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Big Bass Hunt



The Lake Auman Sports Club hosted the "Big Bass Hunt – Dash for Cash" on Monday, September 22. Don Smith took top honors with three bass weighing 7 lb. 9 oz. [See story on Page 2.]

Dalton Fulcher to retire in 2009

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Community Manager Dalton Fulcher planned to announce his retirement, effective December 31, 2009, during Thursday's Work Session of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors.

Fulcher told *The Times* about his plans on Tuesday, so that they could be reported in today's issue, which was printed as the Work Session was getting underway.

Fulcher was named to head up SLLA administration in August of 1986, coming to the job after eleven years as City Manager of

Archdale.

Fulcher came to a community in the midst of dramatic upheaval, when a developer bankruptcy had left the fate of Seven Lakes — and Seven Lakes Country Club — in the hands of a federal bankruptcy judge.

Making what appears to be the first step in working through the fourteen-month transition to new management for the community, the SLLA Board has hired Northsider Bob Darr to fill a six-month temporary position to oversee the maintenance staff.

Both Fulcher's departure and (See "Darr," p. 33)

Ed Silberhorn named VP

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Legal Director Ed Silberhorn was named Vice President of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Board of Directors at the conclusion of a seven hour work session on Tuesday, October 14.

Silberhorn fills a spot vacated by Mary Anne Fewkes, who was named President after the resignation of Jim Haggard. He was named to the post of Vice President by acclamation.

Candidates needed

The SLWLA Nominating Committee is having some difficulty scaring up candidates to run

West Side Landowners
Meeting
10/14

for the Board in next March's elections — to the degree that the Committee has asked whether the Board should be cut back to seven members from

its current nine.

Secretary and Nominating Committee Chairman Ed Tuton told Board members during Tuesday's Work Session that — in addition to any current Directors who plan to run for re-election — he has "only one definite candidate and couple of possibilities."

The terms of three Board members expire in March: Mary Anne Fewkes, Blaine Rowland, and Ray MacKay. The Westside bylaws impose term limits; after serving two three-year terms, (See "Westside," p. 34)

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Former director and treasurer, Steve Hudson, has thrown his hat into the ring again by announcing his intention to run for the Board of Directors of Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA].

Hudson said he is running for the Board because he would like to see finances handled in more open, above board manner.

"They've closed ranks on a lot the financial stuff and you have to jump through many too

many hoops," the former Treasurer told *The Times*.

"You have to attend the Open Meeting to receive any documents requested, and that is not convenient for a lot of landowners."

During Hudson's tenure as Treasurer, he said, documents requested by landowners were available in five days and documents were then left at the SLLA office so that landowners could pick them up anytime.

Hudson also does not believe that information on Association (See "Candidates," p. 32)

Hudson will run for SLLA Board

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Area A Hearing is Monday

by Dave Kinney, Chairman
Area A Steering Committee

The Moore County Board of Commissioners will vote on the Area A Small Area Plan at their meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, October 20 in the Historic Courthouse in Carthage.

Because of our covenants, Seven Lakes is not directly affect-

ed by the plan.

But out residential communities are not islands unto themselves.

We are affected — albeit indirectly — by the recommendations in the plan; what happens beyond the gates, by the extent of growth, its kind, its location; by the extent of preservation of the natural

environment; by the sufficiency of the support infrastructure.

Thus, Seven Lakers are urged to attend this important meeting.

There will be a public hearing prior to the Commissioners vote. If you are moved to speak, you may. But be sure to sign up on the appropriate sheet as you enter.

Sports Club hosts Bass Hunt

The 2008 Lake Auman Sports Club "Big Bass Hunt – Dash For Cash" bass tournament was held on Lake Auman Saturday, September 22.

Sixteen anglers competed in a four hour catch and release event with prizes awarded for heaviest total weights for the day and largest bass caught each hour and overall.

Top honors went to Don Smith with a three bass limit weighed in at 7 pounds 9 ounces.

Also at the top of the leader board were Richard Lovett in second place with a weight of 5 pounds and 14 ounces and Joe Martinez in third place with a weight of 4 pounds 6 ounces. Hourly big bass prizes went to Steven Thompson, Richard

Lovett and Don Smith, with Don's 3 pound 4 ounce bass taking the big bass of the day prize.

Charlie Flinchum, President of the Lake Auman Sports Club, served up a much appreciated picnic luncheon at Johnson Point for the participants following the event and stories of the one's that got away were shared by all.

Organizers of the event, Ed Cockman, Dick Devoss and Don Smith announced plans to hold similar Sports Club tournaments twice a year, Spring and Fall, in the future.

No Pusser Pumpkins

Area residents who look forward to the outstanding display of creatively carved pumpkins assembled each year at Halloween at the Pusser residence in Eagle Springs will have to

wait 'til next year for their pumpkin pleasure.

Todd Pusser, who carves the pumpkins for the display, is an internationally respected wildlife photographer, who — fortunately for him but unfortunately for fans of his pumpkins — is on an extended photo shoot.

The Pussers hope to be able to put on the display next Halloween.

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McDonald's breaks ground in Seven Lakes

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

A sure sign of the ongoing growth and economic development in this area, Moore County will soon gain its third McDonald's restaurant — right here in Seven Lakes. Owners Frank and Martha Butler, and daughter Christal Cole, who also own the McDonald's restaurants in Carthage and Aberdeen, said

building in Seven Lakes is the culmination of a five-year effort.

"We are excited to bring to the town a much needed different type of eating place," said Butler. "We are looking forward to joining this community."

After a twenty-year career on Wall Street, Butler and his family resettled in Pinehurst and purchased, then later remodeled, the Aberdeen McDonald's

in 1998. They opened the Carthage store in 2005.

The new Seven Lakes McDonald's is slated for completion by the end of January. The facility will be located just west of Dollar General on Rt. 211 and will feature a full-service restaurant with a drive-thru, thirty-six parking spaces, and seating for seventy.



Frank & Martha Butler celebrate groundbreaking at the site of their new Seven Lakes McDonald's Restaurant.

New bank coming to Village

Seven Lakes may be getting a new bank — located in the old First Savings Bank Building at 115 Grant Street.

CommunityONE Bank, N.A., has filed an application with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to open the bank's third branch in Moore County. If approved, the branch is expected to open in December.

The bank's other Moore County locations are in Pinehurst and Southern Pines.

"This is a positive step for the community and the bank," said Michael C. Miller, President and CEO of CommunityONE. "Our industry has struggled for good news these days, and this new office is evidence that great things are happening at CommunityONE and in the local marketplace as well."

"We are excited to open soon in Seven Lakes," said Scott Kittrell, Regional President for

CommunityONE. "The Sandhills area is a special place that deserves the level of personalized banking and attention that we can provide. This new office is an opportunity for us to extend our 'Yes' brand and promise of exceptional banking in Moore County."

CommunityONE Bank, N.A. is a subsidiary of FNB United Corp., and operates 44 offices in 36 communities in central, southern and western North Carolina.

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Early Voting is underway in Moore County

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Folks in the national media — and even some candidates — have begun calling the upcoming Presidential election “the most important in our lifetime.”

Whether or not that’s accurate, it is an exciting election season, with an African-American candidate at the top of the Democratic ticket and the GOP’s first female candidate for Vice President. The recent meltdown in global credit markets, followed closely by huge declines in American and international equity markets, add considerable gravity to the choices facing voters.

Not only is North Carolina quickly becoming a battleground in the Presidential contest, the lengthy November ballot includes a US Senator, US Representative, State Senator, State Representative, the Governor, County Commissioners, School Board members, and a host of judges, among others.

Straight ticket? Be careful!

Some party loyalists like to vote a “straight ticket” — selecting all their candidates from a particular party. The North Carolina ballot facilitates doing that, allowing voters to select the Democratic, Republican, or Libertarian Parties with a single mark.

But beware! There are some dangers in using this option indiscriminately. First and foremost, voting a straight ticket does not specify your choice in the Presidential race. Under NC election procedures, you must mark an individual choice in the Presidential race even if you are voting straight party ticket elsewhere.

In addition, there are more than a dozen non-partisan races on this year’s ballot, including those for school board, soil and water conservation supervisor and judicial seats at all levels. Straight ticket voters will need to make individual selections in each of these races.

One Stop Voting and Registration

If you’re not yet registered to vote in North Carolina, you won’t be able to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4. But you still have options to get your vote counted.

In North Carolina, you can register and fill out an absentee ballot on the same day at One-Stop Voting centers. Moore County will have three, in Carthage, West End, and Aberdeen. One-Stop Voting began on Thursday,

October 16, and runs through Saturday, November 1.

Both registered and unregistered voters can take advantage of the One-Stop sites.

To register, you’ll need a valid NC Driver’s license or some

other form of identification that ties you to your Moore County address. Acceptable forms of ID include:

- A utility bill with name and current physical address, for example a telephone or mobile

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(See “Voting,” p. 37)

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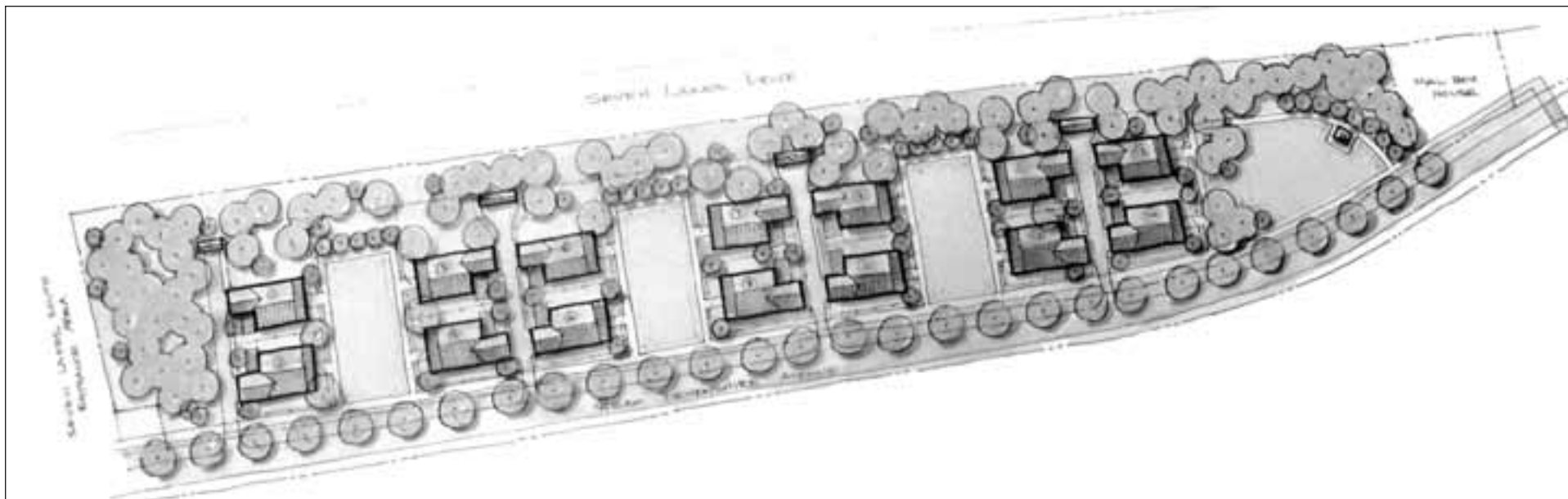
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Driving Range development is a challenge



Concept Drawing of BVH Construction's initial approach to developing the Seven Lakes Country Club's Old Practice Range

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Squeezing fourteen homes onto the slightly more than five acres of Seven Lakes Country Club's [SLCC] old practice range may be something of a challenge under Moore County's new subdivision ordinance.

BVH Construction's first attempt produced a heavily landscaped development that honored the spirit of the county's "Neighborhood Conservation Subdivision" option but failed to meet the letter of the ordinance's setback

requirements.

A letter from the SLLC Board to its membership named BVH as a potential buyer of the old driving range and indicated that BVH principal Bob Van Houten would be on hand for an October 26 membership meeting to discuss his plans for developing the range.

Van Houten has already reviewed one development concept with Moore County planners and found it almost, but not quite, conformed to county regulations. He told *The Times* on

Monday that making the design work will require the cooperation of both the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Architectural Review Board [ARB] and the County Planning Board.

Whether the project can work

is "really not up to me," Van Houten told *The Times*. "I can lay this out and give them ideas, but I am really at the mercy not only of the Seven Lakes ARB, but also the Planning Board. If we can work all these little bugs

out, I think both groups would be very pleased with the product that we have presented."

BVH's initial design for the five-acre tract arranges three-bedroom homes in pairs facing

(See "Driving Range," p. 31)

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Wally Peckitt resigns, Janice Thomas retires

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

A relatively unremarkable meeting of the Foxfire Village Council was rocked on Tuesday, October 14, by the resignation of Councilman Wally Peckitt and the announcement that Village Clerk Janice Thomas will retire at the end of the year.

Mayor George Erickson announced that Thomas, the Village's clerk for twenty-two years, had submitted a letter of resignation effective December 31.

The Council and those in attendance offered applause, thanks, and a few tears of appreciation to Peckitt and Thomas for their faithful, dedicated service.

Peckitt said that during his twenty year association with the Council he had seen many things go well and others not so well, but that he felt he had expended as much energy and foresight to the community as he could. His resignation is effective this month.

Thomas expressed appreciation for the many opportunities given to her professionally and personally over her twenty year career with the Village.

"I have made many friends and will miss each of you," she wrote. "It is time to begin a new chapter in my life."

Woodland Circle Extension

Calling the Woodland Circle Extension project a "whole team effort," Tom Collins said the four of the seven bids received for construction were within \$100,000 of each other – "a testament to the good plans and specs."

The lowest bid came in

\$300,000 under the engineer's estimate, a potential side effect of the current economy.

"Company's want work and will sharpen their pencil to get it," said Erickson.

Collins said he and a committee including the mayor and engineering firm had met with and interviewed the three lowest bids to review their safety, bonding, personnel, insurance rating, and history. He recommended the Village accept the low bid provided by Vaughn Contracting.

During a Special Meeting held on Thursday, October 9, the Council approved continuing to use Tom Collins as a consultant on an as-needed basis at the rate of \$75 per hour with a preapproved set limit for each project.

A resident of Foxfire, Collins is a professional consultant for civil engineering projects.

"We are fortunate to have someone with his background and experience," said Erickson.

PUD Ordinance

In a related discussion Erickson said with development getting closer and closer to Foxfire, it was important to have a strong Planned Unit Development [PUD] ordinance.

Over the last three to five months, he detailed that Collins had reviewed the fee structures and put together a PUD ordinance that would make it easier for developers to come into Foxfire and work cooperatively with planning, zoning, and the Council.

Specifically, Collins recommended twenty-four changes in the ordinances to bring up them up to state, federal, and county guidelines covering streets, wetlands, and environmental concerns.

Shamrock Gate

The Council formally resolved to concur with the original motion approved in 1980 to permanently close Shamrock Road at Hoffman Road. The Appearance Committee has been tasked to review

the gate's location and make recommendations to the Council before April 2009.

Councilwoman Page Coker reiterated her support to that Shamrock Gate be maintained as a manually-functioning gate that could be opened by emergency personnel during a disaster or other emergency.

Progress Energy Franchise Agreement

Formalizing an ordinance unanimously approved in September, the Council signed a sixty-year agreement with Progress Energy to provide electrical service to the Village. The agreement included an additional requirement, as recorded in the original contract, that service will be supplied by underground lines except by permit and express resolution by the Council.

Zoning

Despite a slowed economy, Zoning Administrator Mimi Ainsworth said she was pleased to announce that two new construction permits had been issued. Other approved applications including a fence and swimming pool. Currently, thirty-three homes are for sale in Foxfire, seven of those listings are for condos or townhouses. Ainsworth said the lowest listing price of \$66,000 was for a condo, the highest price for a home was listed in Grande Pines for \$995,000.

PARTF Grant

Mayor Erickson reported that after meeting with encouragement from a representative of the North Carolina Parks & Recreation Trust Fund [PARTF] and the

(See "Foxfire," p. 24)

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Commissioners pass Animal Ordinance

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Cat fight, dog fight, fist fight — in the end there was no fight at all. Though an overhaul of Moore County's Animal Control Ordinance was expected by many — including this newspaper — to be opposed by various groups, not a word of opposition to the audience was spoken during the Monday, October 6, Public Hearing that preceded its passage by the Board of Commissioners.

One young woman, who gave the name Ann Hopkins, spoke eloquently against hunting with dogs, and clearly would have liked to see that practice banned in the ordinance, but even she didn't ask the Commissioners to vote against it. Those opposed to provisions that allow the tending of feral cat colonies also failed to appear at the public hearing.

The lack of opposition to the ordinance was a marked contrast to the roomful of angry hunters, trainers, and backyard breeders who filled Moore County's historic courthouse when the Board

of Commissioners last took up the Animal Control Ordinance several years ago.

That revision was developed by a committee composed largely of veterinarians and representatives of animal welfare groups, and the ordinance they developed included countywide dog licenses. The opposition was fierce and the proposed ordinance was buried, not to emerge until earlier this year, when Commissioner Jimmy Melton took on the task of forging a new compromise.

Melton assembled a committee with broad representation that included veterinarians and animal welfare organizations, as well as hunters, breeders, trainers, and so on. The big tent approach produced a revised ordinance that won the support of a broad range of stakeholders and, apparently, silenced the opposition.

During the October 6 public hearing, Committee Co-Chair Mary Lou Morris said the revised ordinance targeted "behavior not groups." Melton said the committee "addressed every-

thing that was brought to us; we didn't shy away from anything."

"The whole purpose of this ordinance is to reduce the euthanasia rate in the county," Morris added, "and encourage the humane treatment of animals."

The result is an ordinance that substantially increases the power of county Animal Control officers to enforce standards against mistreatment of animals — and lays out standards for care that include specifying the size of kennels. The ordinance also defines more precisely how strays will be dealt with, requiring that owners claiming strays pay for microchipping the first time, and spaying or neutering the second time. The ordinance includes a section on the proper care of horses and other equines — and require rabies vaccinations

for animals in this category.

The ordinance does not include any licensing requirement for pet owners. Though it sets standards for tethering dogs, it does not prohibit tethering. It does not enact a strict leash law, though it does give Animal Control the power to deal with animals that repeatedly roam unrestrained off the property of their owner.

His fellow Commissioners congratulated Melton and his committee on successfully navigating the treacherous waters that had run previous ordinances aground. Commissioner Larry Caddell said the ordinance revision had "been pushed aside since 1988."

Noting the lack of opposition in the public hearing, he said, "Its' unbelievable to get that done in such a peaceful manner."

Melton made the motion to

repeal the existing Animal Control Ordinance effective November 30, 2008 at 11:59 pm and to enact the newly revised ordinance effective December 1, 2008 at 12:00 am. His motions were approved unanimously by the Board.

Stonehill Pines agreement approved

At the request of Public Works Director Dennis Brobst, the Commissioners, during their October 6 meeting, approved a water system improvement agreement between Moore County and Stonehills Pines, LLC, a group planning a major development near Foxfire.

Brobst explained that the agreement is part of an application to the NC Rural Center for a \$650,000 grant to partially

(See "Commissioners," p. 23)

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Board clears the way for organic fruit packer

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Meeting in a Special Called Meeting on Monday, October 6, the Moore County Planning Board approved a rezoning request by SunPak Foods for a facility on Route 1 in Vass. A unanimous decision echoed later in the day by the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

An organic fruit-packaging company, SunPak's request that a five lot parcel of B-2 Highway Commercial property be rezoned to I-2 CUD, a heavy commercial conditional use district designation for food processing and packaging, received a strong recommendation for approval by Ray Ogden of Partners in Progress.

Calling it a "classic Moore County economic development story," Ogden said the company is expected to have little environmental impact and will create approximately fifteen fulltime jobs.

A private label manufacturer for clients such as Trader Joe's and Harris Teeter, Sunpak has been in business in California for twelve years. Owner Ken Van Der Veen said he choose Moore County as the location for a new packaging plant because of the area's educational opportunities for his children and to indulge the family's passion for horses.

Sunpak fruit and produce will be shipped from California and Washington. At the Vass facility, it will be diced, packaged, and frozen.

As an organic supplier, Sunpak adheres to strict inspections explained Van Der Veen. He said he has met with NC agricultural officials to determine if North Carolina organic produce could be included in their business plan. Peaches are difficult to grow organically in North Carolina because of the humidity

level but organic pumpkins and sweet potatoes could be potentially sourced locally.

"We currently pack a million pounds of organic pumpkin from California. I would love to transfer that to North Carolina to save on the transportation costs," said Van Der Veen.

State Transportation Improvement Program

The Triangle Rural Planning Organization [TARPO] has advised Moore County to update the 2009-2015 State Transportation Improvement Program [STIP] project listing. Last approved in March 2007, the county planning staff recommended the Planning Board make any suggested additions or changes to the existing plan which will be resubmitted.

Member Dave Kinney suggested widening of Route 211 should be updated as priority number one or two for the county. "This project is five years late already."

Planning Director Joey Racowski reported the right-of-way committee had begun acquisition on the Rt. 211 project.

Kinney requested a chance to view the right-of-way drawings and said earlier recommendations on the project determined that widening should be along the south side of Rt. 211 where possible to preserve property and better looking trees.

Decentralized Sewer

"We want to grow right and in a manner that will not create future problems with decentralized plants," said Racowski. "In light of all that, we need to put emphasis on utilities and the land use plan. Wherever there are utilities it will affect land use and density: where utilities aren't will also have a significant factor on density and use."

Racowski recommended that it is the appropriate time to begin the process of hiring a consulting firm to update the land use plan and create a master water, utility, and sewer plan for the county. He said the plans should be parallel so that one does not override nor undermine another plan.

Racowski said the long range planning staff would work closely with the consultant but that experience with Area A proved that his office does not have the staff to spare to work on another large, important project.

Kinney said such a plan was a good move forward, "I just hope it is not too far forward for the county to accept."

Both Fiorillo and Kinney volunteered to serve on the search committee.

Other items

A text amendment aimed at accessory dwelling units as regulated under the Moore County Zoning Ordinance was delayed because the proposed language contradicted a recently adopted North Carolina Court of Appeals ruling that says a coun-

ty can only regulate use, not ownership, of such homes.

Planning department staff requested an additional month extension period to allow time to discuss the amendment and with recommendations to the Planning Board expected in November.

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Lowe's may help with playground

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Concerned West End Elementary School parents and staff met with Lee Hodges of Lowe's Home Improvement Center in Aberdeen on Friday, October 3. Hodges visited the school's K-2 primary playground as part of an effort to develop a grant proposal for the Lowe's Heroes program.

Lowe's Heroes seeks to improve community safety and prevent accidents through various volunteer initiatives. Hodges said he looked forward to the possibility that Lowe's Heroes could assist the school.

"The whole idea with Heroes is safety and this is a great place where our employees and installation contractors can participate and help make this site more safe," said Hodges.

Principal Johnnye Waller led

Hodges on a detailed tour of the grounds pointing out specific safety needs including a retaining wall to contain an eroding slope, fencing, additional sand and sod, new step railings, paint, as well as fitness equipment requests for trail surfacing and a basketball post and goal.

Each year, individual stores select a project that will make a difference and share the common goal – to make their communities better places to live.

If approved, improving safety at the WEE K-2 primary playground will be a volunteer intensive hands-on project for Lowe's Heroes.

"This is a well-needed and well-deserved project. Kids need a safe place to play," said Lowe's of Aberdeen Human Resources Manager Betsy Brewer.



West End Elementary Parents & Staff meet with representatives of Lowe's Home Improvement.

Acoustic Music Circle

McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church invites local musicians to participate in an Acoustic Music Circle on the third Sunday of each month.

Beginning October 19, area musicians are invited to play in the round in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Leading the Circle will be Jill McCloy, hammered dulcimer; David McCloy, fiddle; and David McDonald of the April Fools on fiddle and guitar. Music of various genres will be played especially Old-Time and tra-

ditional music of Appalachian, Irish, and Celtic influence. The type of music played will vary depending on the interest and talents of the musicians who attend.

Listeners are welcome, and light refreshments will be served. There is no admission charge. McDonalds Chapel is located at 1374 Foxfire Road, just two miles from Linden Road in Pinehurst and one mile from Foxfire Village. Contact Amy McDonald, 295-6608 for more information.

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Purser questions No Child Left Behind

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

"Students today want to be engaged. However, engage and entertain are not synonymous," said Dr. Susan Purser, Superintendent of Schools for Moore County. "I am talking about providing them with work that has meaning and relevance in their life."

Touring the county during a series of five evening chats, Purser described how modern students learn and the effect of No Child Left Behind [NCLB] on education practices as part of her discussion, "How should we measure school success?"

During these informal sessions, Purser encouraged parents to look for and identify ways to measure school successes or failures through methods other than NCLB, a federal program she feels is flawed and judges schools unfairly.

She said the combination of factors of characteristics of today's students, NCLB, and the expectations of the community, were creating the "elements of a perfect storm."

Currently, 91.8% of Moore County Schools meet NCLB goals and SAT scores exceed state and national averages. Moore County students also outperformed state averages for End of Grade [EOG] and EOC scores.

Moore County school success can also be measured by recent

national recognition of both a Moore County middle school-based technology team and members of the Pinecrest debate team.

Purser explained the technology team students created a game that was so well-regarded, a vendor requested permission to market the game with any proceeds being directed back to the school.

"It's not so much about the money but the statement back to students that the work you are doing is high quality work," said Purser. "It validates the performance."

Purser said students today are extremely savvy about modern technology and require different teaching methods. They want to be engaged, are confident, hopeful, and goal-oriented. Students are more inclusive and used to working in a team environment and take academic achievement seriously. And they are much better at balancing life and work than older generations of Americans.

"I will tell you I envy them. They are getting perspective right and are really connected with a strong set of core values," said Purser. "Learners today are saying to us, 'what we are learning has to have meaning – a relevance and usefulness in our lives.'"

According to Purser, NCLB opposes these natural inclinations and strengths. Enacted by con-

gress in 2001, the bipartisan legislation requires schools to break student test scores into reportable subgroups by race, disability, language, and socioeconomic status. The number of subgroups equals the number of targets for each school. However, more subgroups also means more opportunities to be labeled a failing school.

Purser demonstrated how a school could meet NCLB goals for every subgroup with the exception of one target, and be called a failing school.

"The bottom line is NCLB is about tests regardless of circumstances. Whether you speak

English, are disabled, or previous experience, you must meet the same standard on the same day for the same test," said Purser. "If one subgroup fails in any one area, the school is considered a failing school – This discredits children and educators."

Purser explained that while some rote memorization is necessary, that education is more effective when students learn how to acquire, access, and understand information.

"We need to focus energy on how to find the content and how to apply it in a real world situation," said Purser.

She acknowledged the value

of a common curriculum that ensures all children are exposed to information but said NCLB is limiting once the class is read to expand. Teachers are pulled back and constrained to test content so scores remain high.

This creates an unintended consequence of a narrowed and limited curriculum with excessive test preparation in math and reading, and occasionally science, the only areas NCLB tests.

"Our goal is to inspire excellence as opposed to meet minimum compliance," said Purser.

Dr. Lorna Clack, Chair of the Moore County Board of Educa-

(See "Purser," p. 11)

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Parents say IB shortchanged at Pinecrest

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

A large contingent of parents determined to increase support for Pinecrest High School's International Baccalaureate [IB] program turned out for the Monday, October 13 meeting of the Moore County Board of Education.

Last month, other Pinecrest parents had complained that the IB program attracts too few students and drains resources from Advanced Placement [AP] and Honors courses.

An expensive and academically rigorous curriculum, IB has been a controversial program since its introduction in Moore County five years ago.

Originally developed in the 1960s for children whose parents were serving in the diplomatic corps as a consistent college-prep course of study, the program is especially sought after by military families. Last Spring, the MCS Board approved converting Southern Middle School in Southern Pines from a partial to whole-school Middle Years IB program.

"Two years ago you almost eliminated the football program [at PHS] and look how far the program has come and opened the door for valuable life lessons in commitment and teamwork," said one parent. "Now you are looking at IB. If you can show support for the child's

game of football how much more important is it to also value academic support. How important IB is, is in your hands. Our children's futures depend on your investment."

Many of the parents, including Colonel Kenneth Moore, a PHS parent, said the intercultural respect and worldview curriculum in IB is essential for students in the twenty-first century.

Jennifer Pember, a military spouse with two children at PHS also strongly urged the Board to maintain the IB program.

"A global curriculum is important in today's global economy...IB will provide children with the foothold to succeed in college and career and is vital to the foundation to their dreams."

Some supporters of IB felt that the program was being diluted by allowing students to sample IB curriculum without committing to the full diploma program while others stated that the *a la carte* class offerings provided many choices and that AP, IB, and Honors should each be maintained as separate and distinct academic options.


A sophomore at Pinecrest said that limiting academic choices was denying students basic rights.

"Options are essential to our success. The rigor and difficulty of the program is essential to our success. The rigor and difficulty of the program is essential to our success."

(See "School board," p. 22)




Linda and Steve Tableman with their son, Stephen, who was honored by the Moore County Board of Education as a National Merit Scholar Commended Student



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Purser

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tion, agreed, "NCLB is a penalty program. What we really want are children that are creative problem solvers who can think clearly."

Following the presentation, Purser encouraged parents and staff to recommend other ways to measure school success. Methods suggested included high graduation rates, the percentage of parents who feel their schools are safe, the percentage of parents who think their children are happy and challenged in school, attendance rates, and surveying graduates to see how they would rate the preparation they had and whether they feel they are successful.



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Thomas Henry LeCompte, 88, died on Friday, October 3, at his residence in Seven Lakes. Graveside funeral mass will be held Monday, October 20, at 10:00 am in Fayetteville at the Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery.

Mr. LeCompte was born to the late Archie and Esther Gril-liot LeCompte in Muskegon Heights, MI. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force as a captain, and fought in the ground offensive in World War II at Iwo Jima, and the air offensive in Japan. He served five overseas tours and received three battle stars and a victory medal.

Mr. LeCompte and his wife, Jeannette, retired to the Seven Lakes area in 1984, they were members of Sacred Heart Church and the Beacon Ridge Country Club.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeannette; his son, Michael, and a brother, Archie LeCompte, of Seven Lakes.

He is survived by his sister, Frances MacDonald, of Tulsa, OK; along with many nieces and nephews.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes is assisting the family.

Rev. Hubert Lee Michael Jr., 82, of West End, died Saturday, October 4, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fayetteville. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 11, at Beulah Hill Baptist Church in West End. The Rev. Curtis L. Barbary and the Rev. Archie P. Stevens officiated. Burial followed at the church cemetery.

Mr. Michael was born in Moore County to the late Hubert Lee Michael Sr. and Myrtle Ferguson Michael. He was a veteran of his country and served in the United States Marine Corps during the World War II era.

Mr. Michael was an ordained minister. He was a lifetime member of Beulah Hill Baptist Church. He was also a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign War,

Disabled American Veterans, and a lifetime member of the American Legion. He served as State Chaplain for the V.F.W. Mr. Michael was also awarded the Dogwood Award by Governor Jim Hunt for his active involvement with the many veteran's organizations.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife in 1995, Geneva Frye Michael, and one son, Robert Lee Michael.

He is survived by his daughter, Myrtle M. Griffin, of West End; two sons, Hubert Lee Michael III and Charles Edward Michael, both of West End; eight grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina, P.O. Box 338, Thomasville, NC 27360.

Boles Funeral Home of Pinehurst served the family.

Frank Mottle, 83, of Seven Lakes, formerly of Orange County, NY, died on Saturday, October 11, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Mottle was born in Long Island City, NY. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. After the war, he became an electrical contractor opening his business in Ulster County, NY. In 1965, he became an Electrical Inspector with the NY State Board of Fire Underwriters where he worked for over thirty years.

He retired with his wife, Aldona, to Seven Lakes, in 1992.

Mr. Mottle is preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Edna Hein and Mildred Eklund, a brother, Joe Mottle, and a grandson, Trevor Simpson.

Survivors include his wife, Aldona of Seven Lakes; son Alan Mottle, of Matamoras, PA; daughter Dona Stowell, of West Orange, NJ; daughter Edna Simpson, of Livingston Manor,

NY; a brother Tony Mottle of Stone Ridge, NY; sisters, Mary Malecki of Queens Village, NY, Veronica Latuda of Long Island City, NY.

Memorial services were held Thursday, October 16 at Boles Funeral Home Chapel in Seven Lakes. The Father James Labosky officiated. Interment will be at the Sandhills Veterans Cemetery in Fayetteville at noon on Friday, October 17, with

Father Steven V. Carlson officiating.

Donations may be made to Hospice of Scotland County, P.O. Box 1033, Laurinburg, NC 28353, Alzheimer's Disease, 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28215, or the Seven Lakes EMS, 969 Seven Lakes North, Seven Lakes, NC 27376.


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SLLA needs volunteers for Fall cleanup

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A telephone number to schedule the pickup will be provided in the near future.

Volunteers will take over from there, hauling the debris to the disposal facility. Only yard debris such as pine cones, pine needles, leaves, grass clippings,

tree and shrubbery trimmings, and branches under four inches in diameter, will be hauled away.

Three elements are critical to the success of this effort; volunteers, vehicles, and partici-

pating homeowners.

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Beautifiers Needed to Spruce Up Sequoia Point

A new group of Beautification Committee volunteers who will focus on improvements in the landscape in the common areas on the Seven Lakes North and South sides are needed. Working with Director Sally Kindsvatter, members have already walked through and looked over common area landscape areas and submitted a list of short and long term needs. Volunteers are needed to supplement some of the lighter tasks of the maintenance employees.

The major project this Fall is to spruce up Sequoia Point. On Friday, October 24, anytime between 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, volunteers are needed to help with this community effort. The project is a great way to work together for the common good and should be lots of fun.

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Breast Cancer is October topic at WSL

by Pat Weber

Women of Seven Lakes

Breast cancer is a killer. Number two on the list, in fact, accord-

ing to Susan Beatty, Director of Outpatient Cancer Center for FirstHealth in Pinehurst. An oncology nurse and adminis-

trator, Beatty was the featured speaker for the Women of Seven Lakes meeting held Thursday, October 2.

One in eight women who reach ninety years of age will develop breast cancer, a result of a malfunction in cell reproduction where bad cells multiply and take over the body's good cells. In 2008, an estimated 750,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer versus 692,000 women diagnosed with breast cancer.

Risk factors include age, family history, diet, weight gain and obesity, alcohol consumption, smoking, and lack of exercise. However, Beatty explained your best defense is a careful, monthly self breast exam.

"Watch for any changes," said Beatty including thickening of tissue, swelling or redness, scaly rash or bruising that won't go away.

Beatty discussed common methods of diagnosis and courses of treatment, explaining that the different stages and types of breast cancer would help deter-

mine the best course of action for you and your doctor.

Member JoAn Moses, a breast cancer survivor, said medical treatment is only half the story and encouraged anyone with a cancer diagnosis to seek support and care through one-on-one mentoring volunteers in the American Cancer Society's Reach to Recovery program and through the Cancer Care program.

"Survivors are there to give

back and help others through support, love, caring, and sharing of themselves," said Moses.

The next meeting of the Women of Seven Lakes will be held Thursday, November 6 at 1:00 pm at the North Clubhouse and will feature a wonderful seasonal treat with a special performance by the Project Succeed Hand Bell Choir.

Please bring an ornament to decorate the Christmas Tree. All are welcome to attend.



Susan Beatty, Director of Outpatient Cancer Center for FirstHealth in Pinehurst

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Upcoming WSL Events

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October's the month for massage!

by Ava Clark
Massage Therapist

Next week — October 19 through 25, is National Massage Therapy Awareness Week. The American Massage Therapy Association created the national week-long campaign to bring awareness to the growing need for alternative health care in communities.

In Seven Lakes, massage therapy can offer the aging population a number of benefits that will greatly improve their sense of health and wellbeing.

Studies have shown that massage therapy can have a direct impact in managing the effects of aging. It brings comfort to those suffering from arthritis and other physical ailments. As people age, they naturally become less active. This lack of physical activity can lead to the onset of other conditions which, if not dealt with, can greatly reduce their quality of life. Lack of movement causes the circulation to diminish and nerve function to decline. As a result, muscles shorten, resulting in tight joints that can't straighten normally. Prolonged contraction of muscles can be helped with massage and gentle stretching. Along with reducing muscle tension and helping to increase strength and muscle coordination massage calms the central nervous system which eases chronic pain and improves sleep patterns. Massage has also been known to boost one's natural energy levels, immune system and mental awareness.

The National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork [NCBTMB] has been promoting the use of massage therapy for some time now. According to another study, there is a general awareness of massage therapy but a lack of understanding of its direct benefits. In the case of the aging population, additional benefits not mentioned above would include improving relaxation and communication, increases range of motion and pain management, triggering natural joint lubrication through increased circulation, expediting healing of wounds, stimulating respiration, and digestion, lowering blood pressure, and the eliminating toxins.

Many seniors suffer from dia-

betes or reduced circulation to the lower limbs from other causes. Massage therapy improve circulation, often saving limbs from amputation.

After surgery, therapeutic massage can help seniors get back

their mobility and heal much more quickly. Because muscles may be affected during surgery, healing can be quite slow. However, the increased circulation and specific treatment applications provided by a professional mas-

sage therapist can speed the healing process significantly once your medical doctor determines it is safe to begin these treatments.

In an age where the common approach to pain management

has been dominated by the interests of the pharmaceutical industry, massage therapy has shown to be an effective and natural solution to the ailments associated with the aging process. The
(See "Massage," p. 16)

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Campbell kicks off season for 7 Lakes Gallery

by Carol Burgess
St Mary Magdalene
Episcopal Church

The newly redecorated Gallery at Seven Lakes, located in the St. Mary Magdalene building, will inaugurate a new season of shows by local artists with the works of Ann Campbell.

Campbell is a familiar person on the local art scene. Her work has been featured in many art shows in this area and is included in many permanent, private, and public collections through out the area and across the country.

Campbell has been featured in several articles in *The Seven Lakes Times*, and the *Southern Pines Pilot*, in recent years, documenting her many awards and accomplishments around this area and across the country.

She loves to travel to the far comers of the earth, such as China and South Africa — and brings home memories and photos that inspire her heart and her art. Her dedication and support to the arts has been shown by her involvement in several

local art organizations, for instance in the Artists League of the Sandhill, and the Fine Arts Festival of Southern Pines. Her national art support includes the Springfield Museum of Art and the Northern Vermont Artist Association.

Campbell teaches classes at Sandhills Community College.

She says she is particularly inspired and gratified by the enthusiasm of her art students, from beginners to mature and long time artists.

The Gallery at Seven Lakes is honored to offer yet another venue for Campbell to display and sell her work. As well as being a dedicated and talented artist,

she is a talented and dedicated church member. Campbell has sung in Episcopal choirs since childhood and has served on many church boards and guilds wherever she has lived. She currently is a church member and choir member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Southern Pines.

The Gallery At Seven Lakes, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, will host an open house and reception for Campbell on Saturday October 18, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The exhibition will continue on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons through Thursday, November 13. Watch for the open flag and gallery sign.

Massage

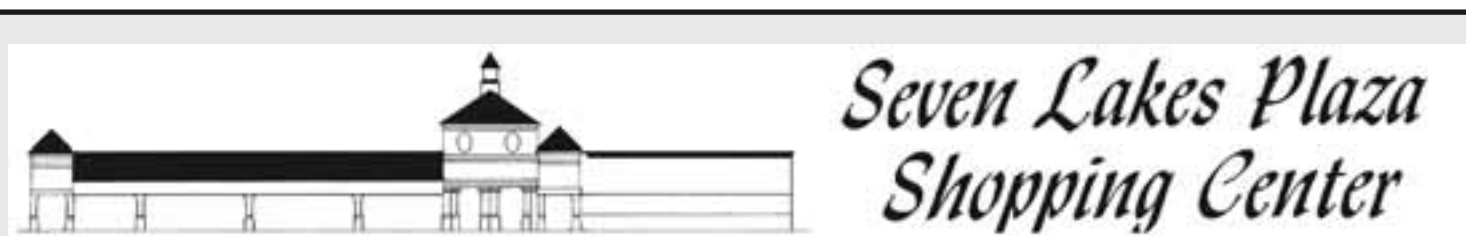
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overall sense of well-being provided by therapeutic massage helps motivate seniors to improve other aspects of their lives such as diet, exercise, and general health care. A sense of mental well-being is often accomplished by the simple but profound act of gentle, soothing touch. It can provide seniors with a sense of value not found through other forms of therapy or interaction with people.

Massage for seniors, especially, is about human touch. As we age, touch becomes more infrequent and less of a nurturing touch often replaced by catheters and needles.

If you are interested in finding out more about massage, contact a local licensed massage therapist or the AMTA at 888-THE-AMTA [843-2682] or visit AMTA's find a Massage Therapist national locator service at www.findamassagetherapist.org

Ava Clark is a Massage Therapist with Seven Lakes Massage & Body Therapies, 673-2000.



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Junior tennis meet brings in young players

by Barb Horan
Seven Lakes Tennis

The Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Center is now on the map! The recent Junior Futures Tennis Tournament, sponsored by FirstBank, drew young players from all over the state.

The weekend got off to a rocky start with rain on Friday and a rain delay on Saturday, and a first day finish under the lights, but Sunday the Tennis Gods were shining just as bright as possible. It was a glorious sunny day and what a way to have the championship and consolation rounds.

Ten young players did extremely well, many playing in their very first USTA-sanctioned event. Several even went to the consolation rounds in their division, a feat to be proud of.

Local Seven Lakes players included Chris Nurnberg, Michelle and Lauren Wenerd, Marc Shafer, Kelsey and Ally Hoehn-Saric, Evan and Landon Sherwood, Karen Smith, Tal Shepard, Andrew Jones, Casie Jingle, and Emily Gower.

All are Seven Lakes residents and most play at the SLCC Tennis Center under the direction of Tournament Director and Tennis

Professional Bruce Adams.

Parents and players were truly amazed at the hospitality dis-

played by the Tennis Center volunteers. This was a total team effort from the ladies baking

cookies and muffins, to the donation of a pizza lunch and trophies...you could say this is Seven Lakes at its best!

Local business donors include title sponsor First Bank, Moore County Tennis Association, Food Lion, Copper Sales, Troy Lumber, United Transport Services, Seven Lakes Tennis Pro Shop, Bill Reaves Construction, Dr. Jennifer Massey, Carolina Car Care, The Property Center, Lee-Moore

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The SLCC Tennis Center is currently holding youth tennis classes. For more information on classes or getting involved, please call the Tennis Center at 673-1096.



Winners from the Junior Futures Tennis Tournament at Seven Lakes Tennis Center.

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- **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.
- **MOCARS Technicians Course** – 9 am – 12 pm, Moore Co Emergency Operations Center, 105 W. Saunders Street, Carthage. A six week course for anyone interested in amateur /ham radio. No special skills are necessary. Materials fee. Information, Jim Johnson at 400-3019.
- **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 West End Gym. Make plans to shop at the "New to You" rummage sale. Proceeds benefit Community Christmas Fund to purchase gifts for needy families in Moore County & food vouchers for Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Easter meals. Donations must be delivered Friday, Oct 17 between 7:30 am and noon. Info: Jean Keating 673-2778.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

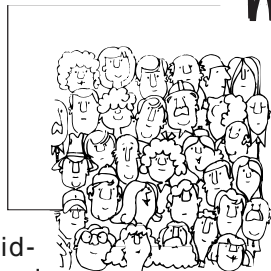
- **Pastor Brenda Kay Robinson's Appreciation Celebration** – 3 pm, James Garner Center, Troy. Sponsored by Belford Baptist Church of Jackson Springs, guest speaker will be Pastor Eric Leake of Greater Warner A.M.E Zion Church in Knoxville, TN.
- **Acoustic Music Circle** – 6 pm – 8 pm, McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church, 1374 Foxfire Road. Local musicians are invited to participate in an Acoustic Music Circle on the third Sunday of each month. Leading the Circle are Jill McCloy, hammered dulcimer; David McCloy, fiddle; and David McDonald of the April Fools on fiddle and guitar. Music of various genres will be played especially Listeners welcome, light refreshments served. Free. Info: Amy McDonald 295-6608.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

- **League of Women Voters Meeting** – 11:30 am, Table on the Green,



Mid-land

Country Club, Pinehurst. Featured speaker is Lisa Hughes, Financial Services Director for Moore County. Public invited. Luncheon \$12; reservations, call Charlotte Gallagher 944-9611.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

- **AARP Driver Safety Class** – 10 am - 3 pm, Moore County Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 Hwy 15/501. Drivers aged 55+ learn to compensate for declining skills. \$10 fee. Registration required, 215-0900.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

- **Sequoia Point Beautification Work Day** – 10 am - 2 pm, Sequoia Point, Seven Lakes

North. Volunteers are needed to assist with light landscaping projects. Bring clippers, gloves, rakes, and lots of smiles. Info: Linda or Alan Geiger at 673-2423.

- **Smorgasbord Dinner** – 6 pm, West End United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$8 each. Call Trudie Vaughn, 255-6158, or church office,

673-1371.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

- **Chicken & Dumpling Supper and Harvest Sale** – 5 pm - 8 pm, Jackson Springs Community Club, Mill Road in Jackson Springs. Many beautiful items will be auctioned, \$6 adult dinner, \$3 children under twelve. Take out available. All proceeds benefit local causes.
- **SLCC Oldie But Goodie Night & Karaoke** – 5:30 pm cocktails, 6:30 pm buffet, Seven Lakes Country Club. Everyone's invited! Karaoke and oldies music from 40' to 70's with DJ William Schrontz, featuring 50' Diner-style buffet. Member's pricing \$24 inclusive; non-members \$29 inclusive. Reservations, 673-1100.

What's When Calendar

- **Spooktacular Halloween Gala** – 7 pm - 11 pm, Fair Barn, Pinehurst. Dust off your favorite Halloween costume, practice your gyrating dance moves, and come out to support the Spay Neuter Veterinary Clinic of the Sandhills. Silent auctions, music by Joyner, Young and Marie and Giovanni's will cater. Tickets \$50, available at Opulence, Eve Avery Boutique, May Street Market, Faded Rose, or by calling 693-1277.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

- **48th Antiques Show & Sale**

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- **Sandhills Harmony Chorus Guest Night** – 7 pm, Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, 330 S. May Street, Southern Pines. The Sandhills Harmony Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, invite all to their rehearsal and a special night of camaraderie and fun.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

- **Halloween**
- **SLLA Halloween Carnival** – 6 pm - 8 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Back by popular demand, Halloween Flashlight Egg Hunt, plus carnival games and refreshments.
- **SLWLA Trunk or Treat** – 6 pm - 8 pm, West Side Park Community Center parking lot. Costumes, candy & fun.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- **Arts & Crafts Fair** – 8 am - 3 pm, Grand Hall of the Moore County Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 Hwy. 15-501, Pinehurst. All crafts are made by local artisans aged fifty and better. Items being sold include jewelry, quilts, woodwork, paintings, knitted and crocheted items, baked and canned goods, and much more! Refreshments available for purchase. An antique car display. Information, 215-0900.
- **Greater Vision** – 9 am – 3 pm, Tabernacle United Methodist Church, Rte. 705, Robbins. Mission benefit featuring local handcrafts, pottery, jewelry and many more imported gift items from underprivileged countries. Garden and Christmas rooms, and Bake Sale. Luncheon plates, 11 am – 2 pm for \$7/per plate donation. Take out available.
- **Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness** – 10 am, Nancy Kiser Park, Carthage. Sponsored by the Carthage Lions Club, registration for the 3K [two mile] walk at 9 am. All funds raised support diabetes research and assist local visu-

al and hearing impaired individuals. All are welcome. Info: call 947-9965, 692-2020, or 315-1976.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- **Heavenly Rides** – 11 am, Tabernacle United Methodist Church, Rte 705, Robbins. Vintage car show with classic, muscle, racecars, and street rods from our area. Trophies for favorites and dash plaques for each entry. Lunch following provided by youth group. Admission free for attendees after morning Worship Service.
- **Eddie Barrett & Goodman Legacy Orchestra** – 4 pm – 6:30 pm, Mr. P's Club, 155 Hall Avenue, Southern Pines. Eddie's Big Band. A popular part of the Sandhills music scene. Information 603-7660.
- **Golf Capital Chorus Annual Show** – 7 pm, Pinecrest High School auditorium, Pinehurst. Director Bruce Blanton will lead the chorus in traditional and up tempo arrangements, including an Armed Forces

medley. Popular quartets, the Pinecrest High School Glee Club, and featured guest Vocal Spectrum. Tickets, Preston Smith 215-0682.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- **5th Annual Junior League of Moore County Wine Tasting** – 6 pm - 8 pm, Elliott's on Linden, Pinehurst. Over forty wines available ranging in price from \$10 - \$90 a bottle. Sample the old favorites as well as several new wines. A silent auction, cooking demonstrations, hors d'oeuvres, cork guess raffle, live music, and case discounts. Tickets \$25 in advance, \$30 at door. Purchase at Prudential GOS Real Estate locations in Pinehurst and Southern Pines. Info: Brandee Bryant 585-1615 or 295-5504.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- **White Elephant Sale & Raffle** – 8 am - 1 pm, Sacred Heart Church, Pinehurst. The Knights of Columbus Ladies

Auxiliary White Elephant Sale & Raffle. Sale includes furniture, household goods, sports equipment, fitness equipment, jewelry, linens, electronics, garden equipment, small appliances, hardware, games, books, and toys. Raffle tickets and baked goods will be sold. Proceeds benefit local agencies. Info: call 295-0830 or 215-5967.

- **Community Clean Up Day Seven Lakes North and South** – all day. Free yard debris pickup by volunteers may be scheduled. Acceptable debris, such as pine cones, pine needles, leaves, tree and shrubbery clippings, and branches under four inches diameter, must be curbside by 10 am. Volunteers or information, call Sue Zeller, 673-3130.
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School board

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ty of IB are unmatched and continuing the IB program is critical to maintaining Pinecrest's reputation as exceptional academic school."

Currently, Pinecrest is one of only eighteen schools in North Carolina to be authorized as an IB World School.

In a timely demonstration of Moore County's academic strength, two National Merit Scholars Semi-Finalists, Joshua Seidenberg and Benjamin Berk of Pinecrest, were honored by the Board, along with Commended Students Will Fondrie, Brian Hayes, Kyle McLean, and Ben McMichael of Union Pines High School; and Sarah Kruyer, Frances Kenworthy, Eric Parziale, Nicole Tremblay, and Stephen Tableman of Pinecrest.

Food allergies in schools

Moore County is experiencing a great increase in the number of students with severe food allergies. After surveying each of the twenty-two county schools, Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser said she found that each site had at least one child with a serious allergy.

Children are the largest group of people exhibiting food allergies, with approximately six percent of the population affected. Peanut allergies are a growing problem, jumping two-fold in the last five years alone. Purser explained that allergies are an abnormal immune system response to a trigger and that food allergies can be much more severe, even fatal, with only minute amounts of foods cross-contaminated by utensils and food prep surfaces.

The most common food allergies include dairy, egg, wheat, soy, and peanuts. There is no cure and strict avoidance is the best treatment.

Dr. Brian Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools, introduced Sabrina's Law, a legislation passed in Canada requiring Boards of Education and schools to develop anaphylaxis management plans including risk reduction and emergency training of staff.

Dr. Larry Upchurch said that in Moore County, children with food allergies should have a USDA plan filed with the school identifying the allergies. He said currently, there are 136 plans filed

within MCS. In the cafeterias, lunch orders are calculated using Point of Sale [POS] computers that will indicate a red dot beside an item alerting the cafeteria manager that the child is attempting to purchase something they are not supposed to have. Upchurch said that in addition to that precaution, nine schools in Moore County offer peanut-free menus, including West End Elementary.

"This is an increasing area of concern and we will monitor it carefully and will put steps in place to keep children safe," said Upchurch.

Purser agreed, "This is not an inconvenience but a matter of life and death for some of our children. We need to continue to spread the word so that others will understand when we have to provide limitations that it's in the best interest of children."

Naming new schools

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Larry Upchurch presented a timeline process for naming the

new schools being built in Moore County, as well as identifying school mascots and colors for the facilities.


"We will involve students, staff, and parents and will do our best to make sure that all those interested stakeholders views are heard," said Upchurch.

Committees for each school will be formed and a final list of choices will be provided to the Board.

"We are trying to make sure these decisions are made before color schemes are determined at the schools so we can incorporate them into the design and architecture."

Other Items

Purser applauded the tremendous response by school employees to the United Way Campaign. As a pace setter organization, MCS participates in the annual campaign before it is introduced to the public. This year, staff and administration increased their contributions by fourteen percent.





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"This is the kind of thing they [MCS employees] do everyday," said Purser. "They look at the community as a home and at times when the economy is turning downward, our employees are reaching into their own pockets to help."

Teacher, coach, and volunteer, Harry Webb was recognized for many years of invaluable contributions to Pinecrest and Moore County Schools. In particular, he was lauded for initiating and contributing to the annual athletics giving program at Pinecrest.

The board approved a \$10,000 expenditure for planning and consulting for the playground and outdoor educational spaces at the proposed new elementary school.

Historically, Moore County Schools has not provided playground equipment at their facilities, instead relying on Parent-Teacher organizations to fundraise for these amenities.

"In the past with monkey bars and swings there were no safety standards," said Board member Kathy Farren. "As we progress, we need to start thinking so we are prepared when a PTA comes to us. We need a plan we can give them of 'this is your next step.'"

Board Chair Dr. Lorna Clack agreed that the county needs to develop a system of guidelines meeting safety compliance that are child development centered. She said she hoped a proposed plan for the new elementary school was the beginning of that

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Commissioners

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fund the cost of extending county water lines to the development. The grant is based on a commitment by Stonehills Pines to create sixty-five full-time permanent jobs in the county, Brobst explained. The total cost of the water system extension is expected to exceed \$2.5 million.

According to the agreement Stonehill Pines will tap into the County water system near the intersection of Foxfire and Linden Roads. The developer has agreed to pay for three new wells, a 500,000 gallon water storage tank, a booster station with a 900 gallon per minute capacity, capable of upgrade to 1,200 gallons per minute, and the closing of an existing twelve-inch water loop at Linden Road.

The \$650,000 grant will be used to pay part of the cost of extending twelve inch water mains along Foxfire and Hoffman Roads. The agreement specifies that the improvements funded by Stonehill Pines may be used to benefit not only its own development but also other county customers and the Village of Foxfire.

Manager cautioned

The Board of Commissioners cautioned Manager Cary McSwain that he should avoid using county resources to help the Riverbend community repair a private bridge — the only entrance to the community for a number of residents — washed out by rains accompanying tropical storm Hannah. The county helped create an emergency bridge several weeks ago, and applied to the state for emergency funds that could be used to effect a permanent repair. The Governor's office failed to approve the request, however, leaving the relatively low-income community faced with the prospect of paying for the entire repair.

Commissioners expressed skepticism about using county funds to assist in the repairs, as well as concern about any liability that might be incurred by doing so. Commissioner Lea, noting the problems Seven Lakes West has recently encountered with its private dam and the private road crossing that dam, warned about setting precedents that would have other pri-

vate communities looking to the county for help.

Other business

In other business, the Board of Commissioners:

- Called a Public Hearing for October 20 to consider public

comment on the 2011-2017 State Transportation Improvement Plan. The plan includes five possible routes for the NC 24-27 bypass of Carthage, including two northern routes that would impact Needmore, a historic African-American

Community. The Commissioners expressed concern that the NC Department of Transportation had not removed these routes from the plan, despite requests from the Town of Carthage and other parties that they

do so. "NCDOT may be waiting to hear the Commissioners ask that the northern corridors be taken off," Moore County NAACP President O'Linda Gillis told the Board.

- Heard during Public Com-

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Foxfire

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Parks Committee, that the pool and tennis center application would be submitted for a fourth year.

"We were advised by PARTF that we've got a good application and don't need to make a bunch of changes," said Erickson.

Villagers can provide addi-

tional support of the proposal by signing a petition that is being circulated.

"The idea of the petition is it gives a broader base of concern from the community that this is important. You are telling us, 'don't give up.'"

Finance

Peckitt reported \$175,000 in the General Fund; \$61,000 in the Water Fund; and \$134,000 held in escrow on the BB&T undrawn loan.

He reminded the Council that annual bank loans repayment for Woodland Circle was \$30,000 and the water loans was payable

at \$41,000 annually.

Water

During the October 9 Special Meeting, the Council considered a mortgage counter offer for a 1.1 acre parcel of land sought by the Village for a future well site.

A test well at the Hoffman Road location showed it was a suitable site for a well and the property owner was offered \$30,000.

The counteroffer included five acres at that site, plus another two acre parcel and the seventeen acre Lake Blum property, for a \$200,000 credit towards the Woodland Circle Extension assessment.

Erickson said the Village attorney advised that land cannot be exchanged for assessments.

The tax value for the five acre property, which includes the 1.1 acre well site, is \$55,000.

Coker said she was not in favor of purchasing all the offered land, "We just need the well site."

Lauer agreed. "We adamantly want the one acre. It fits into our plans and we should purchase at fair market value."

Peckitt expressed concern that purchasing the lake property also meant purchasing the dam, potentially leading to major expenses down the road.

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County

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ment from Elton Turner, who offered evidence that the county and Moore County Schools is paying too high a price for a parcel behind West Pine Middle School that will become the site of a new elementary school [See Turner's statement on page 29.]

- Heard from County Finance Officer Lisa Hughes that the county has been able to significantly increase its revenue from selling surplus equipment through the use of an auction website called govdeals.com. Hughes told the Commissioners that excess vehicles were selling for an average of \$2,400, versus \$1,300 before the county began using govdeals.com

- Honored Moore County Sheriff Lane Carter for thirty years of service to the county in a variety of law enforcement posts.

- Approved a conditional use rezoning that will allow a building on US 1 near Vass to be used for an organic fruit and vegetable packing business. [See story on page 8.]

- Called a Public Hearing for October 20 on the final draft of the Area A Small Area Plan. [A copy of the current draft of the plan is available on *The Seven Lakes Times* website.

- Authorized a number of easements required to further a joint project between the county and the Village of Pinehurst to extend water service to residents of the Jackson Hamlet Community.

- Authorized a utility easement needed for Progress Energy to extend power to a booster statio that pumps water from Harnett County storage tanks to Phase to of the East Moore Water District.

- Tabled a request from the Moore County Library Board

that would have extended the term limits of library Board Members from two consecutive terms, six years, to three consecutive terms, or nine years. The Commissioners have been attempting the two-term limit for all the Board the appoint, but have met some resistance. Commissioner Lea noted that, even if a

Board members is prevented from reappointment because they have exceeded the term limit, they can sit out a year and then be reappointed. The Board tabled the library's request and a similar one from the Aging Advisory Council so that the matter could be discussed further in a work session.

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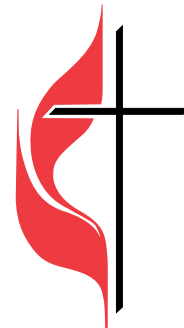
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Foxfire

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The Council agreed to negotiate a counter-offer.

Private Wells

Lauer said he was recently questioned on the ordinance, passed in December 2007, prohibiting private wells.

"I want to go on record and reiterate that the reason is to provide the entire community with water, not individuals the convenience of irrigation wells," said Lauer.

He said the decision to prohibit private wells was based on recommendations made during a study of the Village water supply.

Public Safety

Coker said she has received quotes for the purchase of security cameras to be installed at the pool, tennis, and park recreation areas. At present, as no funding is allocated for the purchase, she recommended the Council postpone discussion until after the first of the year.

Erickson asked Coker to investigate whether any grant funding would be available for the project.

Identity Theft Protection Policy

The Federal Trade Commission [FTS] requires municipalities that have utility accounts to annually provide a written plan of procedures to follow to help protect customer identity and fight theft of customer account information. The procedures

must identify, detect, and respond to possible signals of identity theft known as Red Flags, and immediate action will be required to comply as programs must be in place by November 1, 2008.

Deputy Town Clerk Lisa Kivett said since Foxfire does not accept credit card payment for water bills, there is less risk for identity theft.

Other Items

Grande Pines Lots 35 and 44 were amended for inclusion to be included in the annexation ordinance.

When water rates were adjusted in April, condo buildings A and C were not included. Each building has multiple units sharing a single water meter and the bill is split equally. The new adjusted rate, per condo, will be approximately \$33 a month effective December 1. Owners will be notified.

In Special Meeting on October 9, the Council approved, in a split-decision with Peckitt opposing, a policy statement on citizen participation at Council meetings. Those wishing to address the Council must place their name on a sign-up sheet prior or during the meeting, and comments will be limited to three minutes.

Erickson said the decision was in response to increased interest and attendance at meetings and to maintain a level of orderliness.

"We're not trying to stifle or limit comments, but at times

speakers can become a bit verbose," said Erickson.

Public Comment

A resident expressed concern over a request to build a named road on an existing access drive on a right-of-way. He said to construct the road would require significant funding and would destroy the tree buffer along his property.

Lauer said the request was strictly to receive a mailing address. He said the Council had many of his same concerns and questions and had referred the request to the Village attorney.

Another resident asked the status of the Department of Transportation [NC-DOT] speed reduction request. Collins said he

met with DOT officials and said the traffic study was completed and the application is now in the safety department for their review.

"They are on hold to find out what our final annexation is going to be because they want to encompass everything we're thinking about," explained Collins.

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This credible tidbit was sandwiched in between reports from *The Onion* that the "I am under 18" button was clicked for the first time in Internet history and the U.S. Debt outgrew the debt clock.

While deeply profound, all that satire put me to thinking.

Will Queen no longer rock us and what if Snickers no longer satisfied? Or there was no relief after I plop, plop, fizz, fizzed? Can I still reach out and touch someone if AT&T is now wireless?

And what kind of world would this be without that across the pond conceit that BMW is the ultimate driving machine or that British Airways is the world's favorite airline?

What if I can't get no satisfaction because I don't deserve a break today or can't have it my way at Burger King? What if my soup isn't Mmm Mmm good? And if I don't know how to cook, can I still trust Crisco?

I don't know about you, but the overplayed rock anthems and the crush of promotional overkill makes me a bit nostalgic for those illiterate Dark Ages.

You know: when homeless minstrels entertained with poetry and historical sagas and folks

were attracted to favorite pubs or bakeries by following their nose rather than a shrewd and slick marketing plan crafted through a careful study of consumer behavior and habit.

Face it, these days you can't turn on a computer or television, flip through a magazine, or even get through a quiet dinner without an advertising intrusion. [Authors note: If anyone is worried about their vehicle warranty expiration or the latest satellite dish offers, give me a call. I'll be happy to forward my phone to your number every evening between six and nine.]



Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

and have figured out how to limit SPAM in my mailbox. Hmm, I think I found my missing lunch!

Now if I could only get the post office to do the same thing! I recall Seinfeld's neighbor

Kramer tried to opt out of mail. That didn't work out so well after his Absence of Malice moment with the Postmaster General: yup, just another government conspiracy controlling us dweebs.

So in preparation for the avalanche of holiday shopping catalogs, I've made extra mail box keys and emptied out our two-car garage. I figure that should be enough to hold a week or two's accumulation while I review bids from hauling contractors to take the whole mess to the nearest recycling bin.

Quick alert the press, in another stunning reversal of policy, I too have decided I'm ready to take it.

A Prayer for the Board of Commissioners

Some words are timeless

Our own Don Welch's words of prayer are as great today as they were eight months ago.

The occasion was during the public comment period at the Board of Commissioner February meeting, prior to their consideration of the Area A Small Area Plan.

The Commissioners had several questions and returned the plan to the Planning Board. The Area A Steering Committee and planning staff then addressed their questions.

Subsequently, the Planning Board unanimously recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve the revised plan at their upcoming October

20 Public Hearing.

Reverend Welch's prayer is reprinted below. After reading it, we ask you to add your "Amen" to that of the audience at the February Commissioners meeting.

— Dave Kinney, Chairman
Area A Steering Committee

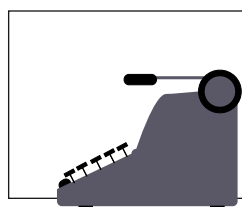
I have been praying for all you commissioners for weeks now for all kinds of reasons but this is what I pray most of all:

I pray that you will honor not only the hard work and long hours spent by the Area A Steering Committee.

I pray that you will appreciate the research and study that has gone into the report.

I pray that will you catch and share the vision of these men and women, a vision of growth responsible sustainable growth for this beautiful section of our country.

It's not a vision of



Your Turn

Rev. Don Welch
Area A Steering Committee

stagnation and resistance to the need for new industry, new business, and new housing. Instead, it's a vision of neighborhoods that enhance the quality of life by

providing for open spaces, and connecting paths and roads.

It's a vision of beautiful developments that protect the water sources and wetlands and provide for wastewater and runoff

that replenish the aquifer and protect the environment.

It's a vision that provides housing for new residents but also affordable housing

for workers who will be needed to supply labor for new, clean productive industries and the commercial and service industries that must accompany the expected growth.

It's a marvelous vision to seize the possibility of providing places to live and work in this beautiful land to hundreds even thousands of new residents who are attracted to affordable and gracious living that all of us enjoy, because it will preserve the scenic vistas of pine trees and farmland and flowing streams that stimulate and enhance our senses whenever we walk out of the doors of our houses or drive along these roads.

So I pray, yes I do, I pray for builders and developers and landowners who will see the long range economic sense of responsible sustainable growth and they will not oppose it in order to make quick and easy dollars now that will cost them and all of us in the future.

I pray for the commission that will plan and enact and supply the funds for the necessary infrastructure of water waste disposal roads and schools that must be put in place before any sizable growth can continue.

I pray for the citizens who will be willing to pay the necessary taxes and courage for you who will be willing to ask them for it — yes, you the commissioners of this county give us the task eighteen months or more ago, the task of forming this vision.

I pray now that you will not now walk away from the plan that is before you.

I pray that you will not pick it to pieces or unnecessarily delay its adoption.

These are my prayers tonight. And I'd like to let any of those in this room who joined me in this prayer to say, Amen.

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Let's not sell driving range to a developer

As a twenty-year member of the Seven Lakes Country Club, one as Secretary, one as Treasurer, and two as President of the Board of Directors, I'm caught between a rock and a hard place.

I understand the problems the present Board faces leading to imposing a dues increase and to asking the membership to approve taking on additional debt. And I understand, with the new practice range, the Board's desire to sell the old practice range — now a non-productive asset. Certainly, selling off non-productive assets is generally good business practice. Selling to a residential developer financially benefits both the Club [significant cash infusion] and the Landowners Association [on-going dues revenue].

Yet, after considerable soul-searching, I will vote against the sale.

The question on the ballot does not say "....sell the old practice range to a residential developer" but it's obvious from the accompanying letter that that is the intent. And that's why I'm voting against it.

Before explaining why I'm against the proposal to sell, I need to give you some background. This may seem long but it's important to understanding my decision and just maybe other members' decisions. After serving on the Club's Board, I

continued to serve in a planning capacity with another former board member. In 1998, we investigated the possibility of relocating the practice range to its new location.

That study lead to the obvious question of what to do with the abandoned practice range. That year, I made a pencil sketch showing seven two-family residen-

our Mission Statement which, in part, reads "Create a plan which manages growth of the kind we [the citizens] want, where we want it."

New county ordinances have been written, and approved, that require new major subdivisions to preserve much of the natural environment and open space.

As existing major subdivisions consider additional growth, consideration of open space in the form of preserving the natural environment and of creating passive recreational space [parks, walking and bicycling paths, and gardens] is to be equal to considerations of homes.

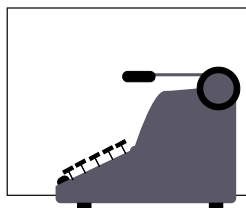
This approach to development

is not new. Certainly, the Area A Steering Committee didn't invent it. Over the past twenty or so years, a grass roots drive for this kind of managed growth has taken hold across the nation as a high priority. And it's happening in Moore County as the work of such organizations as the

(See "Vote No," p. 29)

Your Turn

Dave Kinney
Seven Lakes



tial units on the abandoned land. Each building had a footprint identical to the townhouses on the north side of Sandham Court. This was a quick look at showing an option that physically fit the land. I do not recall any subsequent discussion on the matter.

Two years ago, Moore County initiated small area planning in what has become known as Area A, which includes and surrounds Seven Lakes. I was appointed chairman of the Steering Committee largely made up of Area A citizens. Work began with listening to over 200 citizens voice their interests and concerns about the future of Area A, their needs and wants. Then we heard from experts knowledgeable on the issues raised by our citizens. The Steering Committee and the county planning department provided additional inputs. We developed

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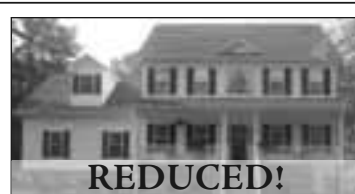
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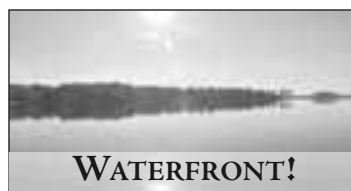
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Some SLCC issues worthy of discussion

Recently Seven Lakes Country Club members received a letter indicating the Club is now in need of additional funds to meet its financial obligations and asking the members, who are ultimately responsible for the financial viability of the Club, to bail them out.

The purpose of this column is to generate among Club members questions and ideas that we all need to discuss at the meeting on October 26. For example:

- What were the real management decisions that caused this financial crisis?
- Why is the negotiated agreement between the Landowners and the Country Club a flawed agreement?
- What is the Club's accountability?
- What considerations could be made for the future?

Management Decisions

- The Club moved forward with the development of a new practice range using the club's capital reserves when substantially less expensive alternative measures were clearly available to address the stated liability issues.
- Members were assured that the high end estimate cost of this project was to be \$125,000. Club personnel have informed us the present cost is closer to \$190,000 and the project still is not completed. Presently there exists an approximate 52% cost overrun.
- Club officials were strongly advised by the Army Corps of Engineers to obtain a consultant to oversee the project. Club officials rejected this idea.
- Club officials, having limited knowledge of how to construct a practice range, and without the services of an engineer, moved forward with this project. As a result erosion control plans and costs estimates to include sodding this area were never included. Water control issues at the teeing area were also not addressed and today this continues to be an unresolved problem both in cost and design.
- During construction the Country Club was cited by the Army Corp of Engineers for mechan-

ically overcutting, relocating a stream without permission, and erosion control failure. Consequently, our Club now faces the possibility of thousands and thousands of dollars worth of fines.

Negotiated Agreement

Club President Gordon Zeller asks Club members to remember, "Upon the approval of the Seven Lakes Country Club Membership to sell the existing Practice Range to a developer for residential purposes, the property will be subject to the South Side Covenants."

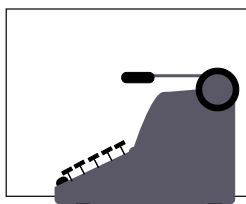
I am asking all Club members to remember this:

- The current agreement between the SLLA and the SLCC includes up to fourteen units on the old practice range. Fourteen units can not be built on that property under the covenants that are recorded as South Side Covenants. Set-

back requirements in the South Side Covenants will have to be modified or waived. And it is not clear that the county regulations will allow fourteen homes

Your Turn

*Chuck Leach
SLCC Member
Seven Lakes South*



on the five-acre parcel.

- The agreement between the Country Club and the SLLA requires the SLLA to work in cooperation with the developer with the understanding that the plan is to build as many as fourteen units. The SLLA Architectural Review Board was formed as an autonomous committee to maintain high standards in new construction. This agreement removes a significant part of that autonomy.

Accountability

Prior to the selling of any club assets or assuming additional

debt, the Club membership should strongly request that there be a line item review of our budget and some major accountability for our losses.

- With administrative costs of \$263,275 for a seven month period, a complete evaluation of this account should be made available to the membership.
- Very few cart paths have been repaired. Where has that money gone?
- A full accounting of the total cost to date of the new practice range, and projected costs of completion including potential fines, should be identified

and discussed with the membership at the forthcoming October 26 meeting.

- Before proceeding with a vote to increase our indebtedness the Club needs to inform the members of the club's actual total debt.

It should be evident from the decisions that have been made, and the resulting financial situation that the Club now faces, that a new direction is needed. Prior to selling assets, and prior to assuming additional debt, the membership needs to thoroughly examine all of our options including hiring a professional management group.

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Did Moore County Schools pay too much?

The paragraphs that follow are a portion of a statement that Elton Turner of Vass read during the public comment segment of the Monday, October 6 Moore County Board of Commissioners meeting.

As you know, at the last County Commissioners meeting you approved the expenditure by the Schools of \$201,300 to purchase an additional 13.42 acres of land that in part adjoins the twelve acres that the Board of Education already owns, for the new elementary school.

You were advised by Dr. Purs-

er that this was necessary for nature trails and for the pervious and impervious requirements.

One of the Commissioners commented, "I don't know why we have to approve of what the schools want to do."

I'm glad that they do not have taxing authority, but you need not forget, that you have the legal responsibility as stewards of our taxes.

The 13.42 acres were part of two parcels of land which the Schools purchased at a cost of \$15,000 per acre. Once again, that is far in excess of what the appraised value was — but then

again, and this is not the first time. It is not your or their money, it is our taxes and spending which has gotten out of control which is your responsibility.

My research has disclosed the following, which is information that you should have available to you before you make a decision.

According to the Tax Department's appraisal, these properties are valued as follows: 7.61 acres at \$5,250 per acre or \$39,952.50 — and the Schools paid \$114, 150. The other parcel, 5.81 acres at \$7,500 per acre or \$43,575 — and the schools paid \$87,150.

By my calculation, market value was \$83,327.50 and having paid \$201,300, they paid \$117,972.150 above market value or 242 percent.

Elton Turner
Vass

Vote No

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Sandhills Area Land Trust, Save Our Sandhills, and Sustainable Sandhills is increasingly accepted.

How does all this apply to the old practice range?

As I read what other communities have been doing, as I heard from some experts on land development, and as I worked with forward-looking folks on the Steering Committee and in the county Planning Department, I gained a tremendous appreciation for the importance of landscape [both man-made and the natural environment] that always surrounds us as one facet of our quality of life and as something we cannot simply take for granted. There is mounting evidence that passive recreational open space increases the value of homes within a community.

Yes, I have changed my mind; I have flip-flopped, based on a new and better understanding, on new information.

I truly hope other members of the Club will join with me in voting against the sale of the old practice range to a residential developer. Voting it down provides additional time to explore other opportunities for the use of the land so that the Club can benefit from its sale — sale to someone, some organization with an acceptable purpose. I don't know what those opportunities might be, but we need everyone with an interest — individuals and organizations — to get creative and come up

with an alternate to the Club's plan.

It's been said that if you cannot dream it, it won't happen. Where there's a will, there's a way. There must be a way and the will to make it happen.

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A vote for Krueger

Dear Editor:

For those of you who haven't met our District Attorney Maureen Krueger, or heard about her, I hope you will see your way clear to support her on Election Day.

She has been doing the job for two years and has stream-lined

the office. She is very much up on the law. She is fair and certainly not heavy handed.

She, by nature, works well with people and I, for one, am so proud to support her.

Pud Kent
Seven Lakes West

Seven Lakes EMS Phone Book

The updating of EMS 2004 Telephone Directory has begun. You can help in this effort by filling out forms at boxes in the Seven Lakes Landowners Association office or the West Side Park Community Center. Any changes, additions, and deletions are needed. Completed forms must be received by November 1. For more information, contact Doreen Smith at 673-0945.



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Or was it the gentle flapping that caught his ear?

That battlefield. Yes, the smoke. The screams. The minefield. The terrible explosion. Bodies of buddies strewn about, including that tough sergeant with the raspy voice and hardly unnoticeable

missing left ear.

The vet rattled his head as if to clear away the debris of yesteryear.

But it was locked in him forever. He made his way to the far curb.



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Driving Range

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each other across three cul-de-sac streets, with large green areas in the rear of each home. A single pair faces the South Side gatehouse, bringing the total number of units to fourteen. The drawings show a small golf cart garage at the end of each cul-de-sac. The plan includes plentiful landscaping, though Van Houten cautioned that the amount and type of landscaping will depend on the economics of the development.

Senior Planner Debra Enslinger told *The Times* that BVH had chosen the "Neighborhood Conservation Subdivision Option," one of the standard approaches laid out in the county subdivision ordinance. The intent of this option is to preserve open space by giving developers increased flexibility in design.

While the plans submitted were conceptually just what the county is looking for, Enslinger said, they failed to provide the buffers called for in the ordinance.

The Neighborhood Conservation Subdivision Option requires a "project buffer" — basically, open space — that surrounds the entire subdivision. Along Seven Lakes Drive, that buffer is seventy-five feet; along Devonshire Avenue and at either end of the narrow strip of land, the required buffer is fifty feet. These buffers are common areas and cannot be made part of any lot.

In addition to these buffers required by the county ordinance, the South Side covenants have their own array of setback requirements.

The required project buffers plus the Southside setbacks proved too much for the design; county planners sent BVH and Consulting designer LandDesign back to the drawing board.

Van Houten told *The Times* that BVH has "posed some questions to the ARB." Depending on their response, the firm may be able to adjust the development and take it back to the Planning Department, perhaps with an eye to seeking approval under other, more flexible, sections of

the zoning and subdivision ordinances. For example, it may be possible to seek approval of the project as a Planned Unit Development [PUD].

Enslinger told *The Times* that the BVH design might be workable under another section of the subdivision ordinance — as a cluster development, in which homeowners would own only the ground on which their home actually sits and all the unbuilt-upon land is held in common.

Under county rules, the old range can be subdivided under either the the Conservation Subdivision option or the Conventional Subdivision option with no notice to the public. The planning staff and Subdivision Review Board can approve the project with no need for a public hearing or review by the Planning Board or Board of Commissioners.

Other approaches — a PUD or cluster development, for example, could require conditional use permits from the Planning Board or Board of Commissioners that would require public hearings.

Van Houten told *The Times* that a market exists in Seven Lakes for the type of housing he envisions on the site. Many who retired to the community 15 or twenty years ago find themselves in lake front or golf front homes that are now too big for their needs, he said. Yet they want to stay in the community, near their friends and the clubs and other activities they have come to enjoy.

Noting that he is proposing a project with forty-eight to fifty-percent green space and very attractive housing, Van Houten told *The Times* that he has continued to be interested in the project despite the lawsuit and the controversy that has swirled around it.

"I'd rather do it, because I live here," Van Houten said. "If we are able to do it, it will be built and landscaped with the kind of quality that I can be proud of it — so that I don't have to walk into Food Lion and have people say, 'Bob, what is this thing you've built here.' This is my home, too."

"I'd like to build a project that we can be proud of as BVH Construction. Will we get to do it? At this point, I don't know."

That will depend, he said, on three things: whether the members of the club decide to sell the old range, whether the SLLA ARB is willing to cooperate on the design, and whether a way can be found to make it work under the County's zoning and subdivision ordinances.

"If we can't get beyond these [County and Southside] setback regulations, there won't be a project," Van Houten said. "Not by me. If we can't get beyond that, the only thing they could do there is single-family homes."

Seven Lakes Country Club members are scheduled to hold

a special meeting on October 26 to discuss the sale of the old practice range and the Board's request to borrow \$150,000. The vote on those matters is to be finalized on October 30.

SLLA Community Manager

Dalton Fulcher told *The Times* on Monday that the Architectural Review Board will likely wait until after the Country Club's vote to take up the BVH design.



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Candidates

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investments should be kept confidential, "We are all landowners and all put money in the treasury and should be able to see that information within a reasonable time."

A plaintiff in the lawsuit against the Seven Lakes Landowners Association that was resolved last Spring, Hudson said that lawsuit is over and done with and the Country Club won. "We need to go ahead forward and I'm ready to move on."

Due to resignations by two members of the Board, four seats will be up for grabs in the Spring 2009 election.

Additional candidates who are planning to run are current President Randy Zielsdorf and Treasurer Denny Galford, who received the fourth highest number of votes during the previous election and was appointed by the Board to fill the seat of resigning director, Laura Douglass. Don Welch, another appointed member of the board who was asked to serve out former director Donna Stephan's term has indicated that he will not run for election.

Mike Pennington, a Northside resident answered Shaver's call for younger members of the community to run and has also placed his name on the ballot.

"This is a nominating committee not a selecting committee – our purpose is to encourage people to run," said Director Bud Shaver. "We are looking for more people to run and welcome any interested members to contact us."

The Nominating Committee can be reached by contacting Shaver at 673-4029 mgshaver@7lakes.net; or 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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Darr

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Darr's appointment were apparently discussed in a recent Closed Session the Board held to discuss personnel issues, the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board of Directors announced two decisions will impact the future of Seven Lakes administration and maintenance.

As the Maintenance Supervisor, Darr is tasked with preparing a short term and long term budget, providing a written evaluation and report of maintenance activities, and with making a list of recommendations to the Board to assist with future decisions about maintenance budgeting, equipment needs, and personnel.

According to Fulcher, the decision to hire Darr was in response to efforts to combine the maintenance department into a single unit under one supervisor.

"I will provide a critical eye to see what is needed," said Darr. "Along with Dalton, I am concerned about maintenance issues and will be completing a comprehensive review and evaluation of procedures and responses to requests in the community, and taking a hard look at the budget. I expect to see a marked decrease in expenditures as inventory control is brought on-line."

Fulcher said, "The Board has looked at the maintenance department for a long time...Darr was interested and is flexible with his schedule to work six months or longer as needed."

As a temporary employee, Darr will not receive benefits. He will relieve the existing staff of scheduling jobs, preparation and purchasing of supplies, and overseeing inventory and completion of the maintenance building addition. Darr's salary will be met through funding in the budget for another maintenance employee who left the Association last year.

Darr and his wife, Sue, relocated from the Washington, DC, suburbs to Seven Lakes North in 2003. His previous professional experience includes serving as manager of a Sears Hardware Store overseeing forty-seven employees and work in construction and road maintenance.

"Bob is someone new who we think will do a good job," said Fulcher. "I know we are start-

ing to do things to change and improve appearances. We are looking at how we can improve the mail houses, gates, and

other recreation areas to the way the Board wants. Having Bob working and providing a report at the end of six months is a good way of seeing what really does happen in operations."

A current member of the Archi-

tectural Review Board, Darr said he considered resigning but has been asked to remain by Director Sally Kindsvatter.

"If a conflict of interest arises, I will abstain from voting or resign," said Darr.



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directors must sit out a year before running again.

MacKay is up against that limit and cannot stand for re-election; thus far, neither Fewkes nor Rowland have indicated publicly whether they will run again.

Tuton said the Board may want to reconsider both the number of Board members and the three-year term, though he didn't seriously offer that as a solution to this year's dearth of candidates.

Treasurer Kathy Kirst said any reconsideration of the number of Board members should be approached like a corporate restructuring, starting with what the Board needs to accomplish, determining the committees that are required to accomplish that, and only then arriving at the necessary number of Board members.

"We should look at the job of the board, and what is required to do this job," Kirst said.

President Fewkes asked Kirst to head up an ad hoc committee to examine the issue.

Director Ed Silberhorn wondered whether the competitive nature of current SLWLA elections may be costing the community qualified Board members. He noted that losing one election can make prospective Board members disinclined to try again another year.

"I don't see a problem with four or three people running for three slots," Silberhorn said. "Psychologically, you kind of cut in half the potential leaders every time you have one of these elections."

"In the past, over the many years," he continued, "it wasn't an appointment it was an election . . . but it didn't defeat people. We

need to make it easier and shorter, but not such a big deal, election-wise."

No set meeting times

Later in the meeting, Fewkes said prospective Board members should not let the current monthly schedule of one Tuesday evening General Meeting and one Tuesday Morning Work Session become an impediment to running for the Board.

"Every March, we look at the day and time of the meetings," Fewkes said, noting a process that typically takes place during the Board's post-election organizational retreat.

"If we had a Board member who could not make a daytime meeting, we would meet at night," she added, noting that, several

years ago, Board Work Sessions were held at night — and sometime ran into the wee hours.

"I don't think that should be a reason that a person should not be running for this Board," she said.

On the other hand, Fewkes noted, the SLWLA Board is a working Board and members typically devote fifteen hours a week or more to Board functions — and some of that work must be done during daytime hours.

"I had a call from someone who would like to be on the Board," Fewkes added, "but he saw serving on a Board as two meetings a month and five hours a month of work. That won't work on this Board."

Speaking as the chairman of

the nominating committee, Tuton said, "The objection we are getting is not so much the time of day as 'I don't have the time,' period."

The SLWLA Nominating Committee is still actively seeking prospective Board members; see the box on this page for contact information.

Insuring recreation

After a lengthy discussion of the potential for liability arising from classes and events sponsored by the Recreation Committee, the Board agreed that all such activities would be submitted to the Insurance Committee, who will be asked to recommend whether

(See "Westside," p. 35)

Candidates needed

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supplemental insurance is advisable for the particular activity or event.

The issue arose when questions were raised about new tumbling classes for children. After reviewing the program, the insurance committee recommended that the instructor providing the program obtain a liability policy specifically naming the Association as an additional insured on the policy certificate.

Recreation Director Karen Milligan told the Board that the instructor in question has insurance and is working with the Insurance Committee to make sure the Association is covered as well.

In thinking about the new policy, Milligan said, "I would like Board to understand how incredibly difficult it is to entice instructors to come here," noting that they may be teaching classes with a dozen or fewer participants. "To require them to purchase all kinds of additional outside insurance . . . I wonder whether we will be able to get them."

Milligan said she had polled the instructors currently teaching classes sponsored by the Recreation Committee and about half have their own liability policies for the classes.

While a good deal of the concern focused on more athletic pursuits, Community Manager Tony Robertson noted that someone could be burned in a cooking class or cut themselves in a crafts class. "Where do you draw the line?" he asked, noting that a three-hour meeting with the

Insurance Committee had failed to produce a firm answer to that question.

After considerable discussion about where to draw that line — and about the fairness of requiring additional insurance from one instructor and not another — the Board decided to leave those questions in the hands of the insurance committee.

Legal Director Silberhorn made the motion to have all proposals for Association-sponsored sports and recreation activities on common areas reviewed by the Insurance Committee. Instructors or other organizers will be informed if additional insurance coverage is recommended. Those unhappy with the recommendation of the committee can appeal to the Board. The Board agreed that most of the work can be handled via email, so as not to create substantial delays.

Public hearings

Legal Director Silberhorn

offered a proposed bylaw change that would create a formal public hearing process preceding Board decision on matters of major importance. Acting in response to a *Seven Lakes Times* editorial recommending public hearings as a useful tool, the Board had asked Silberhorn to take a look at the option.

Under his proposal the Directors could designate particular major decisions — for example, the hiring of a management company — as being "of significant interest to the membership." That would trigger an enhanced decision-making process that would notify the public, ask for public comment during two separate Board meetings, and require an affirmative vote of the Directors at two separate Board meetings. The process could be overridden in the case of a bona fide emergency declared by a two-thirds vote of the Board.

The proposal itself, as a change to the bylaws, requires

preliminary approval by the Board, opportunity for comment by the public, and then approval by two-thirds of the Directors.

President Fewkes said the proposal was something Directors needed to ponder before discussing.

Transition to CAS

Treasurer Kirst said progress continues to be made in moving the Association's financial records to Community Association Services, Inc. Though the Association will continue to handle its own payroll functions through the end of the year, "CAS is now at the point that they will be paying the bills," Kirst said.

Checks will be cut by CAS once a week and forwarded to the Community Center for the signatures of officers. Kirst said

that the SLWLA bylaws currently require the signature of the President and Treasurer on each check and noted she would like to change that so that any two of the four officers could sign.

The TOPS system used by CAS cannot handle as many subcategories of accounts as the current SLWLA system, she noted, so work has been done to consolidate some of those lines.

Other Business

In other business, the Westside Board:

- Discussed at length whether to proceed with a public forum on a covenant change proposed by the Long Range Planning Committee which would allow the Association to

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acquire residential lots within the community and then convert them to public use for parks, mail houses, or other infrastructure needs. Noting that a Long Range Planning Committee meeting was imminent, the Directors ultimately decided to wait to hear that group's recommendation on whether to present the idea to the public for input.

- Heard from Director Herdrick that state engineers have asked for and received additional calculations and information from dam engineer Dan Marks. "We are hopeful that in the next few weeks we will get approval."

- Accepted Director MacKay's recommendation to delay until next year a capital project that would have erected boundary fencing between the community and the truss plant back of Westside Park. MacKay cited rising construction costs and the shaky economy.
- Heard from Director MacKay that he has met twice with residents of the Pinnacles to facilitate their takeover of the maintenance contract for their neighborhood. That responsibility fell to the SLWLA after the Westside Associations were merged, but reverts to the Pinnacles next year.
- Heard from President Fewkes that she had received a letter

from County Manager Cary McSwain indicating that the county will not endorse or support the North Carolina Department of Transportation's current proposal to close two West End railroad crossings while upgrading crossings at Lakeway Drive and NC Highway 73.

- Set a deadline of October 28 for Directors to have their initial Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget proposals in to the Treasurer.
- Approved a plan for a garden honoring the memory of Westside builder Keith Stites. Friends and colleagues of Stites have contributed funds for the memorial, which will be

located at the intersection of Longleaf Drive and Gateway Drive near the back gate.

- Discussed whether to implement a one-way traffic flow on the loop around the Community Center to help reduce the potential for accidents when the area is congested around school bus drop-off times. Directors MacKay and Shepard were asked to work on the issue.
- Discussed the need for repairing a roadside washout on developer property near the entrance gate. Developer Peyton Gentry asked for a meeting with Director MacKay to go over the repair.
- Heard from Director Shepard

that the developer is reviewing the new Architectural Standards, which will be finalized after developer input.

- Heard from Director Silberhorn that the Legal Archive Committee has acquired a file cabinet in which to collect the Association's legal history and is working toward creating a digital archive as well.
- Heard from Recreation Director Milligan a review of upcoming events and classes, including Trunk or Treat on October 31, Cooking with Carmella on November 15, the community tree lighting on December 7 and the Children's Christmas Party and Boat Parade on December 14.

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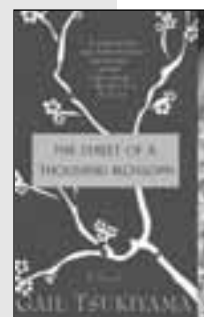
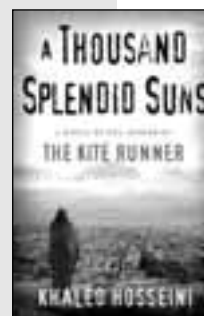
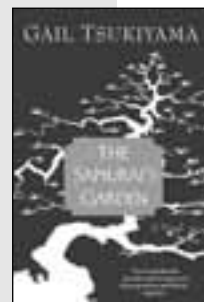
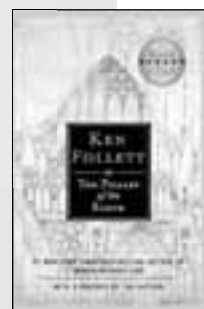
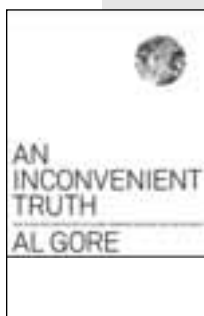
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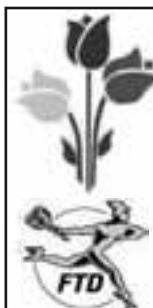
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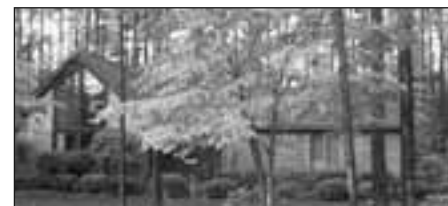
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