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## Save the stables!



**Fans of the Seven Lakes Stables gather to make sure this is one amenity that doesn't fall victim to budget cuts.** [See story on page 2]

## Lea calls for County tax cut

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Moore Countians may be able to look forward to a tax cut next year, if Commissioner Tim Lea has his way.

Lea added some drama to the end of a workmanlike Monday afternoon, February 2, Board of Commissioners meeting when he suggested that county taxes should be cut 3.5 cents per hundred next year, that county spending should be cut 5 percent, and that the county's fund balance should be cut from 25 percent of the annual budget to 15 percent. [The fund balance is the money the county has left unspent at the end of each year — the county's savings account.]

Commissioners Larry Caddell, Nick Picerno, and Jimmy Melton generally supported Lea's recommendation. Commissioner Cindy Morgan was unable to attend the meeting because of an illness in her family; her fel-

low Commissioners deferred a vote on Lea's proposal until Morgan could be included in the conversation.

However, the four commissioners present reached consensus that County Manager Cary McSwain and his department heads should take Lea's recommended cuts into account when drafting their initial proposals for the 2009-2010 budget.

It was the upcoming budget process that prompted Lea to bring forward his recommendations Monday night. He said he had learned that county department heads had been asked to present their initial budget requests to the County Manager on February 20.

"We have discussed as a Board getting involved in the budget process early on," Lea said. "I would like to put something on the table. Our department heads will be presenting their budgets to the County Manager on February 20." (See "Commissioners," p. 30)

## Survey: Preserve amenities

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Keep the gates, keep the stables, and keep the yard debris site, recommended a strong majority of respondents to the recent Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] survey. But roadside mowing -- to the tune of \$30,000 a year -- may be on the chopping block, reported President Randy Zielsdorf during

a brief review of survey results at the Wednesday, January 28 Open Meeting. Two-thirds of the 707 returned surveys were in favor of eliminating roadside mowing.

Mailed out in early January, the survey was developed to assist the Board of Directors with making both short-term and long-term financial decisions, with an eye towards identifying existing funds

that could be redirected towards roads and the restricted reserve already in place for repaving projects.

"The good news was the high rate of return; the bad news was the age brackets responding," Zielsdorf said. "The fifty-five years and over group swamped the under fifty-five age group."

The survey also identified

(See "SLLA," p. 23)

## SLLA Candidates Night is 2/11

Seven candidates will vie for four open seats on the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board of Directors during the upcoming election.

Those running include two current and one former director as well as several newcomers. The candidates are: Randy Zielsdorf, Denny Galford, Steve Hudson, Mike Pennington, Don Fentzlaff, Kent Droppers, and Bruce Keyser, Jr.

Sponsored by the Seven Lakes Civic Group, Candidate's Night will be held Wednesday, February 11 at 7:00 pm, in the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. *The Times* will publish interviews with each of the candidates in our March 6 issue.

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# Picerno on tap for Civic Group Annual Meeting

Nick Picerno, recently elected Chairman of the Moore County Board of Commissioners, will speak at the Seven Lakes Civic Group Annual Meeting in February. The meeting will be held at the West Side Park Community Center on Tuesday, February 17 at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Chairman Picerno will focus his remarks on issues of interest and concern to Seven Laker

and the surrounding area, and on the commissioners' goals for 2009.

The Civic Group recently selected its Board of Directors for the new year. Pictured at right

they are: (standing) JoAn Moses, Carolyn Mealing, Don Truesdell, Pud Kent, Phil Cook, and Dewitt Petterson, along with (seated) Ray MacKay, Dave Kinney, and Dennis Roberts.



## Riders unite for stables preservation

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Wearing matching shirts that read 'I support Seven Lakes Stables,' a group of regular after-school trail riders share a passion for horses. Many attend horse camp in the Summer and then ride once or twice a week throughout the year. And all agreed the stables must stay.

"If you take it away, you can't put it back," said Northsider Kayleigh Wachter when asked why the stables should be important to the whole community.

Others chimed in that the sta-

bles are appealing visually as the entrance to the community and others said it was the reason some families had chosen to move to Seven Lakes.

Motivated to action by a recent survey of Seven Lakes Landowners Association members that included a question whether to keep or eliminate the stables as an amenity, the group was pleased to hear survey results indicated the majority of residents agree – the stables have value and should remain.

[See photo on front page.]

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# Robbins-Pinehurst water deal in the works

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Call it a gentle shove in the right direction.

Last week, the Robbins Town Council and Pinehurst Village Council both approved a letter of intent pledging to work together

to bring water from Robbins to Southern Moore County — i.e., to Pinehurst and Seven Lakes. What makes that a bit unusual, is that the water system that serves Pinehurst and Seven Lakes is owned by the county — and the county is not a party

to the letter of intent.

It's clear, however, that both Pinehurst and Robbins want to see the county involved in the project; they just want to see the county moving a little quicker to get it done.

"We have been in many dis-

cussions with the county, about this," Robbins Mayor Theron Bell told *The Times*. "Conversation is great, but we have to go beyond conversation. . . How long are we going to talk about this before we do something? We have had really severe droughts

in this county. Are we going to wait 'til another severe drought comes?"

"We have been talking and waiting and studying for years," Pinehurst Manager Andy Wilkison told *The Times*. "We felt it was

(See "Water," p. 32)



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# West Side finds lessons in Terrill lawsuit

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] has settled its involvement as a defendant in the Terrill lawsuit, contributing \$30,000 in Association funds to an overall \$145,000 settlement that removes most of the defendants and third party defendants from the suit, leaving only the Terrill family and builder Accent Design-Build as yet to work out their differences.

Legal Director Ed Silberhorn told *The Times* that the suit prompted a significant revision of the Westside's Architectural [ARC] Standards that should put the community in a better position to deal with similar matters in the future.

Linda and James Terrill own a home on one side and a lot on the other side of a Lake Auman cove. Their original suit alleged that Accent, in the course of developing lots uphill of the cove, caused silt to run into the cove, ultimately reducing its depth and making it unsuitable for swimming and boating. The Association, they alleged, had failed to live up to its responsibility to prevent the runoff. The Association filed a related suit naming other companies and individuals involved in developing the area — including Westside developer Lakeside Development Company — with the aim of spreading the risk and improving the chance of a settlement.

That strategy apparently worked, with the last of nine or ten attorneys signing off on the \$145,000 settlement two weeks ago. Silberhorn told *The Times* that a number of the defendants were insured by State Farm — as was the Association — which helped facilitate settling the case.

Silberhorn, who joined the Board last March, after the suit was already well underway, said he reviewed the SLWLA ARC standards and found that they in fact gave the Association the duty to prevent runoff problems like those that are alleged to have silted in the Terrill's cove. But the Association lacked any real authority to enforce its standards on those matters.

"I read the ARC standards and immediately saw what happened," Silberhorn told *The Times*.

"We had a duty, but we couldn't enforce that duty effectively. We imposed the responsibility upon ourselves. But we couldn't put a stop to the problems our inspection revealed."

Unlike a municipality, county, or state agency, Silberhorn explained, a landowners association lacks "police powers" that could be brought into play to stop a builder from continuing runoff-creating activity.

While working to settle the suit, Silberhorn joined ARC Director Ron Shepard in rewriting the ARC Standards to redefine the Association's role. Where ARC members were once identified as "inspectors," they now are "observers." They are volunteers and lack the expertise of the sort of "inspectors" that a state agency — like the North Carolina

Department of Environment and Natural Resources [NCDENR] — has at its disposal.

Going forward, under the new standards, when ARC members of SLWLA staff observe runoff problems like those encountered in the Terrill case, their responsibility is to notify NCDENR or other relevant state agencies, so that those agencies can take on the task of inspection and enforcement.

After an extensive comment

period involving both community and developer review, the new ARC standards have been approved by the developer and are ready for final approval by the SLWLA Board during its Tuesday, February 10 Work Session, Silberhorn told *The Times*.

Another aspect of the case that made settling it in the Association's best interest is a provision of state law that — in the case of environmental damage

(See "Lawsuit," p. 5)

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# Randy Merritt is new Business Guild Prez

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Seven Lakes Business Guild President Randy Merritt is looking forward to a busy and productive year. Retiring from a thirty-six year career in broadcasting, Merritt acquired the Seven Lakes Friendly Mart in March 2006 and immediately joined the Guild.

"I thought it was important to be a part of a group of business owners that are trying to make this community a good place to live and work," said Merritt. "I would encourage all business owners in the area to join the Guild. We need everybody's ideas and talents, knowledge, and participation in the Guild to help this area grow."

Merritt said turning village

roads over to the Department of Transportation remains a top priority for the Guild, with necessary paving upgrades estimated at over \$2 million. At present, the roads are being changed from a private designation to public right-of-ways.

Merritt said he is pleased with the oil and gravel recently added to extend the life of the existing pavement on MacDougall, Grant, and Trade Streets. "It's a Band-Aid for now but we've been pleased with the product."

Road improvements are being funded by members of the Guild and through fundraisers including the popular Chili Cook-Off scheduled for April 14, and a golf tournament in August. In addition, the Guild sponsors

other events such as the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Meet the Merchant's Night.

"You don't have to go to Southern Pines or Aberdeen to shop — there is so much right here," said Merritt. "I encourage and practice buying everything I can from Seven Lakes businesses before I go to neighboring communities. I really try to live by that."

Merritt's own business, the Seven Lakes Friendly Mart is open everyday of the week from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm.

"We sell a lot more than gas!" exclaimed Merritt, noting they do a brisk breakfast biscuit business and eat-in and carry-out lunch and dinner options including pizza, fried chicken, and hamburgers.

Merritt and his wife of twenty-six years, Rhonda, relocated to Seven Lakes North from Kannapolis three years ago. With family already living in Seven Lakes, he said it was an easy transition. The Merritts have four children, including two teenagers enrolled at Pinecrest High School, a college student completing Pharmacology School, and an adult son who assists at the store. The Merritt family also owns the convenience store at the Robbins Crossroads.



**Business Guild President Randy Merritt, with Vann Joyce – Treasurer, and Judy McNeill – Secretary. Not pictured, Chris Brady – Vice President.**

## Lawsuit

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— allows the plaintiff to recapture attorney's fees regardless of the actual harm done. That exposed the defendants to essentially paying to have themselves sued.

The official announcement of the settlement reads as follows:

Seven Lakes West Landowners Association, Inc., has agreed to a settlement of the lawsuit brought against it and Accent Design Build, LLC and Accent Design Build II, LLC by James and Linda Terrill in 2006. SLWLA is contributing \$30,000 towards

a total settlement of \$145,000. The settlement will end the involvement of SLWLA in this costly litigation, along with that of certain other contractors and the Developer, Lakeside Development, LLC, who are also contributing to this settlement. The Terrills, however, will continue to pursue the case against Accent Design Build, LLC and Accent Design Build II, LLC for additional damages based upon allegations of silt/sedimentation runoff into the cove of Lake Auman adjacent to the Terrills' property on James Drive.

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# In memory of . . .

**James Douglas Hensley**, 75, Seven Lakes, and a lifelong resident of Tulsa, Oklahoma, died Tuesday, January 20.

Mr. Hensley was born in Muskogee, OK, the son of William Forrest Hensley and Joyce Lucille Hensley.

He graduated from Tulsa Central High School and attended Oklahoma University to study Architecture. He enjoyed his time as an Oil & Gas Lease Broker.

He was preceded in death by his brothers Buck, Jack, and Jerry Wilkinson.

Mr. Hensley is survived by his wife of fifty-four years, Carolyn Hensley; three sons, Doug, Greg, and Roger Hensley, all of Seven Lakes; a sister, Ilene Scaramucci, of Oklahoma City; three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

A Celebration of his Life was held Saturday, January 31, at All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa, OK. Memorial donations may be made to the Kidney Klassic Foundation, PO Box 52592, Tulsa, OK 74152 or to your favorite charity.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

**Mariam A. Abboud**, 82, of Seven Lakes, died Wednesday, January 21, at Pinehurst Manor-Care.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced at a later date by Cox Memorial Funeral Home.

**Gladys Marie Willard**, 87, of Jackson Springs, died Friday, January 23, at her residence.

Mrs. Willard was born in Richmond County, the daughter of Brady and Jennie Donathan Lane. She was a farmer, and a member of New Birth Church of the Living God.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Marvin Willard.

Survivors include sons, Robert Willard of Salisbury, Chuck Willard of High Point, David Willard of Norman, William Willard and Jerry Willard, both of Robbins, and Donnie Willard of Pinehurst; daughters, Patsy Hart of Lakeview, Mary Jones of Hamlet, and Patricia Britt of Jackson Springs; a brother, Herbert Lane of Wilson; sisters, Barbara Ann of Pinehurst, Betty Chance of

Hamlet, and Alvaline King of West End; thirty-two grandchildren; twenty-six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 25 at New Birth

Church of the Living God in Biscoe. Burial followed at McDonalds Baptist Church Cemetery in Rockingham.

Memorials may be made to New Birth Church, P.O. Box 582, Biscoe, NC 27209.

**Robert Allen Patton, Ph.D.**, 69, of Seven Lakes, died Thursday, January 29, at his home.

Dr. Patton was born in Pacific Junction, Iowa, the son of the late Clyde Darrell and Florence Mayme Patton.

He graduated from high school in Emerson, Iowa, and completed his undergraduate studies in 1961 at Tarkio College in Northwest Missouri. He completed his M.A. in mathematics

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in 1963, and his Ph.D. in statistics in 1967 at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

In 1967, he joined the faculty of Bowling Green State University in Ohio, was promoted to full professor in 1976, and to dean of the College of Business Administration in 1982, where he served until 1990.

Following early retirement from BGSU in 1992, Dr. Patton was appointed dean of the School of Business, Economics and Management at the University of Southern Maine in Portland. He served on the Maine Council of Economic Education and the Greater Portland Economic Development Council. He was also a member of Rotary International in Portland.

He and his wife Jan, retired to Seven Lakes in 1996.

He was a member of the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines and has served as its treasurer.

Survivors include his wife of forty-four years, Jan; son, Rob, of Westerville, OH; his brother, Bernard Patton, of Scottsdale, AZ; a sister, Patty Gnieski, of Tequesta, FL; along with several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held Monday, February 2, at The Chapel in the Pines. The Rev. Don Welch officiated. Interment will be at a later date in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Memorials may be sent to the Robert Patton Book Scholarship, BGSU Foundation, Mileti

Alumni Center, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH 43403 or The Chapel in the Pines, 2125 Seven Lakes South, Seven Lakes, NC 27376.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

**Mary Jean "MJ" Knox Schmiedeskamp**, 66, of Seven Lakes, died following a courageous battle with cancer on Sunday, February 1, at her home.

She was born in Cleveland, Ohio, the daughter of Eugene and Mary Cole Knox.

She spent most of her life in Livingston and Branchburg Township, NJ. She retired several years ago to Fort Myers Beach, FL, and Seven Lakes West.

Mrs. Schmiedeskamp was a graduate of Livingston High School, NJ, and received an undergraduate degree in medical technology. She was active in volunteer work and was Chairperson of the Branchburg American Cancer Society for several years, served many years on the Board of the Woman's Auxiliary of Somerset Hospital.

Survivors include her husband of forty-three years, Walter; two daughters; Bonnie Emery, of Concord, NC, and Dawn Spoelstra, of Pinehurst; four grandchildren; a brother, Bob of Odessa, FL; and a sister-in-law, Elsie Keeshen of Seven Lakes.

A gathering to honor and celebrate of her life will be held at the West Side Park Community Center in Seven Lakes West,

on Sunday, February 8, at 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to the American Cancer Society 8300 Health Park, Ste. 10 Raleigh, NC 27615 or The West End Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 13, West End, NC 27376.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

**Mitchell Carroll Whitley**, 62, of West End, died Saturday, January 31, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mr. Whitley was born in Richmond County, the son of the late Brady L. Whitley and Nellie B. Parker.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Pinehurst. Mr. Whitley was a fifteen-year employee of McDonald Brothers Inc., Southern Pines.

Mr. Whitley was preceded in death by a sister, Faye LaMourex.

He is survived by his wife of thirty-nine years, Sue Whitley, of West End; three sons, Michael Byrd, of Carrollton, VA, Kevin Byrd, of Raleigh, and Christopher Whitley, of Pinehurst; daughter, Michelle Jones, of Statesville; nine grandchildren; brothers, Larry Whitley, of Manning, SC;

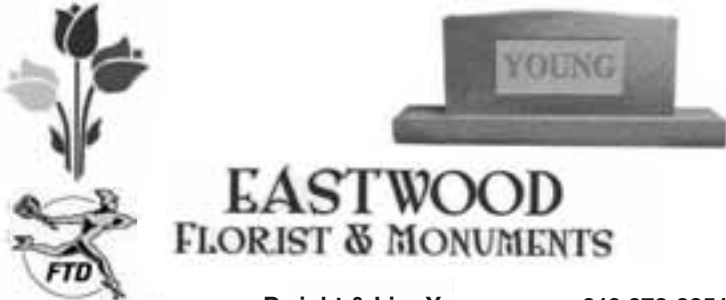
Jerry Parker, of Hamlet and Michael Parker, of Hamlet.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 4 at First Baptist Church of Pinehurst. The Rev. David Marks officiated. Burial followed at Culdee Presbyterian Church Cemetery in East-

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## More than flowers at Le Jardin

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Roses by the dozen are just one of the many delights awaiting your senses at the newly opened Le Jardin shop in West End. Open all day St. Valentine's Day, sweethearts will find buds of every hue ready for pick-up or free delivery.

Crystal Blue has always loved flowers. A professional floral designer in Moore County for sixteen years, she created Le Jardin to satisfy her two passions; flowers and collecting antiques.

"My hobby has now become my work!" exclaimed Blue.

Located in West End, just west of the animal hospital, Le Jardin is a full-service florist and also offers primitive, French provincial, Old English, and Victorian antiques and reproductions, as well as art pieces by local artists Becky Schrodt, Carolina Love, Betsy Hyde, and Michele Bolton.

"We have something for five dollars and three thousand dollars – and everything in between."

The store is managed by Dana Pittman with assistance from Gloria McLean. "I am very fortunate that I have talented people and such wonderful designers to help," Blue said.

Blue said flowers in a home are

very important, "Even if you just cut down branches from the woods, it will give you peace and serenity. Surrounded by beauty, you'll be surprised how it good it makes you feel."

In addition to her new shop, Blue also keeps busy renovating an English Tudor-style home in Wheram, where she hopes to open a Bed & Breakfast. Her husband owns a landscaping business called Le Jardin II.

Le Jardin is open 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Saturday. By telephone, call 673-3157 or 295-BUDD.



Crystal Blue, owner of Le Jardin

## SCC's Stacey at Kiwanis

by Frank Krohn  
Seven Lakes Kiwanis

Dr. John Stacey, Director of Learning Resources at Sandhills Community College, was the featured speaker at the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club meeting on Tuesday, January 13.

Dr. Stacey oversees the Boyd Library, along with many other activities associated with the multiple learning facilities at SCC.


He emphasized the fact that technology is moving extremely fast and while it is aimed at helping us perform at a higher level, it is also creating an environment where independent thought and the kind of mind

involvement that leads to inventive ideas seems to be disappearing. A short movie was presented, explaining how the technology explosion is causing this shift in intellectual thought, ending with the statement-- "Shift Happens."

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# McDonald's plans Grand Opening on February 10

McDonald's of Seven Lakes is gearing up for its Grand Opening on Tuesday, February 10. There will be giveaways for everyone, and customers may enter to win an iPod or tickets to the circus. Later this month, Ronald McDonald is coming to town for a special Meet & Greet event on Saturday, February 21, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

"The crew and management

team are excited to welcome the community to our new location in Seven Lakes," said owner Martha Butler. "We hope you can join us!"

A family business, McDonald's of Seven Lakes is the third Moore County location for Franklin and Martha Butler, and daughter Christal and husband Hershell Cole. The family also owns and operates stores in

Carthage and Aberdeen.

Franklin has served on the board of the Boys and Girls Club in Southern Pines for ten years, and Martha is on the board for Communities In Schools. Christal Cole serves on the Compass Advisory Board, and along with her husband and mother, is a mentor for Southern Middle School.



McDonald's owners Hershell and Christal Cole, and Martha and Franklin Butler

## Brezinski promoted

Paul Brezinski, son of Ray and Betsy Brezinski of Seven Lakes West, has been selected for promotion to Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Air Force.

Brezinski is a 1995 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, received dual Masters of Science degrees in Health and Business Administration from Arizona State University, and followed up with a Ph.D. in Health Services and Policy from the University of Iowa.

Brezinski is presently assigned to Fort Sam Houston – Baylor Graduate Program instructing in Health and Administration. He recently returned from Afghanistan where he was responsible for plans and programs for 10,000 personnel at twelve locations.

He developed, implemented, and led coalition medical forces in the International Medical Mentorship and Training Program designed to improve the capacity of Afghan physicians.

Colonel-select Brezinski completed an eight-week internship at FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Moore Regional Hospital, while earning his Masters in Health Administration. He resides in Cibolo, Texas, with his wife and two children.



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# Spring Break in Nicaragua for Williams

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

College senior Brienne Williams is looking forward to her Spring Break vacation in the tropics: but she's not going to work on her tan. Instead, Williams is joining with fifty fellow Virginia Tech students who are volunteering with an orphanage in Nicaragua.

"I have been involved in many service projects in Blacksburg through different organizations," explained Williams. "Although they have all contributed towards



Brienne Williams

a cause, I still feel like I have always just skimmed the surface of really making a change instead of really just throwing myself into the cause itself." She continued, "I am ready and eager to partake in something that has a big impact on those being helped."

A marketing major, Williams hopes to work for Teach for America following graduation. She said her future career and trip to Nicaragua were inspired by the Virginia Tech massacre, which deeply impacted her out-

look on life.

"The simplest thing I can take from that [tragedy] is to always appreciate your life and not take it for granted," she said.

Williams is the daughter of Cory and John Williams, long time residents of Seven Lakes West and also West End.

"Her dad and I are very proud that Brienne has chosen to spend the spring break of her senior year in such an unselfish gesture. Most college students will be partying at the beach. Brienne has decided on her own to try

and make a difference in the world, and we know she will," said Cory.

Williams is raising funds to cover fees for her trip and will donate any additional funds directly to the orphanage. For more information or if you would like to help, email briennedanae05@yahoo.com.

Visit Brienne's website at <http://donate4nicaragua.shutterfly.com/> or contact Cory Williams at 910-992-6321.

## Christian Discipline at Adult Academy

The Adult Academy will begin a Lenten study on Thursday, February 26 at the Chapel in the Pines in Seven Lakes. Carolyn and David Helms will facilitate the series using Richard Foster's book, *The Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth*.

Sponsored by The Chapel in the Pines and West End Presbyterian Church, The Adult Academy programs are open to everyone.

The Lenten Study lasts for six weeks and will meet on Thursdays at 7:00 pm at The Chapel.

The only cost is \$20.45 for the purchase of the study book, which all participants will be expected to read for the class dis-

cussions. A few books have been made available at a reduced price for people on a limited budget.

To register, please call the office at West End Presbyterian Church at 673-4341.

Richard Foster, a Quaker, has given Postmodern Christians a tremendous gift in *The Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth*, reminding us that Christian faith has a rich history of spiritual disciplines.

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mation for those open to God's presence.

Over the six weeks of Lent, the class will study a specific discipline each week, seeking to implement the practice and share experiences.

The Rev. David Helms is the senior minister at First Baptist Church in Southern Pines. He met his wife Carolyn when they were both students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

The Academy will order books

one week before class begins, so please register by Wednes-

day, February 18 for this series on Christian discipline.

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# Westside candidates face the voters

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

With three seats up for grabs, the four candidates for the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors squared-off at the Candidate's Forum on Monday, January 26. [Editor's note: Candidate Dave Carter withdrew from the race, however his name is still included on the election ballot] Sponsored by the Moore County Chapter of the League of Women Voters and the SLWLA Nominating Committee, the Forum was moderated by Greg Hankins, publisher and editor of *The Times*.

Opening the floor for discussion, Hankins invited each candidate to provide brief introductory remarks.

**Adam Wimberly**, a resident of Moore County since 1986 and Seven Lakes West for the last nine years, is a graduate of UNC-Asheville and owns a corporate recruiting firm. He and his wife of twelve years have a young son. Wimberly described himself as an entrepreneurial and strategic thinker, and as loving and participative with his family.

"I have a vested interest, as a parent, in the long term vitality of Seven Lakes," Wimberly said.

**John Goodman** spoke of several careers including service as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force, a brief sojourn into hog farming, followed by thirty years as a project manager with a large building contractor where he oversaw \$10 to \$200 million dollar projects. A fulltime resident of Seven Lakes since June 2008, Goodman said he looks forward to sharing his knowledge and experience with the community.

"All my life I have been building things. I feel I will be an asset on the Board...my background in contracting will allow me to contribute to the community," Goodman said.

Like Goodman, candidate **John Hoffman** also served as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. He completed Bachelor's and Master's degrees in business and is a Certified Financial Planner. He and his wife built their home on Lake Auman in 2001, and their daughter and her husband live in Seven Lakes South. Prior to retirement, Hoffman was chief

of research and acquisition for Special Operations at Ft. Bragg, and also directed security for a 500-employee firm. He has served on the SLWLA Beautification and Recreation Committees. He defined himself as a generalist with broad experience.

**Jim Johnson** said he is a mechanical engineer by education and an electrical engineer by vocation. He joked that after retiring three times, he is still consulting and involved in sales support. Since settling in Seven Lakes West in 2006, Johnson said he has attended most meetings and is a member of Beacon Ridge.

"I have plenty of time to devote to the Board," said Johnson.

Following introductions, the candidate's were asked a total of eight questions – four had been prepared in advance, and four from the audience.

*Question – Which particular Board area of responsibility,*

*such as Security, ARC. Recreation, do you feel you could best contribute to, considering your background and interests?*

**Wimberly** said ARC was at the top of his list because of its inherent long term focus, but he said he could be flexible and serve in any capacity as needed.

"We know what we want but we aren't certain how to get there," said Wimberly. "I have an entrepreneurial vision."

**Johnson** described his primary objective on the Board would be positive community growth with interests in infrastructure, security, the dam, ARC, and long range planning.

"To be effective, each member must listen and communicate, be proactive, realistic, and timely in dealing with issues," said Johnson.

**Goodman** looked to his strong, professional background in construction and contracting.

"Infrastructure, new construction, the dam, maintenance"

said Goodman. "The things Ray [MacKay] was doing."

**Hoffman** said he was best suited for security and infrastructure. "Both benefit from planning, organization, and financial experience," said Hoffman.

In addition to security and facility operations, Hoffman directed construction for 10,000 and 20,000 square foot church facilities.

*Question – What issues need to be addressed in the near term, i.e., the next one-three (1-3) years? Do you see longer term issues as well?*

"We need to protect the lake and its infrastructure," said **Hoffman**.

He addressed first impressions with maintaining the community entrance and the appear-

ance of the railroad crossing and mail houses, "We also need to determine the cost to maintain assets over the long term."

**Goodman** also placed the dam as number one priority with regards to property value and potential liability. He also supported the railroad crossing project and said consideration of perimeter fencing and back gate security were important.

"The quality of the whole community is in roads and basic infrastructure," Goodman said.

**Wimberly** said the dam and addressing long term issues with infrastructure were huge responsibilities for Board members.

"Should we open the dam? How much will it cost? How much are we willing to spend?"

(See "Candidates," p. 13)

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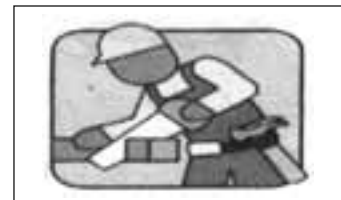
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# Candidates

(Continued from page 12)

Wimberly queried. "How do we address and pay for long term plans – boat slips, mail houses, roads repaving?"

**Johnson** said the near term will bring some interesting challenges including continuing the transition to CAS, completing dam remediation, resolving the railroad crossing and entrance. In the long term, Johnson spoke of water supply and decisions regarding mail delivery, building adequate financial reserves, and updating the comprehensive long range plan.

*Question – Given that our Long Range Planning Committee has identified some \$2.5 million - \$3.5 million in capital needs in the next ten years, which is over and above our current operations budget, how would you propose funding for these needs?*

"Bailout!" joked **Johnson**, before continuing, "Without question some reserve funds need to be available for immediate needs."

He recommended building reserves through aggressive management and assessments, if needed.

**Goodman** said with some reserves already in place, he would look to public input sessions for direction.

"Anything substantial enough for capital expenditure will get community input, such as increasing dues or special assessments," Goodman said. "Pick your poison."

He said the current dues level was not unreasonable and that modest increases would probably be a good way to go.

**Hoffman** said a thorough review of requirements with cost/benefit analysis to determine true costs over time to start, followed by soliciting input from the community.

"I'm a fiscal conservative -- some call me 'squeaky,'" said Hoffman. "I suggest the Association should be the same, and plan and budget for the long term."

**Wimberly** said a big issue for him was the long term consequences of the short term solutions.

"Dues are very reasonable," he said while noting that fees for yard waste and mail boxes were "smoke and mirrors for dues

increase.

"We owe it to the community to act responsibly and not create a situation leading to a drastic increase," Wimberly said.

*Question – Are there specific changes or improvements you would seek if elected?*

**Wimberly** said the community was at an interesting crossroads.

"I would like to see more work and involvement from our younger residents," said Wimberly. "This is not a community of young versus old, I have friends in both [age groups]."

**Hoffman** said he was interested in exploring the costs and benefits of establishing a neighborhood watch program, in addition to consideration for securi-


ty guard training, improved gates and camera systems, lighting in the common areas, a guarded back gate, and perimeter fencing.

**Johnson** said he was always open to opportunities for change and improvement. To be effective as a Board requires continual evaluation and implementation.

"A conservative approach, to do more with less is prudent," Johnson said.



**Goodman** said he agreed with Hoffman's recommendations for security and that costs for fencing and a guarded back gate should be evaluated.

He said pursuing mail delivery was important and would like to see the addition of community walking trails.



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*Question – What would you consider a legitimate use of Association-owned land, if the covenant is changed? Would you want it next to your home?*

**Goodman** said through a previous personal experience he was very aware of how nearby public land could affect a property owner.

"It would depend where it was. You need to respect adjacent property owners," said Goodman. He suggested a mini-park with plantings – just for beauty.

**Wimberly** said the bigger issue is one of trust, "Whether you believe the Board has your best interest at heart. There is

some fear and trepidation but this requires common sense. We won't do anything detrimental to the overall community."

**Johnson** said, generally, he would be in favor of anything that was a real benefit to the community.

"I would be against anything that would materially change the character of the neighborhood," said Johnson, noting that exceptions might have to be made for mail houses near the back gate and Beacon Ridge Country Club.

**Hoffman** said he would be opposed to almost any potential

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# Candidates

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covenant change.

"The purpose is critical. If it was for beautification, I could be favor especially if modest but absolutely nothing that could be construed as a nuisance," Hoffman said.

*Question – If, after dam remediation, we learn that it would cost \$500,000 to have a road over the dam, should that money come from a special assessment or from reserves?*

**Johnson** said it was a difficult question that could not yet be answered.

"That's not a trivial amount of money," said Johnson.

He noted the dam engineer's assertion that the remediation project would not have been designed any differently whether the road was reopened or not.

**Hoffman** said he would need to research the reserves level but was inclined toward a special assessment.

"My belief is we are under-committed so I would not rob Peter to pay Paul."

**Wimberly** agreed that he did not believe reserves were in place to fund such a project.

"My first question would be is half a million and we're done? Or will we need [to invest] more down the road?" questioned Wimberly.

**Goodman** said, assuming the road would be built, he'd look to using some reserves, seeing what could fit in the budget, and possibly an incremental dues increase or special assessment.

*Question – Do you feel a smaller Board, i.e., seven members versus nine) might be more efficient?*

**Hoffman** joked that he worked for a board of one, his wife Elaine, "and it's very effective!"

He continued that a smaller Board may be effective but that you would potentially lose valuable input.

**Goodman** said smaller boards can be more effective but he didn't feel it would make a lot of difference either way.

**Johnson** described some of his most effective meetings as being held in a phone booth.

"I think the Board is the right size. We may reduce a little but I see more benefit in getting

more people involved in overall activities."

**Wimberly** said a smaller board makes it easier to make decisions and could be advantageous in getting people to run but workload on members must be considered.

"It takes many to get the job done and I think the Board is a good size – it's very effective," said Wimberly.

*Question – If home mail delivery is approved, how do you suggest addressing the safety problem of mail delivery on Longleaf Drive, with its blind curves*

*and hills?*

**Wimberly** said while safety was clearly an issue, he suggested the U.S. Post Office would be more adept at resolving the concern.

**Johnson** said there was no good answer and that speeding along Longleaf complicated the problem.

**Goodman** suggested common areas for mail delivery should be considered for those homes with safety issues.

"[Mail delivery] doesn't have to be an all or nothing," explained Goodman.

**Hoffman** agreed that a limit-

ed number of cluster mailboxes for undeliverable lots could be placed a short walking distance

away, and perhaps speed humps on hills or curves may be necessary.

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# 'AOC' wants SLLA concessions for votes

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

A new group calling itself Advocates of Compromise [AOC] has organized around the upcoming Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] vote on a due increase to try to bring pressure on the Board of Directors to implement a number of reforms.

According to spokesman Ron Erskine, the 65 AOC supporters have told the Board they will actively support the dues increase if their requests are honored and will oppose it if the Board turns them down.

The roughly 65 members of the group signed a petition that was presented to Board members prior to last week's General Meeting of the Association, making four primary requests:

- The immediate and complete transparency to any landowner of good standing of all financial transactions including line item budget detail, salaries, past due accounts, bank account information, and any other financial instruments representing Association assets. Such reports to be made available upon request during normal business hours.
- A commitment on the part of the Board to "freeze" all salaries, merit or wage increases, bonuses or IRA contributions during the next fiscal year.
- The continued operation of our current amenities including gates, stables, recreation facilities, and security.
- Chad Beane being named Interim Manager, April 1, 2009 at his current salary and Dalton Fulcher retained as a consultant for one day per week at 20% of his current pay and benefits starting April 1, 2009 and continuing until December 31, 2009. This will provide the Transition Team information on how best to proceed in the long term, having had both the opportunity to observe Chad in the Manager's position as well as current operations with a reduced administrative staff.

If the Board agreed to meet all those requests, the AOC's letter said, the members of the group would "urge support of next year's budget, including the requested \$50 dues increase. If

such acceptance is not forthcoming, our support will be withheld."

Though it's not clear if that last bullet was the reason, SLLA President Randy Zielsdorf revealed during last week's General Meeting that the Board had signed an agreement with Fulcher formalizing his retirement at the end of this year.

That prompted a new letter to the Board and a revision of the fourth of the group's demands to the following:

- The reduction of our "Administrative Expenses" in this next fiscal year by at least ten percent (10%). This would represent a savings of approximately \$26,000, but equally, if not more important, it would help convince the landowner that we are serious about controlling costs. Precisely how to accomplish such savings would be the responsibility of the Community Manager. Underlying the AOC's agenda is a concern that the Board is not acting to correct what they see as deficiencies in the management of the Association, Erskine told *The Times*. The Group's letter to the Board lays this out as follows:

It remains our conviction that SLLA management has been fiscally irresponsible for years and recent events have convinced us that little has changed. For many of us, the chickens have "come home to roost!" While many of us acknowledge the need for a dues increase, many also feel that as landowners in good standing, we have been ignored and/or denied our "right to know!" Many of us feel that the transparency sought is still missing!

"We are looking for a quid pro quo ["something for something"], Erskine told *The Times*, offering support for the dues increase in exchange for what the group believes are necessary reforms.

SLLA President Randy Zielsdorf told *The Times* the Board has already made changes to operations and the 2009-2010 budget that should satisfy most of the group's demands; but others are unlikely to be met.

"We have already gone a long way toward making financial information available," Zielsdorf said. "We are not going to post

employee salaries or give out Association bank account numbers."

Recent changes in the budget have put a hold on all raises and bonuses, he noted, and the results of the SLLA Survey give the Board little reason to eliminate any amenities.

As for reduced administrative costs ten percent? Zielsdorf said administrative costs are tied to staffing and operational decision that will be made — likely by the next Board after the elections — in the context of preparing for Community Manager Dalton Fulcher's retirement in December.

"That's a promise no one can make at this time," Zielsdorf said. It's likely going to be carried over to the next Board.

If the AOC's 65 members do

in fact hang together, their votes could represent a significant push toward approving or denying the \$50 dues increase the SLLA Board is seeking for next year. Last year's much watched and hotly contested Board of

Directors elections attracted only 457 voters. Sixty-five AOC members would represent fourteen percent of the vote, if the turnout is similar this March.



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# The Times compares Seven Lakes budgets

by Greg Hankins,  
Times Editor

There are many people on both of sides of Seven Lakes who have spent hours combing through the finances of their respective associations: Treasurer Denny Galford and his financial committee, Treasurer Kathy Kirst and her financial committee, the members of both Boards, and not a few concerned citizens, many with strong backgrounds in accounting and finance.

This story is not for them. This story is for the rest of us — folks who are not accountants and have little desire to comb through the numbers — but people who are, at the same time, concerned about the financial health of their communities, want a basic understanding of the proposed budgets, and want some simple questions answered.

If you're one of those people, and, after reading this, you have some other basic question you need answered about the pro-

posed budgets, drop us a line, give us a call, send us an email, and ask it. We'll try to answer it in a future edition. If you're one of the accounting types, and see a mistake we need to correct, give us a shout.

## What we looked at

All the numbers we talk about in this article are taken from the proposed Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budgets of the Seven Lakes and Seven Lakes West Landowners Associations. Both Associations begin their budget year in May and end it on April 30.

The SLWLA Board has already approved the budget we used to write this article. It's already been mailed to the membership in their annual meeting packet, along with a ballot seeking its approval. If the membership fails to approve it, the Board is required to immediately review it, but nothing says they are required to change it.

The SLLA Budget won't be finalized until sometime in February, so what we used was the

draft made public at the January 28 SLLA General Meeting. SLLA members don't have to vote on the budget, but they do have to vote on the dues increase the Board is asking for. If they don't approve the increase, dues will stay the same as last year.

Neither budget, in the form it is presented to the landowners, is all that complicated. But it's more numbers than most of us want to deal with. So we've condensed all those numbers considerably, to get just a bird's eye view — a big picture look — at the budgets.

## Why compare the SLLA & SLWLA?

Some folks will probably say we shouldn't — that it's apples and oranges. Having done it, we don't really buy that. There are differences in the communities and the choices their Board's have made, and those differences are clearly reflected in their budgets.

But the Seven Lakes Communities are really quite similar: governed by volunteer

boards, with small professional staffs, and a set of assets, amenities, and programs. Most importantly, because we're neighbors who can freely visit each others'

communities, we have a pretty good sense of what the other side is like. It's not some foreign country — like Pinewild,

(See "Budget," p. 17)

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## SLLA & SLWLA Expense Budgets

	SLLA	SLWLA	Dif	% Dif
Administration				
People/Contract Services	212,516	163,110	49,406	23%
Phone/Postage/Supplies/Etc	34,350	33,602	748	2%
Total	246,866	196,712	50,154	20%
Security				
People	58,267	19,200	39,067	67%
Contract Services	180,760	130,000	50,760	28%
Auto Expense	8,700	7,800	900	10%
Supplies/Uniforms	5,500	4,000	1,500	27%
Total	253,227	161,000	92,227	36%
Maintenance				
People/Contract Maintenance	245,756	302,894	-57,138	-23%
Equipment/Auto Expense	30,475	9,415	21,060	69%
Supplies/Materials	35,000	11,690	23,310	67%
Uniforms/Tools	7,200	0	7,200	100%
Total	318,431	323,999	-5,568	-2%
Recreation				
People	86,758	21,000	65,758	76%
Supplies/Events	20,900	14,120	6,780	32%
Contract Services	8,400	2,500	5,900	70%
Fireworks	7,022	10,000	-2,978	-42%
Total	123,080	47,620	75,460	61%
General				
Prof Services	32,500	78,300	-45,800	-141%
Utilities	36,100	20,174	15,926	44%
Taxes	1,250	6,141	-4,891	-391%
Insurance	32,000	34,000	-2,000	-6%
Total	101,850	138,615	-36,765	-36%
Total Operating Expense	1,043,454	867,946	175,508	17%
Capital Projects	247,944	178,460	69,484	28%
Mortgage Payments	0	110,000	-110,000	
Totals	1,291,398	1,156,406	134,992	10%



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# Budget comparison

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for instance.

## The expense side

Most budgets start out with the money coming in — the revenue side — and then look at how it's going to be spent. We're going to stand that on its head. What most people are interested in is how the money's being spent, so we're going to start there.

## Size

First, a word about size. The West Side has always been the little sister in this equation, and it still has fewer homes at present, but is actually the larger of the two associations.

The SLLA has just over 1400 member households, who own 1,242 homes and 250 lots. One hundred and twelve of those member households own more than one lot, and are able to take advantage of a dues discount offered to owners of multiple lots.

The SLWLA has 1700 lots; approximately 950 of those have been built on, leaving 750 vacant lots. SLWLA offers no discount for owners of multiple lots.

## Expense budget

The SLLA expects to spend just under \$1.3 million next year, about ten percent more than its sister Association on the other side of NC 211, which is asking its membership to approve \$1.16 million in expenses. That Westside total does not include \$34,700 in expenses for maintenance of homes in the Pinnacles and Beacon Ridge Lakeview Homes neighborhoods. Homeowners in those areas pay dues that directly defer these costs, so we have eliminated them from both the revenue and expense budgets.

## Administration

The SLLA expects to spend about twenty percent more than the SLWLA on Administration, largely because it employs one more full time staffer than the West Side.

The West Side hired Community Association Services, Inc. [CAS] late last year to handle administrative tasks, including collecting dues and other payments, handling accounts payable, and staffing and running the Landowners Office. The SLWLA Community Manager, Joan Frost, joined the Association full time in January. Frost is

joined in the office by two other full timers, one of whom serves as the part-time compliance officer. None of these folks are employed by SLWLA directly; rather, they work for CAS.

The SLLA employs three full-timers and two part-timers in the office. Though the official SLLA budget breaks out one of these, Assistant Manager/Recreation Manager Chad Beane, under "Recreation Admin," we have placed that position in the Administration budget. Beane handles much more than recreation duties, and Frost, on the other side of town, handles some functions — like the hiring of lifeguards — that are recreation-related.

So, for the purpose of comparison, it makes more sense to consider all these folks on both sides of town under one rubric. (When we talk about the cost of people in this article, it always includes all the associated benefits and payroll taxes.)

The SLLA Office is open weekdays, 42.5 hours per week, though the Community Manager arrives an hour early each day and can meet with folks who need help outside banker's hours. The Westside office is open 43 hours a week, on weekdays. They have recently begun an experiment, keeping the office open until 7:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The cost of telephone, postage, office supplies, and all the usual incidentals involved in maintaining an office vary little from one side of town to the other.

## Security

Security breaks down into two key functions: manning the gates and roving patrol.

Both Associations contract with SFI for gate security. The SLLA pays 28 percent more, but gets 50 percent more service. Only the front gate of the West Side is manned — 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The SLLA's North Gate is manned 24 hours a day every day, but it also has a guard on the South Gate 12 hours every day.

Roving patrol is a well-established amenity for SLLA members, who pay over \$58,000 per year for 80 hours per week of roving patrol. The West Side's roving security program is still under development. There's \$10,000 for it in the FY 2010 budget.

They have also budgeted \$4,200 for security at the Johnson Point boat ramp on weekends and holidays during the boating season. There's another \$5,000 in the budget for the services of a lake compliance officer who will help make sure the Association is enforcing state boating laws, as it is required to do under and agreement with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission.

Overall, the SLLA spends considerably more on security than the SLWLA, but gets considerably more service for that expense.

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## Maintenance

Maintenance is another area in which the practices on one side of NC 211 are completely different from those on the other. The SLWLA has no in-house maintenance staff and no maintenance equipment, so it contracts out some services on an annual or multi-year basis and bids out other tasks as one-time projects. The SLLA, in contrast, has a sizable in-house maintenance department and a full complement of trucks, tractors,

mowers, and other equipment.

The budget SLLA members will get in their annual meeting packets breaks maintenance out into two parts: that associated with recreational facilities, and that associated with everything else. The Westside budget breaks out expenses for Johnson Point, Westside Park, and infrastructure like roads and drainage. Both are fine ways of looking at things, but they make comparison difficult. So instead, we lumped it all into one pot — and that revealed

(See "Budget," p. 20)

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- **SLLA Finance Committee Meeting** – 9 am, Game Room, Seven Lakes North. This meeting is open to all residents to answer any questions regarding the FY 2009/2010 budget.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

- **Southern Gifts & Crafts Bazaar** – 10 am – 3 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Come support your local business women. Gifts and crafts for everyone, door prizes, and free food! Information, Sabrina Whitaker 295-5128.
- **Sandhills Pointing Breeds Club Meeting** – 10 am, 3280 Jackson Springs Rd, Jackson Springs. All members are invited to attend and light refreshments will be provided. The SPBC is open to anyone interested in the pointing dog breeds. Dog ownership is not required. Information, Donna Boyce at dboyce@nc.rr.com or 246-0190.
- **Kids Valentine's Craft Class** – 3 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Paint and decorate a Valentine Treat Holder filled with treats for someone special! The Kids Valentine Craft Class with Linda Roskamp fee is \$10 and all supplies are included. Class repeats on Monday, Feb 9 3:30 – 5pm, and Tuesday, Feb

10 3:30 – 5 pm at SLLA Community Activity Center. Class size is limited. Advance registration only at SLWLA or SLLA offices.

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- **Eddie Barrett & Goodman Legacy Orchestra** – 4 pm – 6:30 pm, Mr. P's, 155 Hall Avenue, Southern Pines. Eddie's Big Band sound will thrill dancers at Mr. P's, formerly Mint Juleps Club.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

- **NARFE Meeting** – 10:30 am, Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St,

Southern Pines. The National Active & Retired Federal Employees [NARFE] Sandhills Chapter 1895 welcomes all Federal, including USPS, active employees, retirees, spouses, and surviving spouses to attend. Information, Vilma Geisert 215-5898 or George Sandoval 246-9881.

- **Moore County Board of Education**

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Work Session** – 8 am, West Side Park Community Center.
- **Computer Club of Seven Lakes Meeting** – 3pm, Game Room at Seven Lakes North. Program to be announced.
- **Foxfire Village Council Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Town Hall.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Candidate's Night** – 7 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

- **Lincoln's Birthday**
- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Work Session** – 8:30 am, SLLA Conference Room.
- **2nd Annual Chapel in the Pines Outreach Valentine's Party** – 2 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. The Chapel invites everyone to come, especially those living in the community that are alone or shut-in. Sally Kindsvatter & several wonderful singers will entertain with a selection of love songs. Rev. Fran Stark 673-5493.
- **Seven Lakes Garden Club Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Seven

Lakes North Clubhouse. Licensed ornithologist Susan Campbell will discuss hummingbirds and how to attract these amazing creatures to your garden. All are welcome to attend.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

- **St. Valentine's Day**
- **Love Yourself, Learn About Diabetes Workshop** – 9 am – 11:30 am, Fellowship Hall, Marcus United Methodist Church, 2081 Windblow Road, Jackson Springs. A free workshop sponsored by the Sandhills Circuit United Methodist Women with Wannetta Harrington, a licensed diabetes counselor. A light healthy breakfast and snacks will be served. All ages from the community are invited to attend.
- **Wine & Cheese Valentine's Day Party** – 7 pm – 10 pm, Our Lady of the Americas

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- **President's Day**
- **Moore County Board of Commissioners Meeting** – 6 pm, Historic Courthouse, Carthage.
- **Republican Precinct Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes Fire Hall, Seven Lakes Drive. All registered Republicans are welcome. District Attorney Maureen Krueger is expected to visit. Elections will be held for precinct officers, delegates, and alternates for the Moore County Convention scheduled for Saturday, Mar 14.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- **League of Women Voters Meeting** – 11:30 am, Table on the Green, Midland Country Club, Pinehurst. Award-winning local author Jerry D. 'Dusty' Rhoades is the featured speaker. The public is welcome to attend. Tickets are \$12 and include lunch. Reservations, Charlotte Gallagher 944-9611 by February 13.
- **Moore County Chamber of Commerce Luncheon** – 11:45 am, Moore County Chamber of Commerce. Program pre-

sented Karen Brown, of Kensington Speakers Group, is an expert in helping business owners "do business better" through time management. Program is \$12.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members. Pre-registration and payment is required. Register, Lakota Copeland at 692-3926 or lcopeland@moorecounty-chamber.com.

- **Seven Lakes Civic Group Annual Meeting** – 7:30 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Guest speaker Nick Picerno, Chair of the Moore County Board of Commissioners, will discuss issues of interest to Seven Lakes and surrounding areas. Open to the public.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- **Project Linus Workshop** – cancelled due to Red Cross Blood Drive, join the volunteers Wednesday, March 4.
- **Seven Lakes Blood Drive** – 1 pm – 6 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. New donors are welcome. Appointments are available, call 674-4931.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- **Women of Seven Lakes Card Party & Luncheon** – 11:30 am, Seven Lakes Country Club. Lunch at noon, cards & games follow at 1 pm. Cost is \$15 per person in advance. Call Lee Connelly at 673-2521 or Mary Farley at 673-2310.
- **Seven Lakes Forum** – 4:30 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Dr. Lori Heim will present 'The Primary Care

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### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- **Project Linus celebrates "Make a Blanket Day"** – 10 am – 5 pm, Bookshop by the Lakes & The Coffee Scene, Seven Lakes Business Village. Make a blanket, complete the one you are working on, drop in to purchase home-

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### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- **Sweetheart Swing Dinner Dance** – 5:30 pm, Seven Lakes Country Club. Everyone's invited to the festivities. Dinner: penne pasta with vodka pink sauce, chicken & sausage meatballs, a vegetable medley of broccoli, cauliflower, and carrots, garlic cheese rolls, and topped off with ice cream for dessert. Music by Glen Davis. Hosts Tony & Lois Rocco. Member's \$23 inclusive, non-members \$28.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- **Family Movie Night at Bensalem** – 6 pm, Bensalem Presbyterian Church, Eagle Springs. Join the church for pizza and popcorn while viewing the movie "Ice Age." Kids and adults will enjoy this clever animated film. Handouts will assist teens and adults in discovering spiritual themes embedded in the film. The community is invited to attend. Located on Bensalem Church Road, off Rt. 705, Eagle Springs. For more information contact Rev. Wes Brandon 691-2942.

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# Budget comparison

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something pretty interesting: The two communities, despite their very different approaches, pay about the same for maintenance. On an annual maintenance budget of more than \$300,000, there's about \$5,600 difference in spending. That's less than two percent.

That makes sense when you consider that, three or four years ago, the SLWLA Board did an extensive analysis of whether they could save money by bringing their maintenance function in-house. They found they could, in fact, save some money — but only by investing a lot of cash up front in a lot of equipment and a building to store it in. So they shelved the idea for the time being and kept contracting the work out.

## Recreation

The SLLA spends two-and-one-half times as much as the SLWLA on Recreation, and not surprisingly, mounts a much larger array of programs, including childrens' Day Camps throughout the Summer and on holidays. The SLWLA Recreation program is relatively young and has expanded substantially over the past nine months under the leadership of Director Karen Milligan.

Milligan has added a number of pay-as-you-go events, which are reflected in both the revenue and expense budget. She has also added a number of classes — in tumbling, cooking, and crafts — in which the instructors are paid directly by the participants, so these do not show up in either the revenue or expense budget of the Association.

SLLA-sponsored classes, by contrast, generally involve payments to the Association, which, in turn, pays the instructors. Overall, SLLA Recreation programs are expected to generate \$51,000 in income next year.

Those instructors, along with lifeguards and the staff at the stables, contribute to nearly \$87,000 in people costs in the SLLA Recreation budget. Assistance Manager Chad Beane's salary and benefits are not included in that total.

The SLWLA has actually budgeted nothing for people in its recreation budget for 2009-2010; the \$21,000 we have shown is

what the Association budgeted last year for lifeguards. In the coming year, CAS will employ those temporary staffers on the Association's behalf.

## Capital Projects

The budgets of both associations include an array of projects for next year. The SLLA plans to spend just under \$250,000, with \$130,00 going for dam remediation, \$50,000 to roads, \$55,000 to parks, \$8,000 for structures, and \$5,000 for equipment.

The Westside budget includes \$178,000 in capital projects, including:

- Continuation of the Lakeway Mall drainage project - \$20,000
- Fencing of the back perimeter of West Side Park - \$35,000
- Guardrail installation on Longleaf at the lower pond - \$6,000
- Road restriping of Longleaf Drive - \$10,000
- Fire hydrant purchase and installation - \$18,000
- Revegetation of selected areas of road shoulders - \$5,000
- Perimeter fencing at Currie Mill Road - \$38,000
- Paving the entrances to the Johnson Pt. parking lot and Longleaf boat lot - \$6,660
- Maintenance storage shed - \$25,000
- Drainage Longleaf Court & Timber Ridge - \$14,800 (We moved these last two out of the Maintenance Budget into capital projects.)

## Mortgage

The final item on the SLWLA expense budget is \$110,000 of debt service on the West Side Park mortgage, with \$60,000 going to principal and \$50,000 to interest. The West Side owes more than \$900,000 on that project and will need to refinance the debt in early 2010. The SLLA has no comparable debt.

## The Revenue Budget

Overall, the SLLA Budget is twelve percent higher than what the SLWLA is anticipating for FY 2009-2010, but there are substantial differences in the fee structures on either side of town.

Both Associations derive the vast bulk of their income from dues collections, and both are seeking dues increases in the coming year. The \$850 per home and \$570 per lot the SLLA would take in if the dues increase is

approved will generate \$1.22 million. That includes a discounted rate for the owners of multiple lots, as well as dues for renters.

The SLWLA's \$705 per home and \$425 per lot dues level will produce \$968,000. Just under \$150,000 of this is reserved for mortgage payments on and maintenance of West Side Park.

There are surprising differences in the amount of fee income collected by the two

Seven Lakes associations. The Westside collects substantially more in fees for things like boat stickers and mailboxes, while the SLLA Recreation program brings in ten times the revenue of the young SLWLA recreation program.

The Westside simply charges more for a variety of items:

- Mailboxes are \$20 per year, vs. \$10 on the North and South side.
- Builders fees are \$1050, vs. the

SLLA's \$800.

- Boat slip rental is \$700 per year on the West Side, vs. \$400 for the SLLA — and the SLWLA has 58 slips vs. 18 for the SLLA.
- SLWLA Boat stickers are \$45; the SLLA's, \$15 for power boats and \$2 per year for canoes and sailboats. The Westside registered 900 boats last year, vs. about 550 on the North Side.

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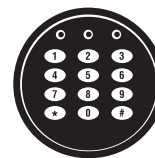
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Finally, the SLWLA has a boat and trailer storage yard that brings in another \$22,500, while the SLLA does not have a comparable amenity or revenue source. Adding rental of the North Clubhouse, West Side Park, or other facilities to that list brings Westside fee income to \$122,430, vs. \$48,200 for the SLLA.

Turning to recreation fees, however, finds a very different story. Guest passes, summer day camp, dance lessons, swim team, and swim lessons bring in a total of over \$50,000 to SLLA coffers, while the SLWLA is budgeting just \$5,100 in income from recreation fees and events. However, the SLWLA Recreation effort is both young and growing quickly. The fee schedule approved for 2009-2010 includes new fees for guest usage of the pool. So it is possible that this line item in the SLWLA budget will grow signif-

icantly over time.

Another revenue source that SLWLA has which is not available to SLLA is income related to gate security. The Westside Association covers the cost of the SFI guards who man the front gate, and receives a total of \$31,200 in recompense from Beacon Ridge Country Club and the developer to help defray this expense.

The West Side's reserves are more than double those of the SLLA, so it is no surprise that the SLWLA is raking in significantly more income from interest on investments.

## Reserves

The Westside expects to end this year with \$1.26 million in reserves — more than two-and-one-half times the reserves of the SLLA. But the SLLA has built its reserves substantially over the past five years, while SLWLA reserves have had their ups and downs.

## SLLA & SLWLA Reserves (\*Projected)

Year	SLLA		SLWLA	
	Beginning Reserves	Amount Added	Beginning Reserves	Amount Added
2003-2004	177,000	75,000	1,125,590	-948
2004-2005	252,000	162,000	1,124,642	16,993
2005-2006	414,000	-111,000	1,141,635	1,855
2006-2007	303,000	105,000	1,143,490	-55,000
2007-2008	408,000	75,000	1,088,490	174,510
2008-2009*	483,000	-108,000	1,263,000	-128,600
2009-2010*	375,000	69,302	1,134,400	32,926
2010-2011*	444,302		1,167,326	

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## SLLA & SLWLA Revenue Budgets

	SLLA	SLWLA	Dif	% Dif
<b>Dues</b>				
Landowners Dues	1,220,000	967,556	252,444	21%
Interest on Dues	6,500	2,000	4,500	69%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,226,500</b>	<b>969,556</b>	<b>256,944</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Fees</b>				
Mailbox Fee	11,500	15,210	-3,710	-32%
Facilities Rental	3,000	3,200	-200	-7%
Builders Fees	12,000	5,000	7,000	58%
Boat Dock Rentals	7,200	38,500	-31,300	-435%
Boat Stickers	4,500	31,020	-26,520	-589%
RV/Trailer Storage Fees	0	22,500	-22,500	
Barcodes/Auto Stickers	10,000	7,000	3,000	30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,200</b>	<b>122,430</b>	<b>-74,230</b>	<b>-154%</b>
<b>Recreation Fees</b>				
Guest Fees	10,500	100	10,400	99%
Summer Day Camp Fees	29,000	0	29,000	100%
Swim Team/ Lessons	7,500	0	7,500	100%
Dance Classes	4,500	0	4,500	100%
Recreation Events Income	0	5,000	-5,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,500</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>46,400</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Security Contract Income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,200</b>	<b>-31,200</b>	
<b>Interest on Investments</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>64,000</b>	<b>-36,000</b>	<b>-129%</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,360,700</b>	<b>1,194,286</b>	<b>166,414</b>	<b>12%</b>

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infrastructure and safety & security as top priorities for the Community Planning Committee. Other categories that received strong support included finance, amenities & services, and management & operations. Incorporation was the stand-out future focus area that generated very little interest.

**Galford presents 2009-2010 Draft Budget**

Treasurer Denny Galford presented a draft version of the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget and a five/ten-year analysis of the Association's cash flow -- looking forward with and without the three \$50 dues increases the Board has recommended.

"Using conservative estimates for road repairs and government-mandated dam remediation, the conclusion reached was that the current dues could not provide for future capital investment needs," read the Finance Committee's report. "Without a dues increase, current operations and amenities can continue; but the visible signs of road deterioration and property aging will be noticeable. The Finance Committee perceives that such conditions will lead to an overall decline in each member's property valuation."

As presented in the draft budget, a dues increase of \$50 in FY2010, FY2011, and in FY2014 will provide the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] with a 2019 reserve of \$614,962, while also funding the resurfacing of primary roadways in 2011, repaving secondary roads as needed, and maintaining and/or refurbishing the dams at mandated levels. Galford's report indicated that, if the FY2009-2010 dues increase fails — even with the addition of later dues increases in FY2011 and FY2014 — the reserve fund in FY2019 will be negative, at -\$18,138

"It is time for a dues increase, but this is not a budget crisis. It is a time to plan," said Galford. "The budget we have had for the past number of years covers operating expenses and some money towards capital improvements, but it does not cover the sufficient amount necessary to make sure the roads can be resurfaced or the dams kept at the level now required by the State."

Galford said the Finance Committee took the U.S. economy into consideration and had also compared the cost of living in Seven Lakes to other area communities before recommending the dues increase. The draft FY2010 Budget presented at the Open Meeting eliminated merit increases for employees, which had been recommended by Community Manager Dalton Fulcher. Galford said the Board of Directors had discussed the increases and felt any salary increases were inappropriate during the current economy.

"Seven Lakes is a bargain. It's worth spending a little more money on our community," said Galford. "We must now start to protect our amenities and lifestyle."

During Pubic Comment, Seven Lakes South resident Dave Kinney applauded the Finance Committee's decision to request a dues increase. "Let's look at what is good for Seven Lakes and what is needed by Seven Lakes...Our infrastructure is aging and as it ages, our property values go down. The roads have got to be put in repair and good appearance."

Responding to Kinney's recommendation to tightly restrict the proposed dues increase funds towards roads and dams, Zielsdorf said he has been working with the Association attorney to draft a Bylaw that would allow such restrictions on those revenues.

**Board signed agreement on Fulcher retirement**

Zielsdorf also took time during the Wednesday, January 28 Open Meeting to publicly address some ongoing issues related to Community Manager Dalton Fulcher. He noted a previous Board had investigated severing Fulcher's employment but it was determined that such a decision would open the Association up to a lawsuit.

"There was nothing in his record which gives ammunition. There are some who will argue, but it's ancient history at this point," said Zielsdorf.

He said, during a Closed Meeting in September, the Board drafted an employment agreement with Fulcher formalizing his departure on December 31, 2009 and placing him under a small, monthly retainer in 2010

which requires him to remain available, if needed, in a consulting role.

"He will no longer be an employee after this year and we're not going to pay him a bunch of money to do nothing," explained Zielsdorf. "There are

specific conditions [in the agreement]."

Zielsdorf said the document was signed by Fulcher and all members of the Board. "We thought it was in the best interest of the Association to have this agreement."

During Public Comment, former SLLA President Ed Chapman drew applause for his remarks thanking the Board for their positive work and said he was pleased to see Fulcher's Letter to the Editor in the January issue.

(See "SLLA,"p. 24)

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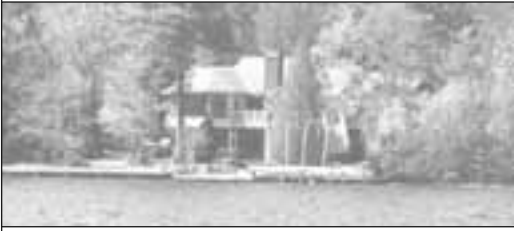
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# SLLA Meeting

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ary 23 issue of *The Times*. "It's about time he was able to speak in defense of the attacks on him by one individual who has done more harm to this community than any other individual in the fifteen years I've been here."

Also during Public Comment, Northsider Mike Pennington said he thought Fulcher was doing a good job, but he recommended the Board consider placing a limit on how long a future Community Manager should serve.

"Why should we wait until our roads are in need before we address the problem? I know it's not the Board in front of me but past Boards and past homeowners didn't push earlier — over the thirty years Seven Lakes has been here somebody has dropped the ball," said Pennington.

## SLLA takes down blog link

Zielsdorf said attacks on the Board and Association leadership were the reason behind a decision to remove the online link between the SLLA webpage and the SLLA Blog, hosted on *The Times* website.

"First and foremost the responsibility of the Board is to protect property values. There are many on the Blog who say they are interested in property values -- but think about it. If I'm living outside this area and am interested in moving here and go to the webpage and look at the Blog and see nothing but negative remarks — as a prospective homebuyer?," questioned Zielsdorf. "We have a great community here. It's important to pull together and make it better."

## Finance Report

During the Finance Committee report, Galford said the Blog had generated several good questions and suggestions including computerization of records. Galford reported that many forms and documents are available for download from the SLLA webpage [www.seven-lakesnc.org]. Regarding an online discussion of sharing resources with the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association, Galford said that could be a future direction to explore but it was not something that could be accomplished at the present time.

Changes made last year to the Seven Lakes Fire Department safety rating may lower home-

owner's insurance rates, reported Galford. He encouraged residents to contact their home & fire insurance providers to determine whether a deduction was appropriate. He said many could expect a \$30 to \$100 savings off their annual rate.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be Friday, February 6 at 9:00 am. Galford said all interested residents were welcome to sit in, and review the draft budget and other supporting financial materials, including the community comparison report. He offered a friendly challenge to anyone with recommendations on saving money, "Bring it in, bring the facts, and we'll work with you."

## Truck Purchase

The Board approved the purchase of three new trucks during a Special Meeting on Monday, January 15. Fulcher reported that ongoing repair issues to

the security patrol vehicle and the need for additional Maintenance Department vehicles, particularly during the busier Summer months, prioritized the decision especially in light of the current economy and available discounts. Four manufacturers were contacted and the lowest bid — approximately \$15,000 each including taxes and tags — was accepted.

## Concerns over the new SLCC Driving Range

On behalf of the Community Standards Committee, Director Don Welch expressed frustration over the appearance of the Seven Lakes Country Club new driving range.

"If that were the property of landowners it would already be in Judicial Committee with fines!" declared Welch.

Zielsdorf agreed the appearance of the range was a problem that the Board had been attempt-

ing to resolve for months. "We have one resident who is threatening a lawsuit if we do anything at all," he said. "I sympathize with the townhouses."

Kindsvatter elaborated on the issue, saying the Board was hamstrung: "If the Association funds a project which changes the drainage situation, then we become liable to any problems the change in drainage might cause . . . Without an engineer's study and recommendation, I feel very uncomfortable with getting involved," she said.

Director Bud Shaver said he and Mike Cummins, a civil engineer and member of the Maintenance Committee, were very aware of the ongoing problem.

"We can't force them [SLCC] but we are watching," said Shaver. "They were supposed to get together with Mike and they haven't done that. We are as frustrated as you!"

## Lakes & Dams

Director Don Truesdell reported the Lakes & Dams Committee is waiting to receive plans and specifications for necessary remediation work on Timber Dam and Sequoia Dam.

He said the Committee has not received a definitive answer back from the State regarding the emergency drain valves compliance notice.

## Maintenance

Overhanging branches and road clearing work was completed along Dogwood, Hastings, Devonshire, and Lancashire, reported Shaver. In addition, new picnic tables and benches were built, some construction work at the stables was completed, and soil samples were taken from each dam.

"Compared to Seven Lakes West, we have 350 acres to mow — they have 100," said (See "SLLA," p. 25)



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# SLLA Meeting

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Shaver. "A ten-year analysis of costs of Maintenance per dues member is 26 cents a day, and 35 cents with streets and grounds."

Shaver thanked the Maintenance Department and the Maintenance Committee for their outstanding work. The Committee is composed of members Mike Cummins, Frank Horan, Jim Ball, Norm Ihrig, Jay Kenzel, Andy Lowe, Jim Caudill, and Frank Hayes.

"I am very proud of the Committee and what Bob [Darr] and Dalton have done with Maintenance," said Shaver.

## Security

Roving Patrol's monthly report included a boat adrift, an unlocked home, loose dogs, and kids throwing eggs.

"The parents were notified," said Caulk.

In an ongoing effort to curb vandalism, Caulk said timed lights have been installed at all community picnic shelters.

Welch expressed concern regarding security vehicles seen off-premises, in the Business Village.

Fulcher said the Roving Patrol officers do not get a lunch hour and are on-call their entire shift.

"They do go into the Village to get food – and they are also sent to other places occasionally as needed to make a deposit for the office or to pick-up hardware supplies."

## Recreation

The Recreation Committee will be meeting with playground equipment manufacturers, reported Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane.

"We are working closely with the budget process," said Beane.

Upcoming events include the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Little Miss Seven Lakes contest. The parade will be held Saturday, March 14 at 11:00 am. The post-parade traditional Corned Beef Luncheon is back this year, by popular demand.

Clubs and organizations, antique car and motorcycle owners, and anyone else interested in participating in the St. Pat's Parade, can call Deirdre Florence at 673-2808.

Caulk reported two artificial reefs were placed in Lake Sequoia. Constructed with recycled Christmas tree and cinder blocks, the low cost reefs are expected to attract fish at these prime fishing locations.

## Manager's Report

Fulcher reported ninety-five percent dues collections at the end of December. He said this was percentage was a little low because of the economy and the increased number of residents on a scheduled payment plan.

Regarding the proposed dues increase, Fulcher said the increase is specifically targeted to capital items, not operations.

"Over the past twenty-five years, the Association has operated under the procedure of not setting funds aside for depreciation but budgeting \$125,000 each year to cover capital needs. Using these funds, all fencing has been replaced, both mail houses were rebuilt, the gate houses were rebuilt, the pool remodeled, and vehicles purchased – that method works except for roads and dams."

Fulcher said Thomas Trucking cleared Association roads after last week's snowstorm but that the icy section of Seven Lakes Drive, near the stables, was a source of frustration because it falls under State roads maintenance.

"We have nothing to do with the road along the stables. I wish we did!" said Fulcher. "Every year that we have snow or ice, at least two or three vehicles go into our fences."

Fulcher said multiple calls for assistance were placed but it was two days before the road was safely cleared.

## Other Items

The Judicial Committee will meet in January to consider three violations.

A motion to amend Bylaw 6.6 to require a seventy-five percent majority vote of the Board to lift deed restrictions placed on common areas, was deferred pending review.

The Board unanimously approved amending Bylaw 6.10.2.11, removing Personnel as a Standing Committee. This change allows the entire Board to participate in the transition process towards new management.

Shaver encouraged the Board

to begin studying the transition process. "There is not going to be a simple answer. Are we going to keep running this community as it has been or are we going to do something different?" he questioned.

The tow policy for vehicles left at common areas was revised to allow for a forty-eight hour grace period, per Caulk's recommendation. Vehicles blocking roads or boat ramps, will be moved immediately. All violators will be tagged and vehicle owners will be notified, as possible.

The Board unanimously approved an amendment to the Rules & Regulations requiring all barcoded vehicles to also display the standard SLLA windshield

sticker.

"We are trying to make sure resident stickers stay on their vehicles. This will make our area more secure," said Caulk.

Boat stickers were also under discussion following a Lakes & Dam Committee recommendation to require 3" numbered decals on both sides of all registered power boats. The Board approved the motion and imposed a one-time sticker fee of \$5

Ray Pardue was appointed to chair this year's Election Committee; additional members include Wayne Burris, Al Anderson, Bill Settles, and lone Katz.



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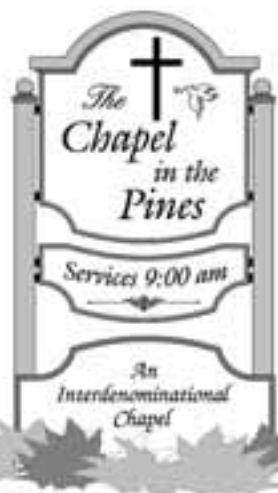
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## Alphabet soup, anyone? Anyone?

I think I'll buy Lindsay a fountain pen for her seventh birthday next month: a quaint memento — a relic really — of an age of penmanship and eloquent prose.

Of course, what she wants is a cell phone with texting — so she can get the 411 from her BFFs 24/7!

BTW I know what you're thinking. It's not just the kids, the grown-up table whipped up their own alphabet soup long ago. All the way back in the Roman Empire, in fact, according to

Wikipedia.

But I blame the Pentagon: more precisely, the U.S. Navy for coming up with tongue-twisting gems as the ADCOMSUB-ORDCOMP HIBSPAC, which should not be confused with the COMNAVSEACOMBATSY-SENGSTA.

Perhaps they decided it's a great way to confuse the enemy? Its got to be cheaper to use Morse's simple dot-dash-dot code to spew out incomprehensible streams of information,

rather than bouncing a couple million military secrets through satellites and computer servers.

Though I should probably warn strategic command that a handful of gum-chewing, thumb texting teens, spewing their own undecipherable gibberish and slang acronyms, can break their codes while simultaneously crank calling Dominoes.

Personally, I spend week in-week out decoding meetings and reports from the SLLA, SLWLA, BOC, MCS, WEE —



### Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

with a side order of subcommittees including the ARB, ARC, and LRP. Reading through my notes some days, I can't help but wonder . . . WTH! (Yeah, I

know, that's not quite right, but the boss says this is a family newspaper!)

Maybe what I need is a vaca-

tion? You know, a quick WKD trip to a B&B for some R&R. Darling Hubby and I can indulge in some BIBO and a PDA or two — or is that TMI?

## Same as it ever was . . .

"S.O.S."

That's what we called it at Richlands High School.

I'd walk into the cafeteria, take my spot at the back of a very long line, and there would be Buford Gilbert, headed my way with a rectangular tray piled high with mysterious, semi-edible food-like substances.

"What's for lunch, Buford?"

"S.O.S, man, S.O.S."

And that's just what the public debate over on the North and South sides of Seven Lakes has begun to resemble: "S.O.S., man, S.O.S."

Between last week's Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] General Meeting and this week's Letters to the Editor column, we have former SLLA President Ed Chapman and consistent SLLA critic Alan Shaw

reviving a war of words that started years ago. A couple of months ago we were treated to a nostalgic flurry of finger-point-

news story about yet another initialed pressure group — "Is it the CCC? No, it's the AOC!" — attempting to move the Board in

its preferred direction by swapping votes for concessions.

This is beginning to feel like *deja vu* all over again — a feeling that

admittedly comes with the armbands and green eyeshade of the editor's job at a community newspaper.

"The news just repeats itself, like some forgotten dream, that we've both seen," in the words of John Prine.

But this time, all that repetition, all that digging around in old wounds, all that finding one last rock to throw at Dalton Fulcher . . . this time, all that wallowing could actually damage the community.

Not in the way you think. Of course there are always those who complain about "airing our dirty laundry in public" and fret that the publication of real news and real opinions hurts property values — as though house hunters expect they'll fall into Seven Lakes like Dorothy into Oz and suddenly find the world gone all Technicolor.

Folks looking to retire here,

move their businesses and families here, raise their kids here, are adults. They know there are scary flying monkeys and fireball throwing black-clad witches in every community. What they want is not some Technicolor paradise, but instead a reasonable assurance that the folks in charge have a clue and are doing a good job running the place.

No, the damage that all this scab-picking could do is not to Seven Lakes' reputation, but to the chance that we can have a real honest exploration and debate about how this community can be run most effectively, most efficiently, and most economically.

The announced departure of Community Manager Dalton Fulcher represents an important occasion for the Board and the citizenry to rethink how things are done around here — not because Fulcher did anything wrong, though that's the question too many people seem to want to debate — but simply because we've been doing things the same way for a very long time.

The SLLA Board has made some baby steps in the right direction, but it needs badly to crank up the effort. A recent survey of the membership was a good idea and seems to have told the Board there's little interest in getting rid of the gates, the

stables, or the yard debris site to pave roads.

They've appointed a Transition Team, but that effort has gone seriously underground. And almost every time a Board member speaks about it in public they refer to "replacing Dalton." That suggests it's a forgone conclusion that what the SLLA needs is another Community Manager, as opposed to a Community Management company, like the one just hired to manage the West Side (though Bud Shaver recently raised the company option). Even the newborn AOC, in its first run at the issue, wanted to talk about personalities — cutting back Fulcher's hours in order to give Assistant Manager Chad Beane a run at the job — instead of talking about how the Association should manage itself.

Right now, it seems, everyone — champions and critics alike — is thinking firmly *inside* the box.

Which is the best way to run the North and South Sides? I don't know. I will say the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] spent a lot of time and energy researching that issue and came down on the side of hiring a management company. So the SLLA ought to be at the very least giving that option a serious look-see. It is not at all clear that a seven or (See "S.O.S." p. 29)

## Digging Deeper

Greg Hankins



ing by former Treasurer Steve Hudson and former President Don Truesdell (still a Board member) about who deserves credit for getting rid of Company Police.

And today's edition contains a

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# Chapman: Wrong 3 years ago, wrong now

Dear Editor:

Three years ago, Ed Chapman stood in the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse and lectured me for several minutes. The lecture involved supporting our Company Police. At the end of his lecture, there was applause from the audience and also from Board Members.

Today, the Board is reminding us that "they" made cuts in the budget a couple of years back. These cuts largely were from the elimination of Company Police. Continued operation of

Company Police was going to be a \$90,000 item in the budget of the SLLA. Mr. Chapman lectured me and admonished me that I was absolutely the most destructive influence in Seven Lakes because of my position on Company Police.

What Mr. Chapman did not reveal in his lecture was that when he was President of the Association, Company Police operated in violation of parts of North Carolina General Statute 74E which put SLLA at risk of litigation.

Last week at the SLLA Board meeting, Mr. Chapman stood and delivered the same type of lecture. He got applause again. He is just as wrong today as he was three years ago.

I have been a strong advocate of changing the way the Seven Lakes Landowners Association operates. A few weeks back, the Board made note that there was a seminar to be held at the college regarding operations of non-profit boards. Anyone that attended discovered that the message from the seminar

was the same message that I have been presenting. Non-profit boards should not micro-manage but rather hire professional management and hold them accountable with the board providing general oversight and guidance on long-term goals.

Our methods of operation provide a history of failures that should have resulted in someone being held accountable. The most notable is the stagnation of real estate values over a much longer time frame than I have been a critic.

Golf course property and non-view wooded lots on the North and South Sides sell for a fraction of what they do on the West Side. This trend has been in

place far longer than I have been a critic. While looking for answers, I conclude that there are many reasons for this and one that we can control is the way our community is operated.

Neither Mr. Chapman nor the people in the audience that applauded his remarks three years ago, think about the roll I played in the elimination of \$90,000 from our operating budget.

Today, I gladly take the heat for demanding organizational change. A change that must come for the operation of the SLLA to be a positive influence for our community and thus for our property values.

Alan Shaw  
Seven Lakes South

## Celebrating the little things

Listen up, my friend. There's lots still to know, to appreciate, to understand, to contemplate, to act upon now. Every day is a NOW – an opportunity that can so easily slip by.

There's a lot going on around this big home we call the world that can affect our spirits, such as negatively, tending to veer us off on tangents that could interfere with chances for additional measures of happiness.

Should we detach our televisions? Refrain from reading newspapers? Hide in the basement? Withdraw from society? Of course not.

But we can, and should, be able to achieve some level of equilibrium by paying more attention to the "little things" of life. It seems that is one aspect of living we all need to cling to regardless of the vicissitudes of so many societies throughout the globe. It's periodic reflection about the pace as well as the depth of how we live that can

help keep us on an even keel.

Even quick entrances and exits of experience can forge their impact, as relatively unearthing they may seem at the time. Such as the gradual intensity of the symphonic crescendo at that concert, or the sheer, clean beauty of that songbird's rendering, or the tender squeeze of your shoulder by a long-standing friend, or the uplifting effect of that

sermon with its reassuring theme.

Yes, today is a gift and I'm thankful for it. And tomorrow may provide another deposit in my bank of "the little things of life."



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# Home delivery? Maybe not such a good idea

Dear Editor:

In the past few months, we have all been reading about the idea of curbside delivery of mail in Seven Lakes West. Some residents have been promoting this with fervor and seem obsessed to have a mailbox in their front yard and tell us all the benefits.

Well, has anyone considered some of the other points of house-to-house delivery?

First, you will have to change all your addresses with family and friends, mortgage companies and other bill collectors. The postal service will no longer recognize for example 1234 Seven Lakes West as a mailing address and you will need to use your physical address for all correspondence. If by chance you fill out the proper change of address cards with the post office, it is not an indefinite forwarding service and will expire and your mail will be returned.

The mail carriers work on such days as the day after Thanksgiving, and Saturdays — which are known as non-work days in Seven Lakes West. If the post office can work, why not builders? That doesn't seem right.

Oh and the argument of a 'cluster box' at the corner. Well I don't want it in my yard with the trash and tire marks not only of the mail carrier but the other twelve families who get mail there that go along with it.

What of identity theft? Many nonresidents come through these gates every day, perhaps in bad economic times someone removes some credit card or bank statements from your unsecured street side box and helps himself to your hard-earned money or retirement savings?

Of course, who is to pick this mailbox? The ARB? What if I think the design of the box is ugly, do I just have to take it? If our homes must all look different, why should our mailboxes all be the same?

I for one do not need a \$300 mailbox that on a Saturday night some people with nothing better to do decide to mow them down with a car or baseball bat. I know many of us here in the community like to keep our yards nice but it will not look to good when the mailman makes a big muddy groove in your front lawn to reach the box from his vehicle.

The chances that the two mailmen who, at present, drive to a heated and air-conditioned mail house to deliver all the mail usually by 1:00 pm, will now have to endure extreme heat or cold, drive many more miles a day at a huge cost to the post office and possibly strike a person, vehicle, or pet. Do we really

want that?

As for 200 cars a day traveling to the mail house, a mile or more, many of us get the mail on a trip back from Food Lion or such. No one says you must get your mail every day. If going green is your argument, you could car pool or, dare I say it, walk to get your mail.

The two carriers trucks that are parked while they delivery will now require an additional mailman with salary and benefits to service our community. How dare they raise the price of a stamp!

In closing, our mail house lets us see our neighbors, read notices from Seven Lakes and maybe a good buy for an object your neighbor is trying to sell. When the postal representative and Senator Dole both left their jobs this new year, we should see it as a sign this is not to be. The

post office does not discriminate against us, it provides the exact service it was set up to do. So before the Board wants to spend in excess of \$5,000 to try to get the government, which is trying to cut costs, to deliver mail to our door, it needs to consider all the downsides.

If we want to be more like Mid South, Belle Meade, or Talamore, let's start with a new gate house that doesn't have down spouts for gates.

Jamie Eilert  
Seven Lakes West

## Women of Seven Lakes

A first-ever Roundtable Discussion will be conducted during the Thursday, March 5 Women of Seven Lakes monthly meeting. Discussion topics will include the Club, its structure & responsibilities, and some exciting changes for next year. All members are encourage to attend — your honest input is welcome regarding ways to make the Women of Seven Lakes a stronger Club that is better able to meet the needs of the community.

The meeting will be held at 1:00 pm in the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Dress is casual and refreshments will be served. If you have questions or suggestions, please call Pat Weber at 673-1457.

### Upcoming Events:

The WSL Annual Card Party & Luncheon will be held Thursday, February 19, at 11:30 am at Seven Lakes Country Club. Chef Jacki Scotti will prepare a chicken stir fry with rice and salad, rolls, and dessert & coffee. Cost is \$15 per person in advance and you do not need to be a member to attend. Reservations, call Lee Connelly at 673-2521 or Mary Farley at 673-2310 by February 13.

The WSL 5th Annual Taste of the Town will be held Monday, March 30, at the West Side Park Community Center from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 each, contact Sandi Carl at 673-7711 or Ginger Finney at 673-1330.



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# What happened to respect for your elders?

Dear Editor:

I never thought I would live long enough to say this, but you know the world has become a vile place when your eighty-four year old grandmother is verbally assaulted while checking out at her local grocery store.

No folks, I'm not joking. This actually happened right her in Moore County.

This past Saturday, my grandmother finished her weekly shopping at her local grocery store —

the Food Lion in Seven Lakes. She had about \$90.00 worth of groceries, which we all nowadays isn't even enough to fill up half of a shopping cart. The store wasn't particularly busy, so she pulled into checkout line number two, which is fairness, is an Express Lane. Before remodeling, the store had large hanging signs that spelled out in clear lettering "12 items or Less." Now the sign is smaller and less visible: my grandmother didn't even notice.

As she was unloading her groceries, a man and his wife pulled up behind her. The gentleman, if you could call him that, tapped her on the shoulder and asked if she saw the Express Lane sign. To top it all off, he then continued, "Or can you not read?"

My grandmother stood there, insulted and humiliated all because she was inconveniencing him by taking a few extra minutes of his time.

What happened to show

respect for our elders? I was raised to treat those older than me with the respect and honor that they have earned...that they deserve. To the man that made these comments — was that necessary? I'm sure at some point you must have had a mother. I want you to stop and ask yourself how you would feel if someone said that to your own mother. If you were a true gentleman, you would have helped her unload her cart. But wait, that's right...we now live in a world where it's all about me, me, me, and to heck with patience for anyone else. Patience is a virtue that we have lost, and it is sad.

To the man who made those comments, my grandmother is a remarkable woman! And guess what? She can read! She worked her way through Woman's College, now UNC-Greensboro, during World War II. She raised three children, all of who attended and graduated from college. She has five grandchildren, four of whom graduated from college and one who served in the U.S. Marine Corps. I myself had

a full scholarship to UNC-G and my sister is currently at Cornell University on a full scholarship to get her doctorate degree in biochemistry.

We would not have grown into the adults we are without the love and life lessons taught to us by my grandmother! Maybe next time, before you speak, you should practice what my grandmother taught us long ago..."If you nothing nice to say, don't say anything at all."

Alison Lee  
Jackson Springs

## S.O.S.

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nine member Board of Directors that changes every couple of years has the ability to effectively manage in-house staff.

Another example? The Board hired a new maintenance supervisor who was supposed to survey the operation and get back to the Board with recommendations in six months or so. Presumably, one option for handling maintenance is to outsource all the work.

The SLLA took a look at that once in the past, and that's the way the SLWLA handles it now. A Westside analysis found that in-house maintenance saves money on an operating basis — but you have to make a substantial capital investment in machines and facility to realize those savings. We hear that many of the SLLA's machines are aging and will need to be replaced.

It's an excellent time to take a comprehensive look at the whole question of in-house vs. out-of-house maintenance. So what does the SLLA Board do? They buy three pickup trucks — a pretty clear signal that no one is seriously considering a new way of doing business in the maintenance operation.

Here's a tiny example of how we are not rethinking the way the community is run. My barber is closed on Monday. So is my optician. My dentist closes on Friday. My bank stays open late on Friday for the convenience of folks who don't work banker's hours. So who says the Landowners Office needs to be open bankers hours?

Here's another one. I pay all my bills online. My insurance pay-

ments are deducted automatically from my checking account every month. The SLLA stretches its staff to send out a massive mailing twice a year and process the ballots and checks that are returned. Writing a check for \$850 in May has a bigger psychological impact than pulling out \$75 a month automatically.

Those are little ideas. They may not work. Outsourcing maintenance or administration are big ideas. They may not work either.

But what is clearly not going to work is running the public debate through the same mud-hole over and over and over and over again.

It's time for the leaders — and the critics — of Seven Lakes North and South to park the past, step out of the box, and take a fresh look at how the Association does business.

Otherwise, a year from now, a decade from now, it will just be more of the S.O.S.



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# Commissioners

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ment heads need to understand what the Board's position is . . . We don't want to get down to a June timeframe and start to have to make decisions about what cuts we should make."

His specific recommendations were to:

- Cut the ad valorem property tax rate by 3 cents per hundred, from 47.9 to 44.9.
- Cut the Advanced Life Support tax rate by one-half cent, from 2.5 cents per hundred to 2.0 cents per hundred.
- Use the 2008 expense budget — less five percent — as the budget for 2009.
- Change the County's recently passed fiscal guidelines and reserve policies to require a 15 percent fund balance rather than the current 25 percent. [State financial guidelines require 8 percent; but a higher balance can help reduce the county's cost of borrowing.]

Lea said the county has \$22 million in its fund balance — enough to move forward with the construction of a new jail, public safety facility, and county administrative offices.

"We are in a very positive position because [County] administration has been very proactive," he added, giving credit to County Manager Cary McSwain and Finance Officer Lisa Hughes for cost-saving measures implemented as it became clear the nation was entering difficult economic times.

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"My concern is that, when you have that kind of money sitting in an undesignated fund, politicians will find some place to spend it," Lea said.

Moreover, he said, the downturn in the economy has significantly reduced the cost of construction, making the present the ideal time to embark on building projects. "Some costs are coming in 40-50% less than what the cost of capital projects has been," Lea said.

Lea said the county's 2007 revaluation of real estate produced a de facto tax increase, even though the tax rate didn't rise. Adding that to last year's 2.9 cent hike means that "this Board has in effect raised taxes 8.4 cents in the last two years," he explained.

"At this time, because of the economic environment we are in, we need to give something back to the people who have been paying these bills," Lea added.

Commissioner Larry Caddell echoed Lea's point, noting that he had heard, in recent conversations with architects, of construction prices falling from \$180 to \$135 per square foot. Caddell said he would support cutting the tax rate, but only if the county's construction projects could move forward.

"We are in a golden opportunity right now," Caddell said, referring to the decrease in building costs. "This is one of those

times that, if we don't move, someone is going to hold us to account for it later."

"My only concern is that we can move forward with building the buildings we have been talking about," Caddell said. "If someone can show me we can do that, then I am all about it . . . But before the final vote someone is going to have to convince me that we can cut taxes and still build the buildings."

Commissioner Jimmy Melton was also supportive of a tax cut, though he said his own calculations had suggested a two cent rather than a three-cent drop in the tax rate. He was also wary of dropping the fund balance to fifteen percent.

"I was on the Board when we agreed to keep the fund balance high," Melton said. "That's

the reason we have a good bond rating and low cost of borrowing."

"But I don't think it has to be as high as it is now," he added.

"I think these numbers are very doable," Chairman Nick Picerno said. But he asked his fellow Commissioners to delay any vote until Commissioner Morgan could be present.

"I think most of these are doable, County Manager McSwain agreed, but he cautioned the Board that his "statutory responsibility" is "to bring back a responsible, balanced budget." He noted that, once all the federally- and state-mandated expense items are taken into account, "the discretion the county has in its budget is about 35%."

McSwain also noted the importance of protecting the Coun-

ty's credit rating, which he said "has reduced hundreds and thousands of dollars on the bonds."

Picerno asked County Manager McSwain and Finance Officer Hughes to take Lea's proposal, "run the numbers," and report back to the Commissioners at their next meeting.

## Letter to Coble on Crossing

Also during Monday night's meeting the Board of Commissioners approved a letter seeking Congressman Howard Coble's help in securing funding to upgrade the railroad crossing at the entrance to Seven Lakes West — without requiring the closing of two crossings in West End, at Mode Road and Edgewood Terrace.

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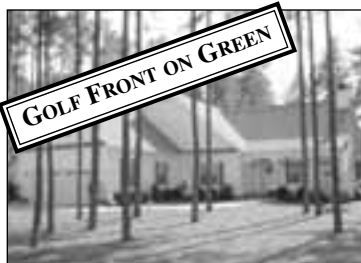
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Prepared by County Attorney Misty Randall Leland, the letter states that, "residents of Seven Lakes, as well as other citizens, will greatly benefit from an upgrade of the railroad crossing in their community."

But, it goes on to say, "Our problem is that improving the Seven Lakes crossing will result in the closing of two crossings in West End."

"The residents of West End, like all citizens," Leland writes, "have come to rely upon quick responses from rescue services and law enforcement. These citizens need their crossings to remain open."

The letter then asks for Coble's "assistance in finding alternatives to closing the two railroad crossings. Perhaps federal funding might also be available that would allow Mode Road and Edgewood Terrace Drive crossings to remain open without hindering the upcoming improvement project at the Seven Lakes crossing. It is the desire of the Board of Commissioners to protect the public safety of all citizens of Moore County."

Commissioner Tim Lea suggested that the letter should be signed by Chairman Picerno rather than the County Attorney. With that revision, the letter was approved by the vote of all four Commissioners present.

## Public Comment

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Doug Middaugh of Pinehurst objected to a Letter of Intent signed by the Town of Robbins and the Village of Pinehurst that envisions an interlocal agreement to rehabilitate the Robbins water plant and bring water from it to the Pinehurst-Seven Lakes system [See page 3 for details on the agreement.]

"The proposed 50/50 partnership does nothing in reality but add unnecessary expenses to the two communities and county, at a time when we should be reducing expense not needlessly increasing," Middaugh said. "Further, it is easily seen that the partnership would cause rate increases to all current Moore County Utility users. Neither situation should be permitted to occur by you."

Elton Turner, who called for Chairman Picerno's resignation during the Board's January 5 meeting, complained that he was inappropriately ruled out of order during that meeting. Turner said he had received a "telephoned threat" on January 10, from an unidentified male who, Turner's caller ID indicated was calling from a number registered to Jennifer Picerno. Turner provided no details of the call but said he had filed a complaint with the Sheriff's Office. Chairman

Nick Picerno's sister-in-law is named "Jennifer Picerno."

After Turner finished, Walter Bull of Pinehurst told Commissioners that Middaugh didn't speak for the people of Pinehurst and said he was tired of hearing Turner's criticisms in every Commissioners meeting. He said the Board had the power to do away with the public comment segment of the meeting and suggested they do so.

Commissioner Tim Lea reminded Bull that, though the Moore County Board of Commissioner had voluntarily created the Public Comment segment of their meeting, shortly after they did so the General Assembly passed legislation requiring that meetings of public bodies include an opportunity for public comment.

## Other Business

In other business, the Board of Commissioners:

- Tabled consideration of two contracts: the architects contract for design of a new jail, public safety building, and county government center, and a contract to purchase a \$1.7 million countywide software package from Tyler Technologies. County Manager McSwain said details were still being worked out on both contracts.

- Authorized Moore County Public Safety to apply for a Rural Access to Emergency Devices grant for \$120,000 to purchase 100 automated external defibrillators [AED] to be placed in law enforcement vehicles throughout the County. Emergency Management Manager Scot Brooks

told the Commissioner that AEDS had already been placed in all rescue and fire vehicles. The grant, if approved, will require no matching county expenditure.

- Approved a contract with Atlantic Technology Consultants, Inc to help update the Wireless Communications Ordinance and facilitate the review of all new tower and co-location applications. Planning Director Joey Raczowski told Commissioner the Planning Board had unanimously recommended the company after a subcommittee conducted thorough interviews with the four firms who asked to be considered.

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# Water

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time to get it on.”

“Shouldn’t the county be doing this?” Wilkison asked. “Yes, they should, and maybe they will, but we didn’t want to wait.”

## The Robbins water plant

The Town of Robbins owns a water plant capable of producing 1.3 million gallons per day of drinking water, yet Robbins buys all its water from neighboring Montgomery County. Interim Town Manager Tommy Combs explained in an interview with *The Times* that a Perdue Farms chicken processing plant had been town’s biggest water customer, using sixty-five percent of the plant’s capacity. When that plant closed, Robbins found the cost of operating the water plant to produce a mere fraction of its capacity would send residents’ water bills through the roof. So they mothballed the plant and started buying water.

In 2007, the county and its municipalities funded a study of water sources conducted by McGill & Associates. Among the top recommendations of that study, delivered in December, 2007, was bringing the Robbins water plant back on line and laying pipe to carry that water to the county-owned system that serves Pinehurst and Seven Lakes.

Aside from the mothballed water plant itself, the McGill consultants noted, Robbins also has an unused 120 million gallon reservoir. In addition, the town’s proximity to the Deep River — the only substantial source of surface water in the county — could open the future possibility of placing an intake in the river and treating that water in the Robbins water plant before shipping it south.

The first step in getting all this rolling, McGill reported, was to investigate the cost of rehabilitating the plant. Robbins commissioned McGill to conduct the study. The results are expected in late February or early March.

## Partnership needed

If Robbins can rehabilitate the plant and sell water to other communities “we’d get to own our own water supply for our own town,” Mayor Bell told *The Times*. “I think the world of Montgomery County,” she added, “but Montgomery County will have to look after its own first, if we have

another major drought.”

Moore County Public Works recently completed a connection between the system serving the East Moore Water District and the system that serves Pinehurst and Seven Lakes. That can provide up to one million gallons per day to the Pinehurst-Seven Lakes water system. But relying on out-of-county sources may have risks.

“This is a Moore County source of water,” Pinehurst Manager Wilkison said, echoing Bell’s concerns. “That’s preferable to an out-of-county source. In a drought another county is going to have to prefer its own citizens.”

## Letter of intent

The letter of intent approved by both the town and village councils contemplates the creation of an “Interlocal Agreement” that would involve:

- A financing plan for rehabilitating the Robbins water plant and laying the pipe to carry that water to Pinehurst or Seven Lakes,
- A construction plan for the plant, transmission lines, and water storage,
- Terms for sale of the water to customers of the county water system, and
- Terms by which an “additional unit of local government” may join the agreement.

The letter indicates that work will begin on crafting the Interlocal Agreement once the McGill study of the Robbins plant is in hand and that a go-no go decision

on the agreement will be made by June 30.

## County participation

That fourth bullet point in the agreement seems clearly aimed at making a seat at the table for Moore County. And, in fact, in Pinehurst Village Council Work Session where the Letter of Intent was approved, Moore County Board of Commissioners Chairman Nick Picerno was given a seat at the table.

Both Mayor Bell and Manager Wilkison expressed a strong interest in seeing the county join the effort.

“It’s not out of the question that just Pinehurst and Robbins could work together,” Bell said. “But if we are a county, why not have all of us work together to solve all of our problems? I would welcome that and thank that would be a smart move on their part.” Bell also said she thought Seven Lakes should have a seat at the table.

Wilkison said the Village was less concerned about which political entities are involved in the project than in getting it moving forward. “If at the end its Moore County and Robbins, then fine,” he told *The Times*. “But if it takes Pinehurst to get it started, then we are willing to make it happen.”

## Picerno welcomes dialog

“In our county we have done lots and lots of talking,” Board of Commissioners Chairman Nick Picerno told *The Times* in an interview on Friday. “A lot of it has

been really good and really necessary. But we have not gotten to the point of working out an action plan that incorporates all these viewpoints.”

Noting that the Commissioners discussed water during their early January retreat and have a presentation from McGill and Associates scheduled for a February 19 work session, Picerno said, “I am very, very interested in getting things started.”

Looking forward to that work session, Picerno said, “Let’s lay all the assets out on the table — everything we could possibly do. Lay it out like a roadmap. Figure out what we want to do when. We need to play out some scenarios. We have to have every piece of the puzzle brought to the table.”

“Water is a major priority for our Board,” Picerno added, noting that it had been among the top four priorities identified during the

Commissioners’ retreat. “Short term and long term supply, reliability of the system, and water quality are all priorities. We’re going to be like a bulldog with our teeth lockjawed onto this issue; we’re going to get it done.”

“The way I see it, water is a necessity, not a luxury,” he said.

Picerno told *The Times* that he expected to have additional informal conversations with both Robbins and Pinehurst on the subject of the water plant, and would likely include another Commissioner in those discussions.

He told *The Times* that some informal discussions among the relevant parties, including perhaps the Seven Lakes landowners associations, would be a useful step before bringing formal proposals to the elected bodies.

The next such informal meeting may take place as early as



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