they should have the courage to speak to me. I'm a man — a man of my word."

Pennington also expressed concern that idle teenagers were being blamed for causing problems.

"It doesn't mean everyone is [vandalizing]...not all kids are bad. We need to find something for them like our parks which are for younger kids. If kids are at the park we need to check on them, but at the same time we need to find something for teenagers with idle hands."

Darlene Strickland, also a neighborhood parent, told the Board she felt security did nothing about teenagers, alleging that some are using illegal substances.

"Either get rid of security or give them the authority to do something!" she exclaimed. "Security needs the proper tools to do what they need to in here. This is a wonderful community with old and young. We all need to get along and have peace."

Recreation

Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane reported the Recreation Committee had met and discussed a list of current amenities and a prioritized wish

list. As a result of the meeting, three playground manufacturers were contacted and would be sending representatives to evaluate and make recommendations for improvements to the playground and equipment.

During Public Comment, Recreation Committee members Nancy Weinstroth and Amanda Keller expressed support for funding necessary to purchase playground apparatus for Northside Park.

"We need decent, better looking equipment for our kids and grandkids," said Weinstroth. "We need to provide a safe place to play and take care of our kids."

Keller presented Zielsdorf with a list of residents' signatures — residents unable to attend the meeting due to other family obligations — who also wanted to express support of funding new playground equipment.

Beane said Summer programming had been successful and that, overall, the committee was very pleased.

Fall and Winter activities includes dance classes, held five nights a week including a new adult dance class on Friday nights, a youth soccer program, youth tennis and golf programs sponsored by SLCC, and an archery class was still in the planning.

Upcoming trips include a visit to the State Fair on October 21; and shopping at the Tanger Outlets in Smithfield on November 6

Back by popular demand, the Halloween Flashlight Egg Hunt will again be held at dusk during the annual Halloween Carnival on October 31 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the North Clubhouse. Children should bring flashlights and baskets.

Long Range Planning

The Board will meet in Closed Session the first week of October to discuss personnel issues.

Galford, who has repeatedly recommended that the Board engage in a Long Range Planning session to prioritize requests towards future budgets, suggested the meeting could be a good time to discuss expenses, committee requests, and prioritizing projects.

Zielsdorf disagreed and said the priority of the meeting would be to discuss personnel and that decisions on staffing could have ramifications on the budget.

Manager's Report

Fulcher reported ninety-three percent of landowners dues had been collected by the end of August. He said a change to include mailbox fees with dues registration resulted in a much quicker collection than normal.

Summer Day Camp actual

income was 245 percent above budget projections, a figure reflecting the program's longer hours and duration this year.

Fulcher explained it was difficult to break out salaries between pool and Day Camp staffing but after a complete review of income and expenses the pool was looking good.

"The numbers are impressive if you see all the things we do all year with recreation – all the different programs," said Fulcher.

Other action Items

- Carolyn Follansbee was appointed to serve on the Judicial Committee by acclamation.
- The Board approved a \$5,000 contract for S&ME to prepare plans and specifications for remediation of Timber Dam.
- Directors approved a \$12,500 contract to pave Yorkshire Court in Seven Lakes South. The project includes 250

(See "SLLA Meeting" p. 35)

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Westside meeting

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Board."

"But we face a number of very critical issues and we need to move on," Fewkes said.

Mentioning specifically the dam remediation, mail delivery, and the transition to a professional management company, Fewkes encouraged those who can contribute to run for a seat on the Board of Directors. The Westside nominating committee has been seeking Board candidates for several weeks now.

Fewkes called service on the Board, "an investment in our community," noting that "we need people who are willing to help."

Fewkes said she was looking

forward to her new job as President adding that "Every Board member takes their job very seriously."

Introductions

Prior to her opening remarks, Fewkes introduced new Lake & Dam Director Mick Herdrich, who the Board has appointed to serve out the unexpired term of

technology, Southsider Ray

Ulansey suggested that, with

minimal effort and cost, stream-

ing audio of meetings could be

posted to the SLLA webpage. He

also recommended that each

committee should moderate a

blog or on-line forum for mem-

"A forum would allow you to

establish a dialogue in Seven

Lakes and get a better consen-

sus and feel for opinions on a

given issue," said Ulansey. "We're

all working toward the same

goal of reestablishing Seven

Lakes as a premier residential

ber discussion and input.

former President Haggard. She noted that Herdrich has a degree in Marine Engineering and has served on both the Lake Committee and the Dam Committee.

Fewkes also introduced Joan Frost, who will become the West Side's full-time Community Manager in January and will be spending a day a week in the community between now and then. Fewkes noted that Frost was on hand to observe the General Meeting and get a sense of the community.

Current Community Manager Tony Robertson announced that November 14 would be his last day of regular office hours at West Side Park, though he would continue to be on call to help in the community's transition to management by Community Association Services, Inc. [CAS]

Finance

Treasurer Kathy Kirst said the transfer of SLWLA financial data to CAS computer systems is underway. "It should be a seamless process for all of you," Kirst said, though there may be some

differences in "the formatting of the financial statements."

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She noted that payments to the Association will be handled with a lockbox arrangement, in which checks are mailed directly to a bank so that they may be immediately deposited in the SLWLA accounts.

The SLWLA Board has adopted a policy of having a formal financial audit every other year, with a review in the alternate years. Kirst said the review of last years financial results is nearly complete and will be available for review by landowners in the Community Center office.

Dam remediation

Responding to a question from Jim Palmer during the public comment portion of the meeting, Fewkes said the plans are still awaiting approval by state engineers.

"We still hope to go for bids as soon as we have approval," she added, noting that the Association will then move quickly to get at least three contractor bids on the project."

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feet of road and a 50-foot cul-desac. Property owners directly affected will be assessed half the total costs. Plans specify for the road to drain water to an existing catch basin.

• The Board approved three new safety rules, recommended by Lakes & Dams Director Don Truesdell: diving is strictly prohibited on community property except in designated areas at Northside Pool; swimming at Sequoia Point is only permitted where designated by floating markers and at the gazebo area; beaching of boats at Sequoia Point is only permissible during daylight hours and between the designated swimming and marina areas.

Michael Pennington said sand would need to be added at that location to prevent damage to boats. He also suggested that non-leased slips at Sequoia would be a welcome addition.

Zielsdorf agreed the amenities at Sequoia needed attention.

"Clearly Sequoia is getting

busy. During the Summer it is a beehive of activity. As more families move in we need to think of ways to accommodate all the various interests."

He continued, "Our progress is not fast enough for me and it is very frustrating — but understand that these seven people [indicating the Board] including myself, are talking about these things."

Member comments

Southsider Dave Kinney recommended the Board reconsider a previous proposal to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator [AED] to install at the North Clubhouse and pool area. The devices are offered by the Moore County Public Safety Department in conjunction with the Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross at a cost of \$1,500 which includes training.

Taking a second crack at his previous recommendation aimed at improving community communications using up-to-date



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Recreation

Recreation Director Karen Milligan announced a new program for children called "Flip and Fun Gym" that will provide weekly tumbling classes for children aged eighteen months to sixteen years. Details of the program are posted on the SLWLA website at sevenlakeswest.org, as is information about a number of upcoming events:

- · October 7 & 9 Flu shots at the Community Center.
- October 10 Beer tasting.
- October 31 Trunk or treat.
- December 7 Community tree lighting.
- December 14 Children's Christmas party.

Terrill Lawsuit

Legal Director Ed Silberhorn reported that a court-ordered mediation in the Terrill Lawsuit which seeks damages for silt in one of Lake Auman's coves was to be held on October 1. If the mediation fails to produce a resolution, the Association has a motion for Summary Judgement that will be heard later in the Fall.

Mick Herdrich's appointment to the Board leaves the Community in need of a replacement in the post of Assistant Community Advocate, who works with Community Advocate Bud Sales in representing the Association in hearings before the

Judicial Committee. Interested volunteers should contact Silberhorn.

Noting that this year's historic Presidential election will for the first time put either an African American in the White House or a woman in the Vice President's chair, Silberhorn pointed out that Fewkes' election as SLWLA President makes her the first woman to hold that post. And Joan Frost will be the Association's first female Community Manager, he added.

Website primer

SLWLA Webmaster and Newsletter Editor Betsy Mikula provided an introduction to the Association's website during the

September 23 meeting. Noting that the website is "underused," Mikula detailed the wide range of information available on the site, including:

- Breaking News When the Breaking News sign appears at the Westside gates, residents can visit the website to find out what's going on.
- Board information. The meeting calendar, agendas, minutes, and a Board roster including contact information, is posted on the website.
- · Association documents. The site contains an up-to-date complete set of key Association documents, including covenants, by-laws, rules and regulations, and architectural

standards.

- Recreation. Complete information on upcoming Recreation Committee-sponsored events is always available on the website.
- Back issues of the SLWLA Newsletter are posted.
- Other sections cover the Area Representatives, Lake Auman, Long Range Planning, a parents page, and events calendar, information on the Seven Lakes Civic Group, and a "Community Views" section that offers a forum for discussion of issues currently facing the Association..



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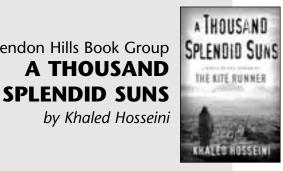
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Driving Range

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has still to be realized while almost all of our expense items have risen sharply due to higher fuel costs and the corresponding jump in the rate of inflation."

"All of these elements have combined to place the Club in a position where it is in need of an influx of funds in order to continue to meet our financial obligations."

Club members are invited to a Special Membership Meeting on October 26 "to discuss the financial position of the Club," and formally introduce the ballot measures. If those proposals fail, the letter indicates, "the Board will be forced to consider other alternative measures."

Speaking with *The Times* on Tuesday, Club President Gordon Zeller would not elaborate on those alternatives — or discuss the financial position of the Club.

Zeller said the Club's Board preferred to communicate with Club members privately through letters rather than through the newspaper.

Zeller did tell *The Times* that the current monthly dues for a full family membership are \$240, so the \$20 monthly dues increase is a little more than eight percent for those members. A variety of less expensive membership options are available, for which the percentage increase in dues would, of course, be greater.

Member group opposes sale

Shortly after receiving the SLCC Board's ballots and cover letter, Club members received another packet from The Committee to Preserve Seven Lakes Covenants and Value, a group of members opposed to the sale—apparently the same group who last year placed an advertisement in *The Times* expressing that opposition.

The group argues that a fourteen patio home development near the South Gate will detract from the appearance of the community and increase traffic. "Selling off assets to developers sets an undesirable precedent," their letter argues.

The group provides an unsourced "Fact Sheet" aimed at demonstrating that the patio homes proposed for the site

would have to cost over \$300,000, based on current construction costs and price of \$240,000 for the old practice range.

Club response: Questions? Wait to vote.

Responding to the dissident group's mailing, the SLCC Board issued a second letter to the membership on September 25. "The Board does not wish to waste your time and ours by

discrediting their claims in an exchange of letters or in the local paper," the Board's response reads.

"If you have any unanswered questions about these issues, we simply ask that you wait to cast your vote until after October 26th when you will have the benefit of hearing the facts from your Board as well as from Bob Van Houten of BVH Construction who is interested in the the Old Practice Range property."

The Board's letter also notes that, in accordance with an agreement between the SLCC and SLLA, any homes built in the range will be subject to the South Side Covenants and "will be required to meet the same quality standards as any other home on the South Side."

Van Houten is a partner in Lakeside Development, the current lead developer in Seven Lakes West.

Speaking with The Times on

Tuesday, Club President Zeller said cost overruns on the construction of the new driving range were "not a contributing factor" to the possible cash shortfall in Club finances. He said the new range is ninety percent complete and is being used daily by the members.

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The new range has gotten good reviews, Zeller told *The Times*, in particular from guests playing the Seven Lakes course.



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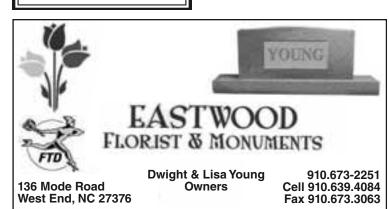
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