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## Dues increase approved

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

It turns out a proposed Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] dues increase was more popular than it first appeared. The two-year, \$50 per year increase passed by a margin of fifty-nine votes, rather than the thirteen votes reported at the

Sunday, March 22 Annual Meeting.

In addition to approving the dues increase, SLLA Voters re-elected Directors Randy Zielsdorf and Denny Galford, and elected new members Kent Droppers and Bruce Keyser, Jr. to the Board.

SLLA President Randy Ziels-

dorf called for a recount of the ballots because of the small margin of approval for the dues increase, he told *The Times* on Monday evening, March 23.

"At the end of the meeting, because there was such a narrow margin in favor of the increase, we felt it was prudent and I wanted to be proactive," explained Zielsdorf. "[Community Manager] Dalton [Fulcher] returned the locked ballot box to the office fireproof safe and [Election Committee Chairman] Ray [Pardue] maintained custody of the key."

On Monday, Pardue met with three election committee members, under the observation of Community Manager Dalton Fulcher, to conduct the recount. In a Tuesday interview with *The Times*, Pardue said the committee discovered that one group of twenty-four ballots had been

(See "SLLA Election," p. 29)



Kent Droppers



Denny Galford



Bruce Keyser, Jr.



Randy Zielsdorf

## Hot Rod



Justin Joyce of West End Cub Scout Pack 98 shows off his entry in this year's Pinewood Derby.

## Auman Dam repairs begin

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Preparatory work began Monday on the remediation of the Lake Auman dam, as crews positioned equipment and ripped up a two-foot swath of asphalt from the surface of Longleaf Drive, Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Lake and Dam Director Mick Herdrich told *The Times*.

The SLWLA Board has signed and sealed a \$350,000 contract

with Hayward-Baker, a Maryland-based geotechnical construction firm, to repair the upper core of dam and add new drainage lines to the face of the dam.

In a special Friday, March 27 meeting, seven members of the SLWLA Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the contract, pending review by the Dam and Insurance Committees, the Legal and Infrastructure Directors, and the Association's

engineer on the project, Dr. Dan Marks. The conditional nature of the approval was necessary because FedEx had yet to deliver a draft approved by Hayward-Baker by the time the meeting was called to order.

In addition to the various approvals internal to SLWLA, the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources [NCDENR] also had a final sign-off before work began.

(See "Dam," p. 21)

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# Chili Cook-Off is Saturday; Don't Miss It!

by Kim McNeill Tew

Seven Lakes Business Guild

The clock is ticking as we count down to the start of the 2nd Annual Seven Lakes Business Guild Chili Cook-off sponsored by Carolina Waste. Come hungry and sample chili from twenty-two of the best chili cooks in the state.

Chili not your thing?

Don't worry, the Women of Seven Lakes will have hotdogs with all the fixins' and Project Linus will have baked goods to satisfy your sweet tooth. Between tastes feel free to stroll through the tents of many of our local businesses and entrepreneurs.

Want to keep the kids busy?

There will be plenty of activities to entertain children of all ages. A bouncy house sponsored by Tracy's Carpet will be setup along with face painting, clowns, and pinatas.

Pinehurst Police Department will have coloring books to give away along with several patrol

vehicles for photo opportunities. Seven Lakes Fire Department is sponsoring the Smoke House to teach your child fire safety.

Feeling left out?

No problem, there are lots of activities for the young at heart. Three bands will play throughout the event starting promptly at

11:00 am. Officer Stubbs of the Moore County Sheriff's Department will have his K9 'Reno,' offer a working demonstration around 12:00 pm. He will show how the dog picks up on drugs along with how he protects his partner.

The NC Highway Patrol is bringing a golf cart and the Fatal Vision goggles to simulate driving while impaired. John Whelan of Whelan Realty is going to have a model log house on display.

Tasting starts promptly at 11:00

am. Admission into the event is free, but in order to taste the different chili recipes you must purchase this year's mug or buy individual tickets.

There will be a limited number of T-shirts available - so come early to ensure you get one. We will also have a 50/50 drawing so make sure you purchase tickets for your chance at half the pot.

Parking is available at the event, which will be held in the Seven Lakes Business Village next to Master Kleen.

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## Prostate Cancer Presentation at WEUMC

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On Saturday April 4, the West End United Methodist Church Men's Group will hear from Dr. Greg Griewe on some of the new, minimally invasive tech-

niques available in treating prostate cancer.

Dr. Griewe joined Pinehurst Surgical in 2005, and specializes in oncology, pediatrics, minimally invasive surgery, and incontinence.

The presentation will begin at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall at the church, and the public is invited to attend.

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# Randy Zielsdorf re-elected SLLA President

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Randy Zielsdorf was reelected President of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors during the Wednesday, March 25 organi-

zational meeting. Sally Kindsvatter, who will return to the Vice President's chair, nominated Denny Galford as Treasurer and Bud Shaver as Secretary. All four officers were elected by acclamation.

Newly elected Board member Kent Droppers was appointed to chair the Community Standards and Beautification Committees and Bruce Keyser, Jr. will chair the Recreation Committee. Treasurer Denny Galford

will retain chair of the Finance Committee, and Shaver and Gary Caulk will retain oversight of Maintenance and Security, respectively. Kindsvatter was reelected to chair the Architectural Review Board [ARB].

One big change in Board assignments was Zielsdorf's decision to eliminate Lakes & Dams as a distinct committee, in favor of reallocating specific

responsibilities to other committees. All lake or dam-related maintenance concerns will now fall back under the oversight of the Maintenance Committee. All clubs, activities, or issues related to boating or lakes will fall under the Security or Recreation Committees as appropriate.

Droppers voiced concern that lakes and dams must continue

(See "Officers" p. 20)

## Shepard takes Westside helm

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Ron Shepard was elected President of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] in a brief meeting of the Board of Directors Friday morning, March 20. Legal Director Ed Silberhorn chaired the meeting.

No other name was placed in nomination; Shepard was elected by acclamation, as were all three other officers. Newly elected Board member John Hoffman will fill the Vice President's chair; Ed Tuton and Kathy Kirst will remain as Secretary and

Treasurer, respectively.

Newly-elected Board member Adam Wimberly will take over chairmanship of the Architectural Review Committee from Shepard. New directors John Hoffmann and John Goodman will handle Security and Infrastructure, respectively.

Other committee assignments remain unchanged, with Silberhorn at Legal, Karen Milligan at Recreation, and Mick Herdrich handling Lake and Dam. As Secretary, Tuton will continue to serve as the Board's liaison with the Area Representatives, while Treasurer Kirst

will continue to interface with the Long Range Planning Committee.

Directors will meet for an orientation session on Good Friday, April 10, from 7:30 am 'til noon. Shepard said the regular Board Work Sessions on the second Tuesday of each month will begin at 9:00 am rather than 8:00 am as in the past. The next Work Session is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14.

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# Pat Weber named SLLA Citizen of the Year

by Laura Douglass,  
Times Reporter

Pat Weber was recognized as the Seven Lakes Citizen of the Year during the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Annual Meeting held on Sunday, March 22.

Serving as President of the Sandhills-Moore County Chapter of Project Linus for the past three years, Weber has expanded the chapter's service area to include Lee, Hoke, Montgomery, Harnett, Richmond, and Cumberland Counties. Project Linus is a nationwide nonprofit organization that supplies blankets to children who are in need. All together, the Sandhills Chapter distributes an average of 100

blankets each month.

"We are giving a special hug to the child through the blanket," explained Weber.

She also coordinates companion programs at Pinehurst Elementary, Cameron Elementary, The O'Neal School, and the Seven Lakes Summer Camp, that allow children the opportunity to make their own blankets to contribute to Project Linus.

Weber also serves as the President of the Women of Seven Lakes, a local organization engaged in charitable enterprises and community outreach within Seven Lakes and Moore County areas. Under her leadership, the club has been engaging younger residents and work-

ing moms. This year, the Women anticipate gifts totaling over \$18,000 toward local charities and non-profit organizations.

As a weekly volunteer with Backpack Pals, Weber is responsible for picking up the discrete logo-free backpacks from a

Moore County school, taking them to the Sandhills Food Bank for stuffing, and then returning the backpacks to the school for distribution. Backpack Pals provides nutritious and easy-to-serve food to children identified by school staff as having little or

nothing to eat over the weekend.

In addition, Weber is a member of the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club and The Chapel in the Pines. She and her husband, Dick, live in Seven Lakes South.



Pat Weber: SLLA Citizen of the Year

## McDonalds Chapel Easter

McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church will hold Easter morning worship services at 7:00 am and 11:00 am led by Rev. Fran Stark and Rev. Don Welch.

Weather permitting, the Sunday, April 12 7:00 am sunrise service will be held in the church cemetery, located in the pines behind the Chapel, followed by a covered dish breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a flowering

branch or bloom to mark the celebration of the resurrection with a flowering of the cross. The 11:00 am service will be held in the sanctuary.

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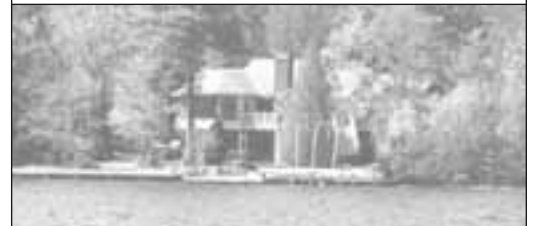
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# SLLA reviews the year at Annual Meeting

by Laura Douglass,  
Times Reporter

The Annual Meeting of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association drew a large crowd to the West End Elementary school gymnasium on Sunday, March 22. Each Director took the opportunity to thank their committees and provided a brief report on the year's activities.

President Randy Zielsdorf provided a broad overview of several major accomplishments, specifically improvements related to maintenance, improvements at Sequoia Point, filing of Emergency Action Plan [EAP] for the high hazard dams, completion of a Lakes & Dams operations manual, and completion of a five to ten-year community plan draft.

"Looking forward, our goal is to have a new community manager in place no later than March 1 of next year," said Zielsdorf. "Considering the demographic shift in Seven Lakes, the next board should consider how the new manager and Board should interact for the betterment of our community."

## Kindsvatter urges private, not public, debate

Following her committee reports for the ARB and Beatification Committees, Director Sally Kindsvatter made a personal appeal asking members to talk to each other, by phone or in person, about controversies — rather than through letters in the newspaper.

"I have been quiet about the controversy and I have not written to *The Seven Lakes Times*, but today I want to take the opportunity to speak." She continued, "It doesn't matter which Board or which issue — it's always about the status quo and the complaints are the same. They harp about change, accuse governing bodies of malfeasance and secrecy, and put fear and suspicion in the general population."

"I am proud to have served with this Board. We have studied issues, hired consultants and lawyers — we have taken our duties seriously. We have not tried to hide," she said.

Regarding the employment agreement, Kindsvatter said, "We felt the matter with Dalton

was private and we thought we were doing what people wanted us to do by looking to new management for Seven Lakes. Think of it as a buyout with the added bonus of a very valuable man as a consultant."

Kindsvatter's remarks met with a standing ovation from many.

## Fulcher: Today is the Good Old Days

Later in the meeting, Dalton Fulcher also received a standing ovation following his remarks.

"Twenty-three years -- and I have enjoyed every one of them!" declared Fulcher.

"I have heard many comments of remembering the good old days when Seven Lakes had 300 or 400 homes and everyone knew each other," said Fulcher. "I think today is the good old days — today we have nice facil-

ities, beaches, and a playground." He continued, "You think the roads look bad now? The roads were worse looking and in worse shape in 1988. We had to request a dues increase for paving that was turned down."

"We have funded the amenities as we went along, with \$122,000 to \$200,000 a year on capital. It has worked except for the roads, but Boards in the past were hesitant because the increase was turned down in the past. I hope the [proposed] dues increase is approved and, when I leave, Seven Lakes is better than when I came."

## Public Comment

JoAn Moses thanked outgoing Director Don Truesdell for his excellent leadership on the Lakes & Dams Committee.

A resident of Seven Lakes

South who owns property near Seven Lakes Country Club's still incomplete new driving range railed against the club.

"When will it be fixed?" he demanded.

Director Bud Shaver responded that a drain was being installed at the parking lot area to reduce run-off and that he was aware of the problems at that site.

"We're watching. We know what they [SLCC] are doing, and we know what our part of it is," said Shaver. "We can't do any more until they do."

Loren Swearingen read from a written statement asking the incoming Board to not waste time and money on a search for a new Community Manager.

"There is a man in our midst who can fill this role. A man who is also a known factor to all residents: one who has given his heart and soul to this community. He is honest and talented. Chad Beane, will hit the ground running. He has earned the right to be promoted, and I ask the Board to do the right thing and as soon as possible, appoint Chad as the new Community Manager."



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# Purser proposes flat budget for next year

by Laura Douglass,  
Times Reporter

With no increase requested, the Moore County Schools proposed local budget of \$26 million includes a three percent, or \$750,000 decrease in current expenses, to absorb anticipated inflation while maintaining costs.

Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser presented the budget to the Board of Education on Monday, March 23.

"This is my thirty-ninth year as an educator and I've never had a budget like this," said Purser. "We have tried to be good corporate citizens. The school system is part of the county... we are part of this community. We are being very realistic."

The budget, as presented, does not include the much larger State portion of approximately \$66 million of the total \$110 million schools budget.

"This year, because of economy that is not very solid at all, we can only focus on our local budget. We made the decision that our requests for our county would be a hold-the-line budget," Purser said.

To cut out \$750,000 in expenses from the existing budget total, Purser said she focused on what was prudent, practical, cost efficient, and supportive of families.

Cuts were made in Central Office staffing support, textbooks,

staff development, and remedial support for student scoring at lower levels. Purser explained the State required cuts of \$1.2 million but did not designate specific

areas for implementation.

"Eighty-five percent of our budget is in people. We [schools] are a people heavy industry," Purser said. "Our goal will be to

preserve staff and look at other areas to cut costs."

Total proposed local cost reductions include \$342,000 in maintenance; \$136,000 in position

adjustments; and \$272,000 in operational adjustments. As presented, the local budget request totals \$26,069,145 million, with \$1,133,950 in capital outlay.



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## Free Preschool Health Screening

Free health screenings will be offered to children from one to five years of age at Seven Lakes Baptist Church on Friday, April 17, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Vision screening will be provided by Dr. Barry Kavanaugh, OD; dental screening by Dr. Jennifer Massey, DDS; and hearing screening by Dr. Karen Sikes, Au.D.

There will also be free snacks and prizes provided for every child! The event is sponsored by Seven Lakes Baptist Church. For more information, please call 673-5535 or 673-5389.

# Insurance agent charged with embezzlement

The owner of a Seven Lakes insurance office has been arrested for selling fake insurance policies, according to a Wednesday, April 1, press release from the office of Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin.

Jennifer Hughes Puckett, 30, 163 Woodside Dr., Rockingham, was charged with ten counts of embezzlement.

According to the arrest warrant, Puckett, a licensed insurance agent and the owner of Abbott Insurance Group, which was located at 1100 Seven Lakes

Drive, took approximately \$9,000 in premiums for fake insurance policies between October 1, 2007 and February 1, 2009.

Investigators have thus far identified fourteen victims of the scam. These are clients who were issued fraudulent Certificates of Insurance and believed they were covered by various auto, homeowner, rental or other insurance policies. According to investigators, Puckett took the premium money for herself.

A complaint from a consumer who discovered the policy they

held was fake led to the investigation. Puckett was taken to Moore County Detention Center in Carthage and placed under a \$10,000 secured bond. She closed Abbott Insurance Group in February.

The Department of Insurance employs twenty sworn law

enforcement officers dedicated to investigating claims of insurance fraud. In 2008, these investigators saw more than 453 cases successfully closed with more than \$5.8 million in restitution and recoveries, 60 criminal convictions and 130 arrests.

An estimated ten cents of

every dollar paid in premiums goes toward the payment of fraudulent claims. To report suspected fraud, contact the Department of Insurance Investigations Division at (919) 807-6840. Callers may remain anonymous. Information is also available at the NC-DOI Web site.

## Foxfire arrest

Foxfire Village Police Chief Mike Campbell reported Michael Bacon Jr., 19, of 106 Forrest Drive in Aberdeen, was arrested for breaking and entering a motor vehicle and larceny of items from a motor vehicle.

The thefts occurred in Foxfire Village on Tuesday, February 10. Councilwoman Page Coker said an identification number on a recovered item had led to the arrest.

"I am very proud of our Police Department in the way they have handled this. Chief Campbell did an excellent job of gathering evidence and conducting a thorough investigation," said Coker.

She has encouraged all residents to keep record of their valuable items and to keep their

homes and vehicles locked.

Bacon was placed in the Moore County Jail under a \$5,000.00 secured bond pending his first court date of April 9.



Michael Lester Bacon, Jr.

## 'Family to Family' course helps families cope with mental illness

The National Alliance on Mental Illness [NAMI] of Moore County is offering the eleven-week "Family to Family" course free to family members of close relatives with mental illness. Classes are held Tuesdays from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm, April 21 – June 30.

Attendees will learn of all current information about the severe and persistent mental illnesses, current research, and up-to-date information about medications. They will also gain empathy by understanding the subject, lived experiences of a person with a mental illness while learning in special workshops about problem solving, listening, and communication techniques.

Attendees will be given strategies for han-

dling crises and relapse, all the while learning how to cope with the worry, stress, and emotional overload of being a caregiver. They will be given guidance on locating appropriate support and services within our community, and information on advocacy initiatives designed to improve and expand services.

Marianne Kernan, NAMI-MC President and Ellen Airs, co-chairs of NAMI-MC's forthcoming Pathway to Awareness Weekend, will teach this popular course. Classes are free and held at the FirstHealth Moore Regional Specialty Clinic [formerly Pinehurst Surgical Clinic building] with limited seating. For more information or to register, call 235-0292. Everything is confidential.



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# Amy Felix crowned Little Miss Sandhills

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Dancer, artist, chorister, and karate student — Amy Felix is a very talented young lady. On Saturday, March 21, the judges of the Little Miss Sandhills Pageant agreed and presented her with top honors in her very first pageant.

"She really tried hard and we were so proud of her," said her mother, Toni.

A sixth grader at West Pine Middle School, Amy is the daughter

of Toni and Brad Felix of Seven Lakes South. She is a member of the West Pine Art Olympics team and the chorus for the school play. She is also a member of the Seven Lakes Dance Juniors competition team, and a student at Goshin Dojo where she will test for her Black Belt in April.

During the talent portion of the pageant, Felix danced a routine she choreographed herself which included karate kicks and punches.



Little Miss Sandhills Amy Felix with her mother, Toni Felix.

## GBC Law celebrates



Mike Gorenflo, Clark Campbell, & Bob Bierbaum with friends

Seven Lakes Attorneys Mike Gorenflo, Bob Bierbaum, and Clark Campbell were joined by dozens of friends, family members, clients, and fellow Moore County Chamber of Commerce members for a Thursday, March 26 ribbon cutting celebrating their new partnership.

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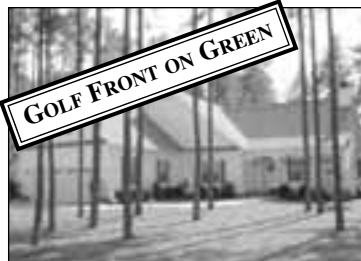
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# Lisa Mace crowned Miss Greater Sandhills

by Laura Douglass,  
Times Reporter

Lisa Mace of Seven Lakes West was crowned Miss Greater Sandhills on Saturday, March 21, at Owens Auditorium at

Sandhills Community College. The inaugural pageant event was co-hosted by Chad Beane, assistant community manager of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association.

A former Miss Moore County and Miss Goldsboro, Mace will compete in the Miss North Carolina pageant later this year. She is a graduate of East Carolina University with a degree in dance.

"I started dancing when I was three years old and this has been my life for over twenty years," said Mace. Her community service platform, "Take the Lead: Partnering Dance with Education," was developed while she attended college.

Her program involves working with school children, teaching dance.

"Dance is great for self-esteem, self-confidence, and is good physical activity," Mace said. "And children involved in dance education score between ten and twenty percent on their end of year grading. We put so much focus on testing: this is one way that has been proven to help raise scores."

Mace said she is very excited to bring her dance program to schools in the Sandhills region.

"I know it works and I am excited to try here in my own school system," said Mace.

She is the daughter of Kenny and Gayle Mace of Seven Lakes West.



Miss Greater Sandhills Lisa Mace

## Advance Directives Seminar

Jennifer Garner, Esq., a noted eldercare attorney in Moore County, will present a free seminar on Advance Directives on Thursday, April 16 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Elmcroft Assisted Living, 101 Brucewood Road [across from Sandhills Cinema] in Southern Pines.

The seminar is designed to raise public awareness of the need to plan ahead for health care decisions, related to end of life care, and to encourage the specific use of advance directives to communicate these important health care decisions to family and healthcare professionals. The seminar is free but registration is required. Please call Donna Traylor at 639-4580.



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Service of the Palms 9:30 am	Holy Communion 7:00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy Noon	Easter Celebration 9:30 am

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# 'Dental Divas' will walk to support MS research

Dr. Jennifer Massey and staff members Leslie Parsons, Denise Cox, and Ashley Sheffield are gearing up for the 2009 Triangle Walk MS Festival. This will be the first year the "Dental Divas" have participated in Walk MS. They decided to participate because they have seen firsthand the need to increase awareness and research for this disease. Their team goal is to raise at least \$2,200.

The event, scheduled for April 25 at the RBC Center, benefits the Eastern North Carolina Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Festivities will include a five mile walk, family entertainment, and lunch. Proceeds are used to fund research, programs, services, education, and advocacy for the over 4,500 individuals living with multiple sclerosis in eastern North Carolina. This year's total fundraising goal is \$830,000.

Multiple sclerosis interrupts the flow of information from the brain to the body and stops people from moving. Every hour in the United States, someone is newly diagnosed with MS, an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. The disease affects more than 400,000 people in the U.S. and 2.5 million worldwide.

MS stops people from moving. The National MS Society exists to make sure it doesn't. The Eastern North Carolina Chapter, located in Raleigh, serves the over 4,500 individuals affected by MS in our 49-county area. Each year, through the home office and 50-state network of chapters, approximately \$125 million is devoted to programs and services that enhance more than one million lives to move us closer to a world free of MS. In 2007, the Society invested more than \$46 million to support 440 research projects around the world.

The Dental Divas invite others

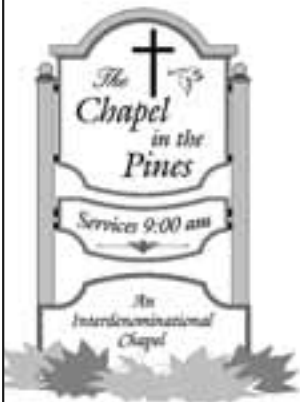
to join them by donating to this worthy cause. For more information or to contribute, please

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*The Dental Divas will help raise funds for MS programs and research in the Triangle Walk MS Festival.*

## Holy Week Services



Reverend Don Welch

— April 9th —

*Maundy Thursday Service  
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— April 12th —

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## Sandhills Circuit Holy Week Calendar

**Palm Sunday, April 5** – Worship at 9:00 am at Pleasant Hill UMC; Worship at 10:00 am at Eagle Springs UMC; Church School at 9:45 am at Marcus; Worship at 11:15 am at Marcus; Healthy Congregation Study at 5:30 pm at Marcus Fellowship Hall.

**Maundy Thursday, April 9** – Candlelight Holy Communion at 7:00 pm at Pleasant Hill. featuring the Chancel Choir of Marcus.

**Easter Sunday, April 12** – Sunrise Service at 7:00 am at Pleasant Hill, with breakfast; Sunrise Service at 7:00 am at

Marcus, with breakfast; Church School at 9:45 am at Marcus; Easter Worship at 11:00 am at Marcus.

The Sandhills Circuit Churches are led by co-pastors Myron and Barbara Dice. Everyone in the community is invited to attend services.

Pleasant Hill UMC is located at 732 Morganton Road in Jackson Springs; Eagle Springs UMC is located at 640 Eagle Branch Road in Eagle Springs; and Marcus UMC is located at 2081 Windblow Road in Jackson Springs.

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# First Bank using CCP funds to help homebuyers

In response to Washington's call for banks to improve lending using the Treasury's Capital Purchase Program [CPP] funds, First Bank is introducing a new builder finance program to assist local builders and homebuyers in making ends meet through the economic crisis.

"When we decided to participate in the Treasury's Capital Purchase Program, we saw an opportunity to help our cus-

tomers weather this economic storm," said First Bank President and CEO Jerry Ochletree. "Our new builder finance program will help in that effort."

"These mortgages, offered through builders that bank with First Bank, offer much better rates than the secondary market and remain fixed for the next decade," said Teresa Nixon, First Bank executive vice president and chief lending officer. "We

look forward to working with customers that can benefit from more secure and reliable lending options."

As a healthy bank, First Bank was eligible to participate in CPP in order to improve the flow of credit in the regional financial system. From that capital infusion, First Bank has been able to extend credit to customers with programs like builder financing.

"Many people may think that

banks that accept Treasury funds are part of the problem, and we want to assure people that is not the case for First Bank," said Ochletree. "We see participation in this program as a vote of confidence and we're privileged to have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our customers."

"First Bank is in very good financial standing," said Ochletree. "By making the decision

to work with the Treasury, we are more capable in a volatile market to meet the needs of our customers and our community."

First Bancorp, the parent company of First Bank, announced its participation in the Treasury's Capital Purchase Program late last year and completed the sale of \$65 million in preferred stock this January.



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# In memory of . . .

**Alice Ann Donovan Poeppelmeier**, formerly of Seven Lakes, died at her home in Kennebunk, ME, Monday, March 16.

She and her husband of fifty-eight years, the late Vincent E. Poeppelmeier, enjoyed their retirement years in Seven Lakes.

As a University of Maine Delta Delta member, Mrs. Poeppelmeier was also involved in Pan Hellenic activities throughout the region.

She returned Maine in 2004, and she continued to stay connected to her many friends in Seven Lakes.

Mrs. Poeppelmeier is survived by her two brothers, Dr. Thomas J. Donovan and Dr. James F. Donovan; by her four daughters, Anne Moran of Maryland, Fran Sheeley of New York, Margaret Stitham and Barbara Eretzian both of Maine; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Saturday, June 20, at 9:30 am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Yarmouth, ME. Burial will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery, Yarmouth. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Alice Ann's name may be made to the Donovan Scholarship Fund at the University of Maine Foundation.

Arrangements are in care of Bibber Memorial Chapel, 67 Summer Street, Kennebunk.

**Eric Mathew Yelcich**, 40, of Cumberland County, died Friday, March 20, at Cape Fear Valley Medical in Fayetteville.

Mr. Yelcich was born in Cheverly, MD, the son of Mathew and Karen Yelcich, of West End.

He served his country in the U.S. Navy.

Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church of Pinehurst Thursday, March 26. The Pastor David Marks officiated. Burial followed in Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery in Spring Lake.

Mr. Yelcich is survived by his wife, Eileen H. Gadow, of Fayetteville; a sister, Kelly Elizabeth Gomez, of New Bern.

**Robert J. Scales**, 88, of Boynton Beach, FL, and Foxfire Village, passed away on Friday, March 20.

After finishing high school and

business college, he enrolled in the Army Air Corps and went through pilot training and served his country during World War II as the pilot of a B-17 bomber stationed in England. As he grew older, his time in the Army Air Corps became the focal point and pride of his life.

Following his discharge from the service he became a fireman and then a transport operator for Ansco Camera before going to work at Prudential Insurance. He excelled and advanced to his final position, prior to retirement in 1985 with Prudential, as President of the Northeast Home Office in Boston, MA.

He is survived by his wife, Loretta Scales of Boynton Beach, FL, and daughter Diane Lynn

Scales, of Foxfire.

A private family service will be held in West Palm Beach, FL, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum, 175 Bourne Avenue, Pooler, GA 31322.

Boles Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Donald A. Richardson**, 77, of Eagle Springs, died Saturday, March 21, at Autumn Care in Biscoe.

Arrangements are being handled by Phillips Funeral Home of Star.

**Arlie C. Davis**, 84, of Eagle Springs, died Sunday, March

22, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Arrangements are being handled by Phillips Funeral Home of Star.

**Richard North Lewis**, 92, of West End, died Friday, March 27, at his residence.

Mr. Lewis was born in Moore County the son of the late Robert Blake and Sallie Morris Lewis.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and Army Air Corps, served in World War II. He was a manufacturer of building materials and was a life member of the BPO Elks. He was a longtime member of West End Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his two sons, Richard N. Lewis Jr., of Southern Pines, and Charles "Chuck" B. Lewis, of Chapel Hill; two grandchildren and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anny Krywokulsky Lewis; a sister, Nelle Markham; a brother, Robert Blake Lewis, and an infant brother, Morris.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 31 at West End Presbyterian Church. Burial followed at West End Cemetery.

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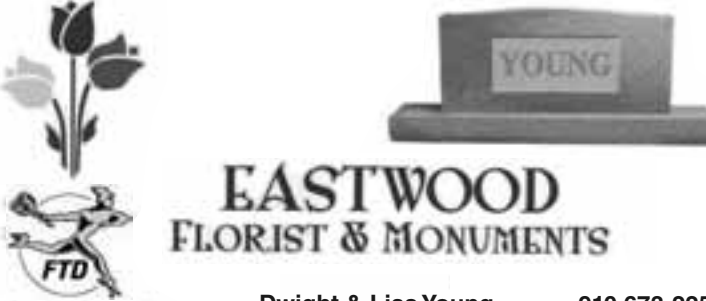


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# Kiwanis host County Manager McSwain

by Frank Krohn

Seven Lakes Kiwanis

Moore County Manager Cary McSwain addressed the Seven

Lakes Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, March 3.

McSwain offered a fact-filled talk about the current status of

the County, which he indicated is in good shape, financially.

Questions about water and sewers are abundant but being

seriously addressed.

He indicated that he has been working hard to organize the County's offices so that there will be what he called a "One Stop Call Service Center." This is just about to be implemented, and when it is, a person can call one main number at the office and get an answer to vir-

tually any question without having to make several calls before getting the answer. Everyone felt good about the status of the County after hearing Mr. McSwain's comments.

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



Bruce Donaldson, Program Coordinator, and Moore County Manager Cary McSwain.

## Tennis News

by Barb Horan

Seven Lakes Tennis

Spring tennis lessons will be forming very shortly. If you or your child are interested in learning this game that "lasts a lifetime," please call the Tennis Center at 673-1096. You will be so glad you did!

Also watch the mail houses for brochures with details for upcoming Summer Tennis Camps. These camps are open to kids ages six to fourteen. These well supervised tennis camps offer different levels of tennis, all age appropriate, and include swimming, healthy snacks, t-shirts.....and a whole lot of exercise.

Dates for the Summer Tennis Camps are as follows: July 13-16 and July 27-30. Each session is from Monday thru Thursday with Friday being the rain date.

Seven Lakes Country Club is fortunate to have Tennis Pro Bruce Adams directing these sessions. Coach Adams has been at the Tennis Center for just over two years and has put together an excellent Junior Program. These young players have started out in the tennis clinics and have now graduated to tournament play and have done amazingly well. They also play on the local Junior High and High School tennis teams. Coach Adams has proven that it's a lot better to keep the kids "on the courts" and "not in them!"

This October the Club will host its second Junior Tennis Tournament. Last Fall's tournament was sponsored by First Bank as well as many other local business merchants. The Tournament Committee is currently seeking sponsors and donations for this year and appreciates the support of all who can participate.

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# Taste of the Town

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Local restaurants supplied the eats, and Seven Lakers provided the appetites.

Proceeds will benefit the First-Health Foundation Cancer Care Fund and the West End United Methodist Church Food Pantry.



JoAn & Bill Moses with Tinkie Petterson

## Urban Farm Tour on 4/11

Don't Miss the Sustainable Sandhills Urban Farm Tour on Saturday, April 11.

This fun event is a chance to see what local people are growing in their own front and backyards – to secure a healthier and more sustainable future. Self-guided tours can begin any time between 10 am - 3 pm at the Aberdeen Elementary School Gardens in Moore County.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 3

• **Heart of Carolina Jazz Orchestra presents Stanley Jordan** – 8 pm, Temple Theatre, Sanford. Tickets \$15; Youth \$10.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

- **Huge Yard Sale** – 8 am – 1 pm, West End Presbyterian Church, 275 Knox Lane, West End. Proceeds to benefit youth missions.
- **Jackson Springs Community Club Yard Sale** – 8 am – 1 pm, Community Club Building, 447 Mill Rd, Jackson Springs. Something for everyone! Biscuits, hotdogs, soft drinks, & face painting.
- **West End Methodist Men's Group: Special Presentation** – 9 am, Fellowship Hall, West End Methodist Church. Dr. Greg Griewe, a specialist in oncology, pediatrics, surgery, and incontinence, will discuss minimally invasive surgery techniques for treating prostate cancer. Public invited. Info. 673-1371.
- **Chili Cook Off** – 11 am – 3 pm, corner of Trade & Grant Streets, Seven Lakes Business Village. Sponsored by the Seven Lakes Business Guild. Street fair will feature local businesses, clubs, and organizations.

- **SLWLA Easter Egg Hunt** – 1 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Refreshments and a visit by the Easter Bunny. Rain date Sun, April 5.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

- **Palm Sunday**
- **Palm Sunday Services** – 8:30 am & 11 am, West End United Methodist Church.



What's When Calendar

- Special music by the choir at 11 am service.
- **Sandhills Circuit Palm Sunday Services** – 9 am, Pleasant Hill UMC; 10 am, Eagle Springs UMC; 11:15 am, Marcus UMC, Jackson Springs.
  - **Ecology of the Sandhills** – 3 pm, Weymouth Woods, Southern Pines. Learn about the Sandhills ecosystem, especially the role fire plays in shaping and maintaining it. Short slide show followed by hike. Bring sunscreen & bug spray. Meet at park office.
  - **Eddie Barrett & Goodman Legacy Orchestra** – 3:30 p – 6 pm, Mr. P's, 155 Hall Avenue,

Southern Pines. Big Band music. Information, 603-7660.

MONDAY, APRIL 6

- **Moore County Board of Commissioners Meeting** – 4 pm, Historic Courthouse, Carthage.
- **NAMI Educational/Support Meeting** – 7 PM, FirstHealth Conference Center. Annual Membership Meeting, new Board Members presented, and Annual Bob Best Award presented to the 2009 Recipients. A "Job Fair" held

for individuals to see all that NAMI-MC does throughout Moore County and opportunities for involvement through volunteering. 295-1053.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

- **Sandhills Entrepreneurship Summit** – 9 am – 12 pm, Sandhills Community College. Presented by UNC-Pembroke, Regional forum brings local business and educational leaders together. Event free, open to the public. Info:695-3919.
- **College Club Luncheon** –

11:30 am, Whispering Pines Country Club. International journalist Mohsin Ali will present, "Around the World of Diplomacy in Forty Years: Journalism-Then and Now." Lunch tickets \$15. Info: 255-6286.

- **Foxfire Village Council Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Town Hall.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

- **Wine on Thursday** – 5 pm – 8 pm, Sandhills Winery, Seven Lakes West Plaza. Wine tasting and specials, plus catering by Your Chef Service.
- **Moore County Planning board meeting** – 6 pm, Historic Courthouse, Carthage.
- **Maundy Thursday Service** – 7 pm, West End United Methodist Church. Special presentation & service of Holy

Communion.

- **Maundy Thursday Service** – 7 pm, Pleasant Hill UMC, Jackson Springs. Candlelight Holy Communion and Chancel Choir of Marcus UMC.
- **Seven Lakes Garden Club** – 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Larry Cohen, Master Gardener and member of the Sandhills Camellia Society, will speak on the planting and care of camellias.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

- **Good Friday**
- **Good Friday Prayers & Tenebrae Service** – 3 pm – 7 pm, West End United Methodist Church. Church will be open for prayers between 3 pm and 6 pm with a Tenebrae Service at 7 pm.

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<b>6</b> Tuscan White Bean Soup ♥ Beef Enchiladas Dinner ♥	<b>7</b> Mushroom Wild Rice Soup ♥ Chicken Tetrizzini Dinner	<b>8</b> Crab & Shrimp Bisque Herb-Roasted Turkey Dinner	<b>9</b> Broccoli Cheddar Soup Spice-Crusted Tilapia Dinner ♥	<b>10</b> <b>CLOSED</b>
<b>13</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>14</b> Lentil Soup ♥ Salisbury Steak Dinner	<b>15</b> Tomato Florentine Soup ♥ Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner	<b>16</b> White Bean Chicken Chili ♥ Basil Shrimp with Orzo Dinner ♥	<b>17</b> New England Clam Chowder Chicken Enchiladas Dinner ♥
<b>20</b> Broccoli Spinach Soup ♥ Turkey Meatloaf Dinner	<b>21</b> Split Pea with Ham Soup Chicken with Spanish Rice Dinner ♥	<b>22</b> Beef Vegetable Soup Eggplant Parmesan Dinner	<b>23</b> Potato Leek Soup Crab Cakes Dinner	<b>24</b> Shrimp & Corn Soup Beef Stroganoff Dinner
<b>27</b> Tomato Basil Soup ♥ Swiss Steak Dinner	<b>28</b> Vegetable Soup ♥ Chicken Parmesan Dinner	<b>29</b> Chicken Dumpling Soup Two Bean Enchiladas Dinner ♥	<b>30</b> Asparagus Vichyssoise ♥ Herb-Crusted Salmon Dinner ♥	<b>May 1</b> <b>CLOSED</b>

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

- **Bird Walk** – 8 am, Weymouth Woods, Southern Pines. Spring migration is underway. Enjoy a two-mile hike. Learn to identify birds by sight and sound. Bring binoculars, tick repellent, sunscreen, and field guides. Meet at park office.
- **Sustainable Sandhills Urban Farm Tour** – 10 am – 3 pm, Aberdeen Elementary School. Self-guided tours of the school's First Gardens all day. Visitors will see urban homeowners, much like themselves, giving demonstrations.
- **SLLA Easter Egg Hunt & Party** – 11 am, Seven Lakes Northside Park.
- **Special Wine Tasting Event** – 2 pm – 4 pm, Sandhills Winery, Seven Lakes West Plaza. Wines from St. Francis Winery and Vineyards, come taste their Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Old Zinfandel, and St. Francis blend.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12**

- **Easter Sunday**
- **Easter Sunrise Service** – 6:45 am, West End Cemetery. Jointly sponsored sunrise service by West End Baptist Church and West End United Methodist Church.
- **Easter Sunrise Service** – 7 am, McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church, Foxfire Road. Led by Rev. Fran Stark and

Rev. Don Welch, weather permitting sunrise service will be held in the church cemetery followed by a covered dish breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a flowering branch or bloom to mark the celebration of the resurrection with a flowering of the cross. 11:00 am service held in the sanctuary. Chapel welcomes all.

- **Sandhills Circuit Easter Services** – 7 am Sunrise Service at Pleasant Hill, with breakfast; 7 am Sunrise Service at Marcus, w/breakfast; 11 am Easter Worship at Marcus UMC, Jackson Springs.
- **Easter Sunday Services** – 8:30 am & 11 am, West End United Methodist Church.
- **Easter Mini Bio-Blitz** – 3 pm, Weymouth Woods, Southern Pines. A great time to observe the renewal of life in the Sandhills. Enjoy a two-mile hike. Bring bug spray, sunscreen. Meet at park office.

**MONDAY, APRIL 13**

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Work Session** – 8:30 am, Conference Room.
- **NARFE Meeting** – 10:30 am, Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St., Southern Pines. National Active & Retired Federal Employees Sandhills Chapter 1895 host Tim Clark, owner of Innovative Pharmacy. Info: 215-5898 or 246-9881.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14**

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Work Session** – 9 am, West Side Park Community Center.
- **Computer Club of Seven Lakes Meeting** – 3pm, Seven Lakes North Game Room. Computer peripherals will be presented by Paul Steele from the Sandhills Community College. Guests welcome.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**

- **Gallery at Seven Lakes: Windows on the World** – 1 pm – 4 pm, 1145 Seven Lakes Dr. A reception to meet the artists of Windows on the World, a show and sale potpourri collection of scenes from local photographers featuring prize-winning views of exotic places, near and far. Gallery is in St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16**

- **Advance Directives Seminar** – 2 pm – 3 pm, Elmcroft Assisted Living, 101 Brucewood Road [across from Sandhills Cinema], Southern Pines. Jennifer Garner, will present the free seminar. Advance directives in health care decisions for family and health-care professionals. Registration: Donna Traylor 639-4580.
- **Seven Lakes Forum: The**

**Ethics of Humanism** – 4:30 pm, upper level West Side Park Comm. Ctr. Randy Best, will present 'Bringing Meaning to Life – a Humanist's Quest for Meaning.' All women and men from Seven Lakes, and their guests, are invited to attend.

• **Rufus Barringer Civil War Round Table** – 7 pm, Southern Pines Civic Club, corner of Ashe St & Pennsylvania Ave. Southern Pines. Patrick Falci will provide a live depiction of Lt-General A.P. Hill in his Red Battle Shirt. All welcome.

Refreshments, 315-1213.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17**

- **Free Preschool Health Screening** – 9 am – 12 pm, Seven Lakes Baptist Church. For children 1-5 years, vision screening by: Dr. Barry Kavanaugh, OD; dental screening Dr. Jennifer Massey, DDS; and hearing screening by Dr. Karen Sikes, Au.D. Free snacks and prizes for every child. Information, 673-5535 or 673-5389.



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## Home Network Security at Computer Club



by Laurie Werner  
Seven Lakes Computer Club

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Although it is illegal to tap into another person's wireless network, the signals can travel up to 300 feet to the side or upwards. Signals will not go through metal, microwaves, a sub-woofer, or a chimney. It is possible to set up a secure network for a wired or wireless computer network by using a router. Firewalls for both hardware and software were also discussed.

The Computer Club of Seven Lakes meets the second Tuesday of each month except July and August, at 3:00 pm in the Seven Lakes North Game Room. Guests are welcome and membership is only \$10 for the family.

Above: Chris Jones and Bob Woolard, Program Chairman

## Learn the art of watercolor

Two classes for beginner and intermediate artists interested in learning the Art of Watercolor will be offered in May under Instructor Andrea Schmidt, a renowned artist and dynamic teacher with more than thirty years experience. All classes will be held in the West Side Park Community Center activity-room on the lower level. Class size is limited to twelve students and cost for the four week class

is \$25.

Class Group A will be held Mondays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm starting May 4 [makeup for Memorial Day will be Tuesday, May 26].

Class Group B will be held Wednesdays from 10:45 am to 12:45 pm starting May 6.

Students will learn many techniques including nature studies, how to combine pen and ink with watercolor, how to cre-

ate a painting from your photographs, how to lay in washes and experiment with colors using middle values and texture, and, how to paint a still life quickly while maintaining a wet into wet look.

Each participant must supply small and large sheets of 140# acid-free watercolor paper, masking tape, your own palette with assorted colors including warms and cools, paper towels, watercolor brushes, water container, journal for note taking, and any other personal supplies for painting.

The Art of Watercolor is open to all residents of Seven Lakes. Registration at the WSPCC office, and for more information, call Andrea Schmidt at 673-1210.

## Seven Lakes Forum

Randy Best, Administrative Director, Physics Department of Duke University and Leader of the NC Society for Ethical Culture, will present 'Bringing Meaning to Life – a Humanist's Quest for Meaning,' at the next Seven Lakes Forum on Thursday, April 16, at 4:30pm, on

the upper level of the West Side Park Community Center. All Seven Lakers, and their guests, are invited to attend.

In May, the Forum will present an update on Afghanistan with General William 'Buck' Kernan [Ret.], former Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic.

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# Clenny Creek Day promises music, history, & fun

by Sara Lindau  
Moore County Historical Association

Visitors from Europe or just down the road are welcome at the fourth annual Clenny Creek Day with music, food, prizes, history, and just plain fun on offer Saturday, April 18. The event is 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on the site of the Bryant House and McLendon Cabin in upper Moore County at Harris Crossroads.

Admission is free.

The cabin was built in 1760 by one of Moore County's earliest settlers, Joel McLendon, across the road from McLendon Creek, for which "Clenny Creek" day is named.

The cabin is the oldest house in Moore County on its original site, according to Joyce Dunlap Wilson, chairwoman of Friends of the Bryant House, that carries on the Clenny Creek Day event. The approximately four-acre site is shared with the Bryant House, a manor home built about 1820 whose owner later acquired the McLendon Cabin.

Both restored houses are now museums, owned by the Moore County Historical Association, that uses money raised by the Clenny Creek Day events to restore and maintain the buildings.

"I tell schoolchildren the McLendon Cabin was built before our first president," Wilson said, chairwoman of the Friends of the Bryant House Committee. "We get good attendance from people from other parts of the state and out of state, even from other countries," she said. "We appreciate the fact that so many people are still interested in the heritage and history of the area."

For lunch there's Southern country-style food such as pinto beans and corn muffins accompanied by hot dogs, barbecue sandwiches with all the trimmings, and of course non-alcoholic beverages.

Visitors can wander around in the fresh spring weather, listen to authentic Bluegrass music from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm by Clyde Maness, Jerry Garner, Teddy White, and Eddie Ingram. A second group, the Hoe Cakes, will play from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm on the front porch.

No one can leave Clenny

Creek Day without learning more about the area's rich pre-Revolutionary War colonial era through volunteers wearing costumes and demonstrating the use of household tools and the way people lived in those days, as well as Civil War and nineteenth century rural way of life.

Vendors will also offer items for sale, often made by them and appropriate to the rural and historic ambiance.

Sandhills Area Land Trust has acquired 222 acres to protect "forever" as a wildlife preserve at McLendon Creek, a tributary of Deep River.

SALT will have a table with information; and a Civil War Roundtable named for Rufus Barringer is also planned.

To visit Clenny Creek Day take U.S. 15-501 north from the Pinehurst Traffic Circle, turn west on N.C. 73, go to the intersection of Beulah Hill Church Road and

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# Officers

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to be carefully monitored.

"Given that lakes are our single largest asset, we should have a standing report on the status of the dams from administration," said Droppers.

Zielsdorf agreed and tasked Community Manager Dalton Fulcher with providing a detailed monthly report on dam issues or maintenance projects at each Open Meeting.

Looking toward the transition over the next year to a new community manager, Zielsdorf presented a plan that identified three key focus areas; management company search, system of governance, and future direction. He appointed Droppers to coordinate the transition effort and requested that he begin interviewing community management companies promptly.

"I am totally open minded whether to go with a company or individual -- I see advantages to either direction. A decision has not been made," Zielsdorf said. "This is a learning process for us and [interviewing management companies] will help us better hammer out a job description."

Zielsdorf explained that system of governance discussions must include questions on the future role of the Board, the attributes the community wants in a manager, and the services the Association should provide its members.

Former director Don Welch will be tasked with overseeing the "future direction" portion of the Transition Committee's efforts. His efforts will incorporate the five to ten-year Community Plan, which has been under development for some time, and towards developing a leadership entity to encompass all local communities.

"There are many issues that affect this area; and, with a larger group, we can band together and get more clout," Zielsdorf said.

## Other items

Temporary appointments were approved for current ARB members Edie Starkey and Mike Cummins and Judicial Committee members Dean Charles, Frank Krohn, Ed Chapman, Carolyn Follansbee, and Dave Kinney.

Zielsdorf announced a Monday recount of votes on the dues increase had revealed a larger margin of approval, with 299 in

favor and 240 opposed. There was no change in the Board election results.

A list of Moore County banks

used by the Association was unanimously approved.

Work Sessions will be scheduled two Mondays before the

Open Meeting, at 8:30 am. The first Work Session will be held Monday, April 13.

## Barrett joins Lions



Rob Barrett, Pharmacist Manager of Seven Lakes Prescription Shoppe was recently inducted into the Seven Lakes Lions Club. Barrett was sponsored by Shirley Donaldson.

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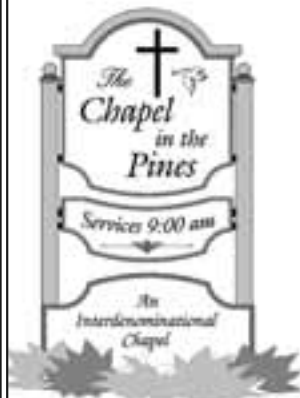
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# Dam

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As of Tuesday afternoon, the contract had been through the required reviews and had been signed, and the final NCDENR approval was in hand, Legal Director Ed Silberhorn told *The Times*.

When the project is complete the center of the dam will have a new upper core — a slurry wall — comprised of bentonite (a clay), cement, sand, and water. Infrastructure John Goodman told Board members that the slurry will never completely harden, but will retain some flexibility that will allow it to bend with the dam. The new core will be a foot thick and an average of 20 feet deep.

Goodman, who has extensive career experience in major construction projects, explained that the depth necessary at any particular point will be determined by the resistance encountered by the vibrating beam that moves aside the earth so that the slurry can be injected. At that point, he said, the substance will have the consistency of a thick milkshake.

When complete, the wall will

stretch 1200 feet across the center of the 2600 foot dam. A “starter trench” a couple of feet wide and three feet deep will be dug before the vibrating beam is inserted and the slurry is poured in. The trenching and vibrating beam operations will proceed in tandem, moving across the dam at the rate of as much as one hundred feet per day. The contract allows Hayward-Baker two months to complete the project.

The trench will be mostly filled with slurry; and, after a week or so of curing time, the remainder of the trench will be backfilled, probably with a mixture of the soil and gravel that was removed to create the trench. The asphalt removed from the roadway will be saved for recycling in pending West Side paving projects.

Goodman told *The Times* that the final surface will be an aggregate; the roadway across the dam will not be resurfaced with asphalt until the Board makes the decision to allow vehicular traffic to once again use the dam. Lake and Dam Director Mick Herdrich told Board members that decision would be made

not less than nine months after construction is complete. Once the work is finished, engineer Marks will monitor the dam and make a recommendation to the Association about reopening Longleaf Drive across the dam.

There may be some excess slurry left over once the job is complete, so, in addition to tentatively approving the contract with Hayward Baker, the Board on Friday also authorized Herdrich to spend up to \$5,000 for the removal of excess slurry or other changes in the work plan that are needed once the project has begun.

Herdrich told Board members that Marks had solicited bids from eight companies, but only three had proffered bids. All three include Hayward-Baker as the

subcontractor that would actually construct the slurry wall. The project also involves installing some drains on the face of the dam, but, Herdrich explained, the slurry wall is three-quarters of the job.

Two of the bidders added a 25 to 30 percent upcharge to Hayward-Baker’s fees, and so submitted bids that were significantly higher than the one submitted by low bidder TAG Contracting. Her-

drich contacted TAG and Hayward-Baker and asked that the latter take the lead contractor position — since they would in any case be doing the bulk of the work — and use TAG as a subcontractor for the remainder.

Herdrich said Hayward-Baker’s \$350,000 price was 12-14 percent higher than engineer Marks’ estimate, but noted that estimate was 18-24 months old and probably a bit optimistic.



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## Pot purges pine pollen pollution, pronto

Brace yourself, Lakers! It's coming — that annual poppin' pollen particulate plague.

Yep, those procreating pine trees are at it again and there is no safe refuge.

Quick, seal your windows and doors lest every indoor surface and crevice be festooned in yellow dust!

Even my cats, normally regal and glistening as they laze in the sun, will be relegated to spend the next few weeks slinking around wearing crusted-over, embarrassed expressions.

Vainly, they'll attempt to groom away that liberal coating of what I can only describe as a zillion little tiny yellow sticky notes.

All of this is no surprise to the sinus sufferers among us: these nasally-challenged folks started complaining about the reproductive habits of our native flora weeks ago.

Personally, I'm a big fan of the Neti pot cure. You know those cute, little teapot devices often sold in crunchy granola-type shops alongside racks of organic potato chips and free range

Easter peeps?

Though let me issue fair warning. Neti use is not for the faint of heart: picture self-inflicted waterboarding.

Once you've mastered the necessary skills to not have a near-Neti death experience, you'll find sinus rinsing does help. A bit, anyway.



### Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

And it's certainly more enjoyable and less expensive than spending the next month zonked out on diphenhydramine or phenylephrine: not that these tongue-twisting meds are par-

ticularly effective.

Of course, what I really want to know is what happens these days when I hit my registered retail limit of pseudoephedrine?

Am I doomed to bang on the door of the closest meth lab country shack so I can procure another dose of Sudafed?

Somehow I think I'll be better off just saying no! Instead I'll go upend my offending appendage and . . . sputter, gasp, gag, gurgle . . . bond with my Neti.

## The best choice for manager is Chad Beane

Dear Editor:

These are the remarks I made during the March 22 Annual Meeting of the Seven lakes Landowners Association:

*I have an important and timely request to make of our new Board of Directors and of the new transition team.*

*Please do not waste your valuable time and our valuable money searching for a new Community Manager.*

*We have a man right here in our midst that fills the bill. A man that is a known factor to all residents.*

*He has literally given his heart and soul to help make this community what it is today.*

*He is our go to guy when ever we have a problem that needs solving. He is an honest man*

*and a talented man who has proven to be a great asset to our community.*

*By now, you all know who I have been referring to. His name is Chad Beane. Chad Beane is a person that will hit the ground running as our new Community Manager. Chad Beane has earned the right to be*

*promoted and the right to occupy that corner office.*

*I ask the new Board of Directors to do the right thing for all the residents of Seven Lakes and, as soon as possible, appoint Chad Beane as our new Seven Lakes Community Manager effective January 1, 2010.*

*Thank you.*

**To all residents of Seven Lakes:**

Now is the time to get the ball rolling for Chad. Our timing is crucial.

If you want Chad Beane to be our next Community Manager please contact our SLLA President of the Board Randall A. Zielsdorf at 673-9333 or email

raz7lakes@mindspring.com or snail mail at 114 Pineneedle Drive, Seven Lakes North and tell him you support Chad Beane as our next Community Manager.

Loren Swearingen  
Seven Lakes North

## 2010/11 dues increase deserves a vote

Dear Editor:

It is evident from the slim majority that the community is about equally divided on the proposed dues for the next two years. Principal opposition was likely to the inclusion of the dues for the second year on the ballot.

However beneficial the prior

Board of Directors believed it important from a financial planning standpoint to set the dues for the next two years, the effect is to disenfranchise any new owners from their right to vote on the proposed dues for that second year.

None of us can know who will be here a year from now.

Turnover, principally from the aging of long time resident owners strongly suggest that the list of landowners a year from now will be different from the current list of owners. All of those who are then landowners are entitled to a vote and denying any of them that right is inappropriate and probably unlawful.

It is therefore appropriate to implement the dues increase for the upcoming year which has been approved by the majority of current landowners who have voted.

It is also appropriate to refrain from implementing the proposed dues increase for the subsequent year without resubmitting it to a vote by those who are then the current landowners. Doing so will protect the integrity of the community and its elected leaders by assuring existing and potential landowners that they will not be denied any rights that are inherent in owning property in the North and South portions of Seven Lakes.

Continued harmony requires the Board give this issue their fullest consideration.

Frank Sauter  
Seven Lakes North

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## Let's give new board some time

Dear Editor:

It's customary to grant a newly-inaugurated president a 100-day honeymoon, a grace period.

I strongly recommend that all members of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association grant our new Board of Directors the same...100 days without criticism, whether publicly or pri-

vately, of individual members of the Board, of the Board as a whole, or of their actions.

The Board has only the common good driving their actions.

A large number of voters obviously feel the same way having voted them into office.

Dave Kinney  
Seven Lakes South



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# Editor should comment on inaccurate letters

Dear Editor:

Editor Greg Hankins published an editorial in the March 20, 2009, edition of *The Seven Lakes Times*, page 25, "Your Opinion, Not Ours." Hankins goes on to state: "News is who, what, where, when, just the facts. We write the news stories in-house, we stick to the facts, and we stand behind our reporting." He further goes on to state: "Newspapers do not fact check letters to the editor."

Hankins is not the publisher and editor of a large metropolitan newspaper. He is the publisher and editor of *The Seven Lakes Times*. His newspaper caters to a small area. Hankins is a public figure in this area. He is also a dues paying member of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association and he votes in our elections. For these reasons, it is my opinion that he has an obligation to comment on

letters to the editor that he knows contain incorrect allegations.

For example, Steve Hudson published a letter in *The Seven Lakes Times*, March 6, 2009, edition, page 22, "Hudson Urges No Vote On Dues Increase." If Hankins had read the by-laws amendment 4.10.1 that accompanied his ballot he would have known that Hudson's allegation: "Now, they say the dues increase is for lakes and dams, and roads

but to date there is no guarantee that that's where the money will go and stay" is not correct. In fact by-law 4.10.1 states: "The Board of Directors establishes a Special Road and Dam Maintenance Account for the purpose of segregating the dues increase approved at FY2009/10 annual meeting for maintenance. The funds so designated will be held in a separate segregated account and shall not be used for any other purposes without the prior approval of 75 percent of the members of the Board of Directors of the Association, and the prior approval of a majority of the members of the Association at either the Association's annual meeting or a special meeting called pursuant to the By-Laws of the Association."

Hankins has to operate at a higher level because the publication of letters that he knows contain inaccurate allegations could affect the outcome of an election.

Did Hankins want to influence the outcome of the election by publishing Hudson's letter which

he knew was incorrect? Does Hankins have an agenda?

The other obligation that Hankins has to our community is to upgrade the quality of his newspaper by eliminating vicious personal attacks in letters submitted to the editor for publication. *The Pilot* states in their Opinion Section "All letters must be signed with name, phone number and city of residence and may be edited for length and comment."

These personal attacks do not serve any justifiable purpose except to satisfy the ego of the writer and it only hurts our community. Enough is enough.

Donald P. Truesdell  
Seven Lakes South

*Correction: In a "Your Turn" piece printed in the Opinion section of our March 20 edition, we erroneously identified Truesdell as a resident of Seven Lakes West. He lives in Seven Lakes South. The Times regrets the error.*

## Editor's comment

Gentle readers:

It is rare for *The Times* to comment on a letter to the editor, but Don Truesdell's letter, which appears above, requires a response. *The Times* appreciates Truesdell's input and is pleased that he took advantage of the public forum that our Opinion section provides. We respect his right to express his opinions, and are happy to print them, even though we profoundly disagree with him.

Truesdell believes we should check the accuracy of letters to the editor and comment on those that we know contain inaccurate information. It is our opinion that Truesdell misquotes the disclaimer *The Pilot* prints above its Public Speaking column, misquotes the version of SLLA Bylaw 4.10.1 that was included in the Annual Meeting Packet, and mischaracterizes a sentence written by Steve Hudson, which was accurate at the time it was published. We attempted to acquaint Truesdell with two of these three errors, but he chose not to correct his letter. That could be because he has an opinion different from ours on some of these points.

The point of publishing letters to the editor is to present a range of opinion, not simply those opinions which meet with the editor's approval or the approval of elected officials, so we have printed his letter here just as he submitted it, errors and all.

On Truesdell's specific point regarding SLLA Bylaw 4.10.1, we note that the SLLA Board was still fine-tuning that bylaw in its March 12 Work Session, just ten days prior to the Annual Meeting, attempting to make it

harder for future Boards to circumvent the new bylaw by simply amending it by majority vote. Perhaps the Board was responding to just the sort of skepticism Steve Hudson expressed in his letter of March 6 — the letter that Truesdell found so troubling.

Contrary to Truesdell's assertion, *The Times* does not publish vicious personal attacks, though we do publish strong opinions, including the occasional innuendo, like Truesdell's insinua-

tion that *The Times* has "an agenda." In fact, *The Times* does have an agenda — the same one it has had for the twenty-five years of its existence: to serve the community by providing accurate coverage of the news, to provide a forum for vigorous public debate of important issues, and to advocate for greater transparency and responsiveness among those elected by their peers to govern Seven Lakes.

Greg Hankins, Editor  
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# Combative? No. Opposed? No. Loyal? Yes.

Dear Editor:

The Advocates were berated by two Board Members at the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Annual Meeting this past March 22. This was unfortunate.

It is our understanding that the purpose of the Annual Meeting is to summarize the Board's successes and/or failures of the past year and listen to the various committee reports while the votes are being tabulated. It is not to scold individuals or groups of individuals with whom individual Board members have had differences. If it had not been for the fact that the election results had yet to be announced, many of us would have "walked out."

Certainly those two Board members have every right to criticize the Advocates. It's just regrettable that they didn't choose a different time and place. We'll offer no rebuttal, but simply remind the Board of the content of the last two paragraphs of the editorial titled "Your Opinion, Not Ours" appearing on page 24 of the March 20 issue of *The Times*, and hope that this message will be read, reread, and taken to heart.

Toward the end of this editorial, when referring to the manager's consulting contract, it stated in part, "The fact that the Board intentionally concealed the decision because they were worried about public reaction is, frankly, reprehensible." The Advocates couldn't agree more.

And, the final paragraph of this same editorial concluded with the statement, that "we would suggest that they spend a few minutes deciding to con-

duct their business in full view of the public and provide members with full access to Association records, and to stop worrying about how it will play in *The Times*." Once again, we agree and fervently hope that the new Board will "let the sunshine in!"

We are not combative as several Board members have suggested. Neither however, are we apathetic. We are simply dues paying residents who have

not and will not "bury our heads in the sand." We will continue to request that the Board practice transparency and we must repeat, as often as we deem necessary, the fact that each and every dues paying association member has the "right to know."

We ask that you think of us not as the opposition, but as a group loyal to Seven Lakes North and South and to the welfare of the community in which we reside.

We have a common goal. Any differences of opinion can and should be channeled into a positive examination of the issues.

Residents also have a "duty to speak up" when they feel it is for the good of the community. We do so now, and urge the Board to reverse its decision to discontinue the Lakes & Dams Committee.

This committee is proactive, enthusiastic, and dedicated. It has accomplished a great deal in two short years. Rather than abolish it, we would suggest it be made a Standing Committee. It oversees our most precious assets.

Ron Erskine  
Seven Lakes North  
[on behalf of the Advocates]

## WEUMC Holy Week

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*The man who does things makes many mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistake of all – doing nothing.*  
— Benjamin Franklin

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- **Release the old.** Embrace the New! Many times the old gives us a false sense of security. In order to bring your life to a new level, you must embrace new responsibilities. Maybe this means having a cup of green tea instead of diet coke or coffee. Or maybe this means letting go of old toxic relationships and sowing into new more positive ones. Weed out your garden so that the new seeds can flourish!
- **Be empowered, not enslaved!** Because the effects of our food choices are so subtle, so powerful and so far-reaching, what we eat is a good place to begin to care for ourselves. The kitchen can become a place of empowerment rather than enslavement for women, especially when they cook and eat the food that supports their well-being and clarity of thought.
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# Dissenting voices have benefitted community

Dear Editor:

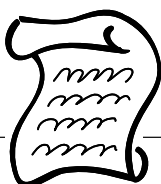
In round numbers, the US Government has bailed out AIG with \$182.5 billion dollars. There is a huge uproar about the bonus money paid to a group of executives which amounts to \$165 million dollars. Put in perspective, the bonus money is about one-tenth of one percent of the total bailout money.

Now look at the \$75,500 gift that our Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors has bestowed upon our manager in the recently announced consulting contract. Total dues for the SLLA amount to around \$1.3 million dollars a year. Dalton Fulcher's bonus represents almost six percent of the annual dues received by the SLLA.

It is clear to me that Director Sally Kindsvatter should attempt to be a bit more concerned with facts than delivering accolades. Charlie Oliver — yes, one of those disloyal Advocates, if you

believe Kindsvatter — found that the dam reports sent to us by the State were largely being filed and ignored. Then through the work of Ron Erskine and others — yes, those same disloyal Advocates — a dam committee

## Letters to the Editor



which had been essentially in hibernation was brought back to life.

Under Erskine's leadership, dam reports were sought from engineers, which disclosed essentially what Oliver had suspected. Our dams were in desperate need of proactive policy.

Director Don Truesdell, after he was not elected to serve as President for another term, took over the re-activated dam committee. He then proceeded to remove Erskine from the committee. Without advocates Erskine and Oliver, it is likely that all of our dams would have continued to be managed only by state-mandated compliance. While we will never know, it is likely that Echo Dam cost significantly more to repair than it would have had Fulcher brought the importance of the reports to the attention of previous Boards.

It is shameful that Kindsvatter will praise a board member and manager and not acknowledge the contribution of the advocates, who in fact are responsible for the matter being addressed in the first place.

Finally, major issues have been resolved or are in the process of being resolved

because interested people have brought them into public view. You can take company police elimination and the dam program as examples. Without the good people of this community who have been willing to stand up and take the abuse from the Rodney King "let's get along" group, these issues would still be unre-

solved.

Hopefully, the new board will use the resolution of some problems as an example of why transparency is necessary. Cooperation is a two way street. Quality leadership respects — even requests — dissenting opinions.

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# Pinecrest artists thank community for support

Dear Editor:

The Pinecrest High School Art Club has had a lot of fun and one of their most productive years yet, obtaining monies collected for the Art Club Scholarship Fund. They've learned Life Skills in deciding what to produce or services to sell, where and how to market, how to increase productivity, set prices and adver-

tising, all to see the best return for their investment.

As a nonprofit organization, all monies raised are put in a fund from which scholarships are awarded each year to deserving graduating Seniors. None of which is possible without the generous donation of time, assistance and guidance from the Faculty and Parent Advisors and Volunteers and the donations of goods and services from our area merchants and businesses.

The Club would like to publicly thank "all" that have donated their support in making the Club's 2008-2009 one of the most fruitful years yet:

Mrs. Book donated space for a booth in her yard that was set up across from the Malcolm Blue Festival, where the members sold handcrafted items. McLendon Hills donated space at their annual Yard Sale for a booth, where the members sold crafts and baked goods. The

Moore County Council of Art donated space at the Campbell House where the members erected a Christmas tree and decorated it with their hand-painted ornaments. The staff of the Campbell House were also very kind and sold these ornaments on behalf of the Club. Aberdeen Glass in Aberdeen and Curves of Seven Lakes were both very generous with their monetary donations for the Holiday themed display window paintings that the members did at their locations. Many area merchants

stepped up to assist with the Valentine's Raffle of "Date Night Dinner and a Show for 2," by donating gift certificates. These

merchants included; Outback Steakhouse, Frank's Sandhills Cinemas, Papa John's Pizza, Blockbuster Video, and Subway

Restaurant. Thanks to Manorcare for allowing the members to paint the windows of the patients with Spring themes in hopes of brightening their spirits and those of the caregivers. Thanks go out to Mr. Davis the Faculty Advisor for his guidance, Mrs.

Abbondanzio, Mrs. Book, Mrs. Davis, Ms. Murphy, and Ms. Rose all Parent Advisors; for their continued encouragement and assistance, Students; Jodie Abbondanzio - President, Kellie Hollyfield - Vice President, Liz Morton - Treasurer, and Sara Troutman - Secretary, for their leadership and dedication. Last but not least "all" the members deserve a big thanks for "all" their time and efforts, for without them, there would be no Club.

Thanks to "all of Moore County" for their patronage and hope you'll come buy and visit the Club's booth at Springfest.

Patricia Abbondanzio

Parent Advisor

Pinecrest High School Art Club

Club

## Salad Supper

The West End United Methodist Church Women will hold their Annual Salad Supper at the church on Friday, May 1 at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children twelve and under. Tickets must be purchased in advance - no tickets will be sold at the door.

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# West Pine Players say 'Thanks a lot!'

Dear Editor:

On March 27 and 28 West Pine Middle School had their annual play. This year they did "Bye Bye Birdie."

It was a huge success and everyone, cast, crew, and audience had a great time. Putting

on a play with costumes, sets, lighting, and sound systems costs quite a bit of money. Thankfully we live in a community that has very generous businesses, community members, and families.

We would like to take this

opportunity to thank our play sponsors: Sandhills Emergency Physicians, Lisa Webster, the Brewton Family, Ms. Heather Smith, the Parkes Family, Seven Lakes Prescription Shoppe, Southern Grace, First Bank, Barron Tile and Stone, the Reed

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Again, a big 'Thank You' to all our sponsors, we could not do it without you!

*Diane Herbst for  
The Cast and Crew of  
"Bye, Bye Birdie"*

## April programs at Weymouth

**Ecology of the Sandhills – Sunday, April 5 at 3:00 pm.** Are you new to the Sandhills? Then this is the program for you. Learn about the Sandhills ecosystem, especially the role fire plays in shaping and maintaining it. A short slide show will be followed by a short hike. Bring sunscreen and bug spray. Meet at park office.

**Bird Walk – Saturday, April 11 at 8:00 am.** Spring migration is underway. Birds that have wintered in the tropics are making the incredible flight north to spend the summer months in North America. Enjoy a two-mile hike to look for these winged wonders. Learn to identify birds by sight and sound. Bring binoculars, tick repellent, sunscreen, and field guides. Meet at park office.

**Easter Mini Bio-Blitz – Sunday, April 12 at 3 pm.** This is great time to be out observing the renewal of life in the Sandhills. There is an abundance of plants and animals out this time of

year. Enjoy a two-mile hike and identify as many as possible. Bring bug spray, sunscreen, and lots of enthusiasm! Meet at park office.

**Bird Walk – Saturday, April 18 at 8:00 am.** Spring migration is underway. Birds that have wintered in the tropics are making the incredible flight north to

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## SLLA Election

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counted twice and another group of eleven ballots that were marked in favor of the dues increases had been included in the opposed stack.

The count reported at the Annual Meeting had a total of 563 votes, with 288 votes in favor of the dues increase and 275 opposed; the Monday recount revealed a total of 539 ballots cast with 299 voting in favor of the

dues increase versus 240 opposed.

"The [original] thirteen vote difference was so close and the question so important to the community, I felt it really needed a revisit . . . a recount. And I'm glad we did," said Pardue.

Pardue said a recount of the separate Board of Directors ballot found that the results reported at the annual meeting were accurate and remained unchanged. Of 531 ballots received, seven were declared ineligible because they were unmarked or members had voted for more than the allotted four seats, leaving 524 total eligible ballots counted.

Kent Droppers received the most votes at 408, followed by Bruce Keyser, Jr. with 376, Zielsdorf with 356, and Denny Galford with 290 votes. Not elected were Mike Pennington with 257 and Steve Hudson with 226 votes.

Zielsdorf said the ballot box and key have remained separate and can be made available to anyone who would like to perform their own observed ballot count.

### SLLA Election Results

#### BOARD

Droppers	408
Keyser	376
Zielsdorf	356
Galford	290
Pennington	257
Hudson	226

#### DUES

For	299
Against	240

## SLLA Election Procedure

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Approximately 544 members of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] voted in the recent election, Community Manager Dalton Fulcher told *The Times*.

As is often the case, not all ballots were marked for all four available Board of Director seats, and some voters chose to cast no ballot in the Director election, but instead voted only for or against the dues increase.

Fulcher said the majority of ballots were hand-delivered to the SLLA office. Members first registered with office staff and then personally dropped their ballots

into the appropriate boxes, one for the Directors' election and one for the dues increase. Approximately one hundred ballots were received by mail. Those ballots were left sealed and filed alphabetically [if names were available on the outside of the envelope]. The Election Committee opened the sealed envelopes, registered the names, and placed them in the ballot boxes.

Five to seven ineligible ballots were received and not counted against the name register, said Fulcher. Those ballots were discarded for various reasons including that the member was not in good standing, the ballot

was left blank, or it was marked for five or more candidates.

In counting the vote on the dues increase, the Election Committee sorted the ballots into two piles; for and against. Each stack was then individually counted.

Ballots for the Board election were counted separately, with one member calling out names, and three or four committee members each marking their own independent tallies.

"That one [method] is more accurate, because there are at least three counting. There is less chance of a mistake being made," Fulcher said.

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