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## Picerno at Kiwanis



**Moore County Commissioners Chairman Nick Picerno** spoke with Seven Lakes Kiwanis recently. Picerno is joined here by Kiwanian Frank Hayes.

## County, Robbins meet on water plant

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Robbins and Moore County will form a joint committee to study options for bringing water from the town's treatment plant to the county's utility customers in Seven Lakes and beyond.

That was the consensus reached in a Tuesday, May 12, joint work session of the Moore County Board of Commissioners

and Robbins Town Council. The committee will likely include representatives of both those bodies, as well as town and county administrators and public works staffers. The objective will be to develop a few discrete options for cooperation that can get the town's mothballed water treatment plant back into operation and bring treated water

(See "Robbins," p. 23)

## Auman dam leak plugged

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

With about two-thirds of their work to repair the Lake Auman dam complete, a crew from Hayward-Baker may have found the leak that has been allowing water to seep through the structure and saturate soil on its face.

Dam Engineer Dan Marks had expected the slurry wall being installed across the center of the dam to average 22 feet in depth. The depth is determined by the amount of resistance the beam encounters as it is inserted into the soil. That 22-foot estimate proved accurate for the first two thirds of the 1200-foot wall, Lake & Dam Director Mick Herdrich told members of the

Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board during their Tuesday, May 12 Work Session.

Then workers encountered the section of the supposedly

firmed something Dam Engineer Marks has long suspected — that not all of the dam was built as designed — with a clay core. The slurry wall is designed to replace that core after the fact.

"The good news is that they found the problem, and we are fixing it," Herdrich said. He explained that the softer section requiring the much deeper

slurry wall extended for about 250 feet. "It's coming back up now," he said. If it doesn't come up high enough by the time they reach the end of the planned for 1500 foot length of the wall,

(See "Westside," p. 27)

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clay-core dam that evidently was simply porous earth rather than less pervious clay. The beam started zipping into the soil with little resistance, plunging as deep as 48 feet in some areas. Herdrich said that result con-

## SLLA Board ups pool fees

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

"Very reasonable." That's how the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors characterized a hike in the fee guests will pay to use the Northside pool this summer. Immediately following their Work Session on Monday, May 11, the Board held a Special Open Meeting and voted unanimously to increase the daily guest fee from \$4 to \$5, with the fee for full-season guest passes remaining at \$25 for four passes.

But the vote was less unanimous when the conversation turned to use of the Northside pool by members of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA], which recent-

West Side is charging guests \$5 per day and offering a variety of multi-day passes. SLLA members may visit the Westside pool, but must purchase a guest pass to do so.

The SLLA itself took a little similar approach in Monday's meeting. Westsiders can visit the SLLA pool as the guest of a member, using a daily or season pass purchased by that member. Or Westsiders can visit the pool on their own by paying the \$5 daily fee or purchasing a special season pass, which is good for one person only and non-transferable. The cost is \$25.

"If you don't put something

(See "SLLA," p. 24)

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ly decided to charge SLLA members a guest fee for use of the Westside pool. Last year, members of both Associations were free to use either pool without paying guest fees. This year the

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# Work moving forward on Woodland Circle

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Clearing work is seventy-five percent complete along the Woodland Circle Extension project, Tom Collins reported at the Foxfire Village Council on Tuesday, May 12. He said that Vaughn Contracting has also installed approximately half of the necessary erosion control ponds and is currently ahead of schedule.

Vaughn requested permission to perform on-site pit burning of debris and tree stumps, an EPA approved process for disposing of materials that could also potentially reduce project costs. However, after discussion the Board turned down the request citing fire safety and air quality concerns for residents.

"You can't put a dollar amount on breathing and health," said

Councilwoman Page Coker.

In a related discussion of the Woodland Circle Extension, Collins reported several citizens have trespassed into the construction zone.

"This is a dangerous area for walking and cars and golf carts are trying to travel the right-of-way causing great concern," Collins said. "The major part of construction with hauling debris, excavation and trenching make it way too dangerous for people to be out there during construction hours or weekends."

Any future incidences of trespassing will be reported to Foxfire Police. License plates will be recorded and reported on any unauthorized vehicles seen in the construction zone. No Trespassing citations carry a minimum fine of \$150 plus court costs. A code red message will be sent to all residents alerting them of the danger and reminding them not to enter the Woodland Circle construction area.

## Finance

The first payment of \$103,000 towards the Woodland Circle bank loan is due April 2010, reported Councilwoman Leslie Frusco. Payments on other loans due this year include two payments in July; \$30,000 from the General Fund and \$41,000 from

the Water Fund.

Frusco reported the General Fund at \$502,000 including \$39,900 earmarked for maintenance of village streets and a \$24,000 balance on the Stonehill Pines account. The Water Fund stands at \$296,154 and \$135,000 in a BB&T restricted escrow account for a new well.

She also stated that delinquent taxes have been advertised and, as of May 8, total approximately \$38,000. In addition, water assessments collections for Richmond Road are due May 14. Currently three properties have not responded.

"Invoices were sent to property owners six weeks out and a second notice was sent two weeks before deadline. The invoices specifically state that if they are not paid on that date

then the entire amount is immediately due just like a property tax," reported Frusco.

## Water

Councilman Ed Lauer reported that remediation work was nearly complete with a water line from the new well to the old well under construction.

"All the tests are in and everything appears to be fine. The new well is our biggest producing well ever in Foxfire," Lauer said.

However, he expressed frustration with Village Park water usage.

"Whoever is in charge of the Park better tell me why they have used 200,000 gallons of water since January! Lauer exclaimed. "I will cut it off – this has been going on too long. There is no way sprinkler system is using that kind of water!"

Lauer said the system must be checked again for leaks.

## Streets

Vaughn Contracting will be repairing cracks and potholes in the Village, reported Councilman Vic Koos. He said a list of areas of concern was being compiled and that residents should contact him if they know of a crack or road repair that needs attention.

Koos also acknowledged the dedicated work of Gilbert Brown. "I get a lot of compliments on the appearance of the Village. Gilbert and his wife are totally responsible for the appearance and are doing a great job," Koos said.

He reminded residents that any requests of Brown must come through the Village office or himself.

## Public Safety

Coker reported 110 events were responded to by Foxfire Police in the month of April and

(See "Foxfire," p. 15)

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# Moore Schools face \$5 million in budget cuts

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter  
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That is the overall budget cut Moore County Schools may face next year, Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser reported to the Board of Education on Monday, May 11.

"When you look at a combination of the [North Carolina] House, State, and Governor's budgets and the direction defined by the county, Moore County

schools may have \$5 million less next year," Purser said.

Translated into teaching staff positions, the figure is "equivalent to two schools of children without teachers."

"We're not talking about removing 100 teachers, but I used the metric so everyone can understand the drastic reductions being made in the education budgets. The picture keeps getting a little bit gloomier," reported Purser.

Sixty-six percent, or roughly two-thirds, of the Moore County Schools budget funding comes from the state. Earlier this year, Governor Bev Perdue presented a budget proposal that included \$2 million in cuts to Moore County Schools. Increasing the cuts, the NC Senate has proposed adding two students to each classroom — a change that potentially affects fifty-one Moore County teaching positions.

The NC House budget has

not been disclosed, but Purser said she anticipates an additional seventeen to twenty percent reduction.

Here in Moore, County Manager Cary McSwain requested the schools reduce their budget by \$400,000 in capital and \$440,000 in operations. However, using unused bond funds and interest on new bonds, Purser said McSwain was able to locate additional funds for capital needs but not operations.

"We are working everywhere possible to hold on to our jobs but there is not a way to do it without reducing staff. There is no way to do it without having an impact on classrooms," said Purser. "You cannot take \$5 million out of budget and not expect to

impact the classroom."

Chief Financial Officer Mike Griffin presented a detailed timeline of how State budget funding has impacted Moore County Schools since last December when initial reductions were announced.

"These are significant impacts on Moore County Schools and our students," stated Griffin. "We will feel the impact and pain more than other government agencies in Moore."

## Implementation of Governor's Executive Order

Responding to Governor Perdue's request for a ten-hour unpaid furlough for State employees, Purser recommended the

(See "Schools," p. 15)

## 'Reading Ladies' honored



'Reading Ladies' Marlyn MacDonald, Ann Chase, Norma Sullins, and Grace Tutton (Not pictured: Nancy Enright)

The Reading Ladies — Ann Chase, Grace Tutton, Nancy Enright, Marlyn MacDonald and Norma Sullins — all residents of Seven Lakes West, were honored by the Moore County Board of Education on Monday, May 11, as Volunteers of the Month for their work with the children of Robbins Elementary School.

Chase and Tutton were thanked for over ten years of dedicated service as Reading Recovery Helping Hand volunteers, Nancy Enright and Marlyn MacDonald were recognized for their work with the preschool classes, and Norma Sullins for her assistance with first grade readers.



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# County Manager proposes 1¢ cut in tax rate

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Moore County taxpayers will get at least a one-and-a-half cent break in the property tax rate next year, if the Board of Commissioners approves the budget County Manager Cary McSwain submitted Monday night, May 4.

McSwain's \$87.5 million budget cuts the ad valorem property tax rate by a penny per hundred dollars of valuation; the commissioners earlier approved a half-cent reduction in the Advanced Life Support [ALS] levy, which funds emergency services.

In addition, the fire tax rate will be dropped in some districts: the Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department would lose four-tenths of a cent, while the West End Fire and Rescue levy will remain unchanged.

If the countywide 1.5 cent tax rate reduction is approved, the owner of a \$200,000 home would see a \$30 reduction in their annual tax bill.

College, schools budget cut  
Both Moore County Schools [MCS] and Sandhills Community College [SCC] asked the county for no increase in their oper-

ating expense budgets, but both face increases in debt service in the coming year, to pay for new and remodeled buildings. So McSwain cut the college's operating budget by 4.6 percent and the schools' budget by 3.5 percent to make up the difference.

Noting that the Manager had eliminated the County's "longevity" pay in his budget in order to hold the line on expenses, Chairman Nick Picerno asked why MCS and SCC had not undertaken similar austerity measures in their budgets for the coming year. Longevity pay is an annual bonus paid to county employees based on their years of service.

"I want to make sure that we are treating employees equitably," Picerno said. "It's not equitable to ask our employees to give up longevity and have the college still paying that."

"Since 1999, Moore County Schools have had a 1.9 percent increase in enrollment and an 8.9 percent increase in funding," Picerno noted.

He said he hoped to explore those issues in an upcoming work session on the budget.

McSwain noted that both the schools and the college are governed by independent Boards —

an elected board, in the case of MCS. While both must come before the commissioners to seek local funding and the tax levy needed to supply that funding, "we have very little control over what they spend their money for," McSwain reminded the Chairman.

"This is a time and a season for tough choices," Picerno said.

The Board of Commissioners agreed to hold two work sessions on the budget, the first on May 15 at 1:00 pm and the second on May 21 at 5:00 pm. A public hearing on the budget will be held during the Commissioners regular Monday, May 18, meeting.

## Design work halted on County Building

The Commissioners voted 5-0 in their Monday, May 4 meeting to put a halt to all work on the design of a new county administration building until they decide where they are going to put it. The Board approved the delay after hearing from architect Katherine Peele the pros and cons of moving the building to the Carriage Oaks Shopping Center.

Peele's firm LS3P/Boney had already developed a conceptual drawings for the building,

locating it on the Grimm property in downtown Carthage, which the county bought last year as a site for a new jail, public safety building, and administration center. When Peele presented that design in an April meeting, Commissioner Tim Lea urged the Board to reconsider the Carriage Oaks site.

Peele reported Monday night that her design would fit uneasily on the Carriage Oaks site, and suggested that a redesign, along with various engineering studies, could add more than

\$250,000 to the design costs for the building. In addition, she said moving the building to Carriage Oaks would sacrifice the more than \$400,000 savings in construction costs that could be realized by building the three buildings simultaneously on the same site.

Commissioner Lea disputed that last figure, saying he had learned in conversations with large commercial contractors that a shortage of work would likely lead to aggressive bidding

(See "Commissioners," p. 14)



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# From chicken houses to self storage units

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Moore County has its fair share of chickens — but what to do with vacant poultry houses when commercial contracts are not extended or when facility upgrade requirements outpace profit has some local farmers looking for new ways to use their old buildings.

On Thursday, May 7, the Moore County Planning Board approved a request by David Cummings to rezone a 6.18 acre parcel in Vass from Rural Agricultural to a Rural Business Conditional Use District. Cummings intends to convert four vacant poultry houses into a self-storage warehouse. This is the second time the Board has approved such a request, with nine poultry houses in 2007 being converted to a boat and vehicle storage facility.

According to a planning staff report, new uses for vacant poul-

try houses will continue to be proposed because of economic issues.

## Land Use Plan

Chair Nancy Roy Fiorillo expressed concern over proposed county budget cuts that will delay an already overdue update to the Moore County Land Use Plan, which was drafted in 1999.

"This is a perfect time to plan because there is little development and it is good use of staff time," Fiorillo argued. "The existing Land Use plan is rudimentary and especially as we're getting into adding water and waste water, we need to update."

Planning Director Joey Raczkowski reported that internal staff could move the project along, but outside expertise would be required for decentralized sewer and water, data collection, and overlay mapping. He estimated the project would take two years to complete

at a cost of approximately \$400,000.

Members Dave Kinney and Harry Huberth both expressed support for the project.

"When we get busy there is no time to do this kind of work . . . we're falling further behind and when the tidal wave hits it's going to overwhelm us once again," Huberth said.

After discussion, the Board agreed to submit a "strongly worded resolution" to the Board of Commissioners requesting the project be reevaluated for funding.

## MCS Conditional Use Permits

The Board approved two Conditional Use Permit requests presented by John Hawthorne of Moore County Schools.

Highfalls Elementary School will be expanded with the addition of twelve classrooms. The building addition will alleviate overcrowding and replace the temporary modular units currently in place. Built in 1966, the school has an enrollment of 301

students. Nine classrooms will be added to Westmoore Elementary School, a Kindergarten to Eighth grade facility built in 1991. The school has a current enrollment of 455 students.

## Setback regulations in gated communities

Moore County Planning staff reported they will be meeting

with presidents of the landowners associations in Seven Lakes and Woodlake to discuss setback regulations for primary and accessory buildings. The purpose of these meetings is to share the proposed language for County setback regulations to ensure they are in harmony with the gated communities own ordinances.

## Mackay returns to Seven Lakes Gallery

Internationally-known artist Jessie Mackay will present a show of her colorful, impressionistic oils at The Gallery at Seven Lakes on Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17. An open house reception will be held both days from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase art supplies for a school in Tanzania.

Returning to a school located near Mt. Kilimanjaro, Mackay and her friend, the Rev-

erend Tally Bandy, will teach art and theology. Last year, they were able to provide crayons, paint, and paper — supplies the children had never seen before. Mackay hopes this second annual fundraiser art show will provide adequate funding to purchase new art supplies and materials for their upcoming trip this Summer.

The Gallery at Seven Lakes is located in the St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church at 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.

## Seven Lakes Forum

Retired General William "Buck" Kernan, former Commander-in-Chief of the US Joint Forces Command and also Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic, will be the presenter for the final Seven Lakes Forum for this season on Thursday, May 21, 4:30 pm, on the upper level of the West Side Park Community Center. All women and men from Seven Lakes, and their guests, are invited to attend.

Kernan, who has just returned from Afghanistan, will present the topic entitled "Afghanistan and Iraq - Today."



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# Laker retires as Southern Pines postmaster

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

What started as a Summer job after college, morphed into a lifelong career with the United States Postal Service for Northsider Scott Lanni. On April 30, he retired after thirty-three years service, including the last nine as the Postmaster of Southern Pines.

"I've been looking forward to this for a long time, but I don't know how it will feel," Lanni admitted. "You become identified and people recognize me — being the Postmaster is an identity you take on."

A New Jersey native, Lanni grew up in Union City at the mouth of the Lincoln Tunnel before serving in various postal branches along the Jersey shore. He was the Postmaster for Highlands, New Jersey, for seven years before accepting his current position in February 2000.

And Lanni said he's never looked back.

"It's funny: coming from the Lincoln Tunnel to now, when five cars at a traffic light will bother me," he joked. "It took some time to get used to the slower pace and politeness — the Southern hospitality you read about — but now that I've fully adapted to living here, it's a lifestyle I wouldn't trade for anything."

Lanni initially chose to rent a home in Pinehurst and spent weekends traveling in different directions exploring the Sandhills. He and his wife frequently passed

Seven Lakes and stopped at the gates one day on a whim. They were surprised and delighted to receive an audio taped neighborhood tour.

"The guard loaned us the tape and told us to drive exactly twenty-four miles per hour. The tape told us what to look for and where to turn," said Lanni. "The stables, pools, and lakes were everything we wanted and that it was self-contained appealed to us."

Lanni and his wife Deborah settled in Seven Lakes North in April 2001. Now also retired, Deborah was the Activities Director at Elmcroft Assisted Living. The couple have two adult sons; one in Myrtle Beach and the other lives in New Jersey with his

wife and daughter.

Lanni said is very excited to have more time to spend time with his new baby granddaughter, to improve his golf handicap, and said is also looking forward to substitute teaching and coaching sports.

"I really enjoyed coaching when I had a more flexible schedule," he said. "I am particularly interested in middle school football."

However, Lanni's greatest passion is simply having a few hours with a good cigar and cleaning up pine cones.

"The Post Office is going through a lot of changes: some good some not. But it's just time for me to retire and I'm looking forward to relaxing!"



Scott Lanni

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James Brown is the Conductor with Mari Jo Brown as the accompanist. The concert will be held in the Robert E. Lee Auditorium at Pinecrest High School. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.



# Seven Lakers create quilt for 82nd Airborne

The Seven Lakes Quilting Bee joins other quilters in the Fort Bragg vicinity to honor 82 wounded paratroopers of the 82nd Airborne Division. Members of the Bee quilted the blocks which were then assembled by Jean Schmdt and longarm quilted by Jackie Simpson.

Linda James, Bee member and Sandhills Quilters Guild



*Seven Lakes Quilting Bee members display their Quilt of Valor which will be presented to a wounded Fort Bragg 82nd Airborne paratrooper. Linda James, front & center, has been a driving force in the Quilt of Valor program.*

## Cooking with Carmela

On Saturday, May 30, from 1 to 3 pm, Carmela Chase, Marjorie Nuremburg, Ann Chase, and Eleanor Guthrie, will be leading the second "Hands-on-Cooking" Program, and last cooking class of the season, at the West Side Park Community Center.

Summer is almost here and participants will create simple, fast, and cool dishes that can be used for picnics, and meals for that barbecue in your own backyard. Groups of five will prep all ingredients, and make one recipe of the five recipes featured.

A sample of the featured recipes include: Grilled eggplant and avocado on focaccia bread with herbed mayonnaise, pork tenderloin salad with fennel, and other dishes and desserts that can be made ahead, made easily and made quickly. At the conclusion of the program everyone will partake in the tasting of all the dishes.

Registration will begin on Thursday, May 21 and continue until the program is filled. Due to the nature of the program registration will be limited to 20 participants.

The cost of the program is \$12.50 per person and payment must be received by May 26.

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member, has for several years promoted the cause of Quilts of Valor. She has sewn, quilted others' works free, taught free classes at Linderella's, and collected dozens of quilts for the cause. Her husband even joined the effort by making two quilts himself.

The Bee's quilt, along with the other 81 quilts, will be part of a special presentation. Paratroopers from Fort Bragg will carry each quilt during a pre-scheduled practice jump so that these quilts will become true "Airborne" quilts. Each quilt has a commemorative

label called a jump log that includes the jump date and place, the type of aircraft jumped out of, and the signature of the Paratrooper who jumped with it.

The Quilt of Valor Jump occurs during "All American Week," right before Memorial Day. "All Americans" has been the nickname of the 82nd Airborne since WWII. Former paratroopers come from around the country to take part in the celebration.

The quilts will be distributed to wounded 82nd paratroopers at Walter Reed or Brooke Army Medical Center, or at Fort Bragg.

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# CERT graduates second class of volunteers

Seven Lakes West's Community Emergency Response Team [CERT] graduated a second class of volunteers in February, bringing the team total to

forty-four.

Bob Haan, Seven Lakes EMS Chief, provided instruction on the proper use of a back board. His instruction included how to

move a victim onto the back board, along with the proper application of both head and neck restraints.

In a disaster, CERT's objective is to provide the necessary first aid to a victim who can not be moved, make a record of his location, and then place an on looker or relative by his side until EMS arrives. However, if there is a potential of further harm due to fire or other concerns, CERT would use the back board to move the victim to an established triage area.

Terry Riddle has discussed CERT with the SLLA President Randy Zielsdorf. While SLLA supports the idea of a CERT group in the North/South community, he has not been able to identify a volunteer who is willing to take the lead necessary

to get a group up and running. If someone in that community will take the lead, Riddle would be more than willing to provide him direction. Due to the size of Seven Lakes, in a disaster, more than one CERT organization

would be beneficial and provide the ability to assist each other. Anyone in SLLA interested in taking the lead may contact Terry Riddle at 673-3776 or contact the SLLA President Randy Zielsdorf.



Dick Williams, Phyllis Hergenbahn, Bob Haan, and John Kelly assist "victim" Joe Kristek during CERT training.

## Sunday at O'Neal

The O'Neal Admissions Office will be hosting "Sunday Afternoon at O'Neal" on Sunday, May 17, from 2 pm to 4 pm.

This is an opportunity for area families who have children Pre-K through 4th grade to visit the Lower School. Children will be able to play on the playground and visit the science laboratory, where many experiments will be set-up.

Families can also say hello to "Truman, the Dinosaur" from Kidsville News. Milk and cookies will be served and families will be able to tour the Lower School at their leisure. Staff and teachers will be on hand to answer questions.

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# In memory of . . .

**Cecil Ruth Garner Sanders**, 76, of Eagle Springs, died Monday, May 11, at her home.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 14, at Robbins Crossroads Baptist Church in Robbins, where she was a member. The Rev. Mike Holyfield officiated and burial followed in Browns Chapel Christian Church Cemetery.

**Grace Mae Garner Jackson**, 90, of Eagle Springs, died Monday, May 11, at Carolina Medical Center in Charlotte. Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 14, at Robbins Crossroads Baptist Church in Robbins, where she was a member. The Rev. Mike Holyfield and the Rev. Clay Davis officiated and burial followed in the church cemetery.

**Etta Atchley**, 87, of Seven Lakes, died Sunday, May 10, at Kingswood Nursing Center in Aberdeen.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

**Mollie Scard Burrell**, 85 of Buford, GA, formerly of Seven Lakes died Tuesday, March 10.

Mrs. Burrell was born in Alloway, NJ. She and her husband had lived in Seven Lakes from 1978 to 1988, and then moved to Buford, GA.

She was a former legal assistant and an active member in community activities.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo D. Burrell and her daughter, Judith Watson.

Survivors include her sister, Ellen Flammer, of West Orange, NJ; two children, Patricia Baron of Veneta, OR and William Burrell of Lawrenceville, NJ.

Memorials may be made in Mrs. Burrell's name to the Rock Springs United Methodist Church, 1100 Rock Springs Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30043.

**Martin LaVerne Hoerdmann**, 68, of Apex, NC, formerly of Seven Lakes, died Sunday, May 10 after a valiant battle with cancer.

Mr. Hoerdmann was born in Thompsonville, IL, the son of Joseph and Berniece Hoerdmann. He attended St. Mark's Elementary and Spalding High School in Peoria IL.

After graduation in 1958, he

joined the US Air Force where he served for 4 years.

A career in the furniture business led him to Florida, Illinois, Minnesota and Texas before he settled on Sequoia Lake in Seven Lakes. He survived by his wife Donna, six children, twenty-one grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at Seven Lakes Baptist Church, with the Reverend Ken Hankins officiating, on Thursday, May 14 at 4:00 pm. A reception will follow immediately after the service.

Memorial donations may be

made to Hospice Foundation, PO Box 8109, Rocky Mount, NC 27804

**Edward O'Donnell Darwin**, 76, of Sykesville, MD, died Friday May 7, at Carroll Hospice, in Westminster, MD.

Mr. Darwin was born in Newark, NJ the son of the late Joseph A. Darwin and late Elizabeth Stalzer Darwin.

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Mr. Darwin's professional life began in 1956 with Chubb and Son, Inc. At Chubb, he had a very successful and lifelong career with several underwriting assignments in New York, West Virginia, Colorado, and New Jersey. After working 38 years with the company, Mr. Darwin retired as Chairman and President of Chubb Custom Market.

Mr. Darwin and his wife lived in Maplewood, NJ for over 18

years where they raised their 4 children.

They retired to Seven Lakes West, in 1997. He lived there for ten years before moving to Fairhaven in Sykesville, MD.

A funeral mass was held at Tuesday, May 12 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ellicott City, MD.

He is survived by his two sons Stephen H. Darwin of Morris Township, NJ, and Mark E. Dar-

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win of Monkton, MD; two daughters: Elizabeth A. Lancos, of Elliott City, MD, and Kathryn R. Davis, of Raleigh and ten grandchildren.

## June 5 Arlington service planned for Dick & Sunny Fritz

A celebration of the lives of former Seven Lakes residents Richard (Dick) and Lois (Sunny) Fritz will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on Friday, June 5, a date that would have been their sixty-third wedding anniversary.

The service begins at 3:00 pm, but attendees are encouraged to arrive at the Visitor's Center no later than 2:30 pm.

The family will hold a dinner in their honor following the service. Additional information is available from Rick Fritz at 907-772-5040 or mitkoffritz@hotmail.com

## Methodist Men host Spaghetti Dinner May 29

West End United Methodist Men will hold a Spaghetti Dinner at the church on Friday, May 29, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Tickets are \$7, and are available from United Methodist Men or at the door.

For additional information contact the church office at 673-1371.

Memorials may be made to Carroll Hospice, 292 Stoner Ave, Westminster, MD 21157 or to the Arthritis Foundation.

**Mark J. Schiermeyer**, 52, died Friday, April 24 in Richmond, VA.

He was born in Omaha, NE. He received his education in the Fairfax, Reston, and Herndon, VA schools.

Survivors include his father, Gerald Schiermeyer and step-mother June Dowalo Schiermeyer, of Seven Lakes; brothers, Scott of Forest Hill, NY; Barry of Amissville, VA; sister, Lisa Schier-

meyer Pittella of Brewster, NY; step-brother, Terry Kochniarczyk of Ormond Beach, FL; and step-sister, Susan Webb of Fayetteville.

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# Krebs, McInnis honored with NAMI Award

by Ellen Ains  
NAMI-NC

Esther and Max Krebs, former Foxfire residents, and Joyce and Curtis McInnis of Aberdeen, received the Bob Best Award at the April annual meeting of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Moore County (NAMI-MC).

These two couples were among the founders of the affiliate with Mary and Bob Best over 20 years ago. In fact, the

McInnises were charter members of its predecessor organization, Families Anonymous, with the Bests.

Through those years these four dedicated people served on the NAMI-MC Board for one or two terms and held an office (President, V-P, Secretary and/or Treasurer) for a number of years. Each was heavily involved with the annual yard sale that was its only fund raiser. Each regularly volunteered with the annual Toot-

sie Roll Drive that helped bring in more money for the affiliate. Both couples made numerous trips to Raleigh for legislative concerns for those with a brain illness.

Esther and Max Krebs retired to Foxfire in 1976 after many years in the diplomatic service in Central and South America and Belgium. They were active at the NAMI state level by being on its board and soliciting funds for the NAMI programs. Max, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, served on the Governor's Advocacy Council, now called Disability Rights. He also served on the state PAIMI Council (Protection and Advocacy for Persons with a Mental Illness). He kept the affiliate up-to-date on Dorothea Dix Hospital, and was a great advocate in the region at state level. They moved to Belle Meade in 1999 and Max died in 2006.

Esther, born in Japan of Presbyterian missionaries, she initiated a monthly luncheon group of those who wanted a social outlet with like-minded folks, in addition to the twice-monthly NAMI-MC meetings. She chaired work for NARSAD, a research agency in support of NAMI's mission, by promoting the sales of its cards and donations to this worthy organization. At the meeting, Esther said, "I am very surprised and delighted to receive

this prestigious award, because Bob Best stood for the very best in NAMI. He and his wife Mary were the great leaders we all wanted to follow."

Joyce and Curtis McInnis are from Lee County and Jackson Springs respectively and they have lived in Aberdeen since 1957. Curtis was the Town Clerk from '60-'87 and Mayor the next two years.

After raising their two sons, Joyce returned to teaching second grade and retired after 30 years. She was the Sunshine Chairman in recent years, as well as served on the Patients Rights Committee within the Sandhills Mental Health Center. She helped with the NAMI-MC library after Mary Best

returned to Michigan. Joyce also placed NAMI-MC brochures everywhere around the county in order to get the word out. Curtis always secured the spot for the yard sale at no cost to the affiliate.

Joyce spoke for Curtis too when she said, "We're so pleased with the progress that's been made in educating the public about brain illnesses these 20 years, and are happy we have such an active board now." She added, "We're most grateful to the Bests who put their heart and soul into NAMI."

Marianne Kernan, NAMI-MC President adds, "Without these two couples and the Bests, NAMI-MC may not have existed

(See "NAMI," p. 14)



Esther Krebs & Joyce McInnis

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# Acupuncture at Kiwanis

Seven Lakes Kiwanis hosted Lance Allen of Sandhills Acupuncture as its guest Speaker on May 5.

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acupuncture to keep the body in "balance" which is the main premise of oriental medicine. While used to treat some illnesses, oriental medicine and acupuncture are used primarily to reduce or eliminate pain. Stress is a big cause of problems, and Tai Chi can be utilized to reduce the stress and the problems it causes.

In response to a question from a concerned listener, Allen spent some time talking about the insertion of needles, and the fact that there is little or no pain associated with that process and most often, pain relief is almost immediate.

Seven Lakes Kiwanis meets every Tuesday at noon at the Seven Lakes Country Club.



Lance Allen

## Peripherals at Computer Club

by Laurie Werner

Seven Lakes Computer Club

Professor Paul Steel, Dept Chairman of Computer Engineering Technologies at the Sandhills Community College talked about the technology changes brought about by universal standards enabling peripherals to talk to one another, as well as hardware changes. Technology changed because our needs changed. We have gone from text only to multi media, encompassing pictures, audio, music, web sites etc. Manufacturing processes have given us chips that are faster,



Paul Steel

smaller, and cheaper, and the USB solved the band width problem. Technology continues to explode giving us the ability to store more at a faster speed, and in a smaller amount of space.

The Computer Club of Seven Lakes meets the second Tuesday of the month except July and August at 3:00 pm in the Seven Lakes North Game room. Guests are welcome.

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## Commissioners

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on the project. He also noted that the one mile distance between the Carriage Oaks and downtown sites would offer contractors much the same advantage as building on a single site.

Earlier in the meeting, the Board deferred for two weeks a decision on a site plan for the new jail and public safety building. Architect Glenn Ware

reviewed four options for the structures, including a two-story jail connected to the existing jail that was the option preferred by a team assembled to evaluate the options. Sheriff Lane Carter and other law enforcement and public safety staff were members of that team.

While their preferred option allows continued use of the existing jail, which would be used

as a women's detention center, Commissioner Lea appeared convinced that on-going operational costs would be higher than if a completely new structure was built elsewhere on the Grimm site. He also argued that expansion of the jail beyond the recommended two-story structure would require the county to purchase two adjacent parcels of land — incurring costs not

figured into financial estimates provided by the architects.

Lea and Chairman Picerno recounted conversations with the District Attorney, Clerk of Court, and Superior Court Judge James M. Webb regarding the court's need for additional space.

"The Courts and DA would like to have the new courts facility adjoining the jail and public safety building, so that there is a secured connector," Lea said. But the Grimm site is likely not large enough to accommodate a new jail, public safety building, county administration building, and courthouse.

Vic Walk, the County's Construction Manager, noted that the move of the Sheriff's Office from the basement of existing courthouse would free up space for additional courtrooms.

Commissioner Caddell, clearly frustrated by the delay, made a motion to move forward with Option 1-B, the option preferred by the Sheriff.

"We started this project March 5, 2008," Caddell said. "If I ran a business and took this long to make one decision like this, I'd be bankrupt."

Commissioner Jimmy Melton

(See "County," p. 15)

## WSL changes meeting time

by Pat Weber

Women of Seven Lakes

Approved by unanimous vote by the Women of Seven Lakes, future meetings will return to the more popular 2:00 pm hour on the first Thursday of each month. Also approved during the Thursday, May 7, meeting was an increase to the membership dues from \$7 to \$10 per year — their first dues increase in thirty years!

The Women also seated their new Board of Directors by acclamation, installing President Laura Douglass, Vice President of Programs Rosemary Weber, Vice President of Membership Betty Parker, and reelected Treasurer Lois Ann Eisel and Secretary JoAn Moses to serve second terms.

Several members of The League of Women Voters of Moore County, including President Jo Nicholas, presented a summarized discussion of their three-year study on the effect of poverty on local children under the age of eighteen. According to the report, children raised in a depressed environment often

suffer what they termed, "a poverty of spirit." The League study concluded that volunteer mentoring, being aware of current legislation, and inspiring and lifting up children can help improve and restore "a spirit of hopefulness."

The Women also heard from Lillian Shaffer of Habitat for Humanity of Moore County. A

Woman Build project begins this Fall on September 12. All women are welcome and encouraged to participate in the construction process. No skills or previous experience are needed to join in this fun and rewarding project. For more information, call Habitat for Humanity at 295-1934.

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## NAMI

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nor grown as much as it has. They laid the strong foundation for which it thrives today." Seven Lakes West residents, George and Carole Reynolds, were recipients last year of this prestigious award, named after the founder of the local affiliate. For information about NAMI-MC bi-monthly meetings and its many programs, call 910-295-1053 or go to its web site - [www.nami-moorecounty.org](http://www.nami-moorecounty.org).



# Schools

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 school district be closed totally on Monday, May 25, and two-hours early on Thursday, June 11.

## West Pine Elementary

On the recommendation of the Facilities Committee, the Board approved the name for the new elementary school that will be built adjacent to West Pine Middle as West Pine Elementary.

Bruce Cunningham, Jr., a

member of the Board and former chair, commended the Committee on their decision.

"This is our first attempt to cluster two schools and I think it is appropriate that the name, mascot, and even the colors tie together," enthused Cunningham.

West Pine Elementary colors are light blue and yellow and the mascot will be the Wildcat Cubs.

## Other Items

James Garner was reappointed by acclamation to serve a second term on the Sandhills Community College Board of Trustees.

Professional staff development opportunities include the Summer Teaching Academy and two new on-line applications; PD 360 and WebEx. Both web applications provide on-demand, interactive, and self-paced learning environments. Both allow

teachers to accumulate continuing education credit.

Gail Simmons, President of the North Moore Advisory Council, encouraged the Board to name the North Moore High

School stadium and football field for Virgil Shamberger, a highly respected teacher, coach, and student-athlete in the community.

# Foxfire

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 said, because of this high level of activity, her proposed budget will include salary for a third trained officer.

According to Coker, two officers provide 34.79% annual coverage for Foxfire. A third officer would increase that coverage to 52.19%.

She also encouraged anyone interested in serving as a firefighter or EMT to volunteer for West End Fire & Rescue.

on the Board as Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction [ETJ] members. ETJ members must also be approved by the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

Mayor George Erickson reported the current ordinance stipulates that ETJ members can serve but not vote. The Village attorney has recommended the language be updated to allow ETJ voting rights.

## Upcoming Events

A Public Hearing will be held Tuesday, June 9 at 7:30 pm at Town Hall for ETJ voting on the Board of Adjustments, and an annexation request for 404 acres owned by Robert Edwards. The parcel is located both north and south off Foxfire Road and is

adjacent to Stonehill Pines.

A Public hearing of the proposed 2009-2010 Budget will be held Thursday, June 25 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

The Community Watch meeting has been postponed due to a scheduling conflict. Deputies from the Moore County Sheriff's Gang Task Force are expected to participate and all residents are encouraged to attend. A new date and time will be announced shortly.

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**FRIDAY, MAY 15**

- **"Big Bands" The Eddie Barrett Orchestra** – 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. At the Fair Barn, Pinehurst. Doors open at 4:30 pm for seating. This is a North Carolina Special Olympics Fundraiser. Tickets \$20/person. Buy tickets at Pinehurst Police Department, 420 Magolia Rd, Pinehurst. 295-3141

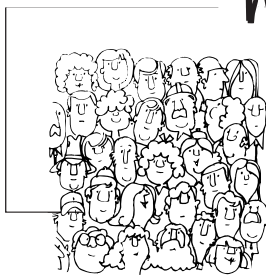
**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

- **Bird Walk** – 8 am, Weymouth Woods, Southern Pines. 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. Take a two mile hike to look for these winged wonders. Learn to identify birds by sight and sound. Bring binoculars, bug spray, sunscreen, and field guides. Meet at the park office.
- **River Landing At Sandy Ridge Will Hold Classic Car Show** – 10:00am to 2:00pm, Cruise in and cruise around the Classic Car Show and Open House that will be held at River Landing at Sandy Ridge, located at 1575 John Knox Drive off Sandy Ridge Road (2 miles south of the Farmer's Market) Colfax, NC. Show will feature a showing of 50 antique cars, children's entertainment, hot dogs off the grill, tours of River Landing and much more. Free event will also feature DJ Allen Jeffries with Good-times Music and Audio.
- **FirstHealth Center for Health & Fitness-Pinehurst – second annual Youth Triathlon** – Three races – for ages 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. Starting at 1 p.m., ages 4-6 will swim 25 yards, bike .78 miles and run 210 yards. At 2 p.m., ages 7-9 will swim 50 yards, bike 2.05 miles and run 404 yards. At 3 p.m., ages 10-12 will swim 125 yards, bike 3.71 miles and run .47 miles. Registration available at FirstHealth Center for Health & Fitness, 170 Memorial Drive, Pinehurst. Cost \$25 per child or \$30 per child after May 12. All participants receive a T-shirt and finisher medal. Trophies awarded to the boy and girl finishing first in each age category, and ribbons presented to the boys and girls finishing second and third in each age category. Registration form, contact race director Jodi Heimrich at

(910) 715-1843 or by e-mail at jheimrich@firsthealth.org.

- **Jessie Mackay Art Show** – 1 pm – 4 pm, The Gallery at Seven Lakes, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive. Internationally-known artist Jessie Mackay will present colorful, impressionistic oils for sale. Proceeds will fund Mackay and Rev. Tally Bandy,

## What's When Calendar



on their return trip this Summer to Tanzania to teach art and theology. Event continues Sunday, May 17, 1 - 4 pm.

- **Pinecrest Choral Program** – 7:00 pm, The Choral will present their Annual Spring Concert on James Brown is the Conductor with Mari Jo Brown as the accompanist. The concert will be held in the Robert E. Lee Auditorium at Pinecrest High School. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.

**SUNDAY, MAY 17**

- **Southside Baptist Church Revival** – A special revival service, will be held Sunday, May 17 through Friday, May 22, with Evangelist Ron DeGarde. The Sunday services will be at 10:00 am, 11:00 am, and 7:00 pm. Monday through Friday services will begin at 7:00 pm each evening. There will be

special music each service and a nursery provided. Children services will be held during the regular evening services for ages 3 through 3rd grade. The public is cordially invited to attend these special services. For information or directions, call Pastor Lynn

at 910-428-9243. The church is located at 125 Cedar Creek Road, Biscoe.

- **Sunday After-**

**noon at O'Neal** – 2pm to 4pm, The O'Neal Admissions Office will be hosting "Sunday Afternoon at O'Neal." This is an opportunity for area families who have children Pre-K through 4th grade to visit the Lower School. Children will be able to play on the playground (under provided supervision) and visit the science laboratory, where many experiments will be set-up. Families can also say hello to "Truman, the Dinosaur" from Kidsville News. Milk and cookies will be served and families will be able to tour the Lower School at their leisure. Staff and teachers will be on hand to answer any questions they may have. This will also be a great opportunity to sign up for O'Neal's summer camps. If you would like more information, please contact Alice Dropers, Director of Admissions. adroppers@onealschool.org

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- **Boyd Tract Old Tree Hike** – 3 pm, Weymouth Woods, Southern Pines. Meet the oldest known longleaf pine in the world! Come explore the Boyd Tract one of the few remaining stand of old growth longleaf left. Learn how his tract was preserved. Bring bug spray, sunscreen, and water. Meet at the park office and car pool to the Boyd Tract.
- **Pinecrest Choral Program** – 7:00 pm, The Choral will present their Annual Spring Concert on James Brown is the Conductor with Mari Jo Brown as the accompanist. The concert will be held in the Robert E. Lee Auditorium at Pinecrest High School. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.

**MONDAY, MAY 18**

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 21**

- **Seven Lakes Forum** – 4:30 pm, the final Forum for this season, on the upper level of the West Side Park Community Center. All women and men from Seven Lakes, and their guests, are invited to attend. Retired General William "Buck" Kernan, will present the topic entitled "Afghanistan and Iraq - Today." The next Forum is scheduled for September 17.
- **Wine Tasting** – at Sandhills Winery 5:00 to 8:00 pm. \$10 for three tastings includes food

pairings with Zinfandel selections. Located in Seven Lakes Plaza (next to Peking Wok, Seven Lakes Plaza).

- **Rufus Barringer Civil War Roundtable** – 7pm, meet at the Southern Pines Civic Club, corner of Ashe Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Southern Pines. Special guest speaker will be Civil War Scholar, Dr. Tom Clemens. He will discuss the Battle of South Mountain/Boonsboro Gap, which preceded the Battle of Antietam in Maryland during 1862. New members and visitors are welcome. Refreshments are served. Information 910-315-1213.

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**SATURDAY, MAY 23**

- **Seven Lakes Baptist Church Youth Golf Tournament** – 1 pm shotgun start. \$79 per player, \$300 per foursome. Information contact: Stuart Richardson, Youth Pastor at 673-4656.
- **Weymouth Woods Bird Walk** – Southern Pines, 8:00 am. Birds that have wintered in the tropics are making the incredible flight north to spend the summer months in North America. A 2 mile hike planned to look for the winged wonders. Learn to identify birds by sight and sound. Bring binoculars, bug spray, sunscreen and field guides. Meet at park office.

**SUNDAY, MAY 24**

- **Herp Hike** – 3 pm, Weymouth Woods, Southern Pines. Finding and identifying some of the parks common reptiles and amphibians will be the focus of this two mile hike. Bring bug spray, sunscreen, and water.
- **The Moore County, Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 966** – 11:00 am, Vets will be conducting a Memorial Day service at Veteran's Memorial Park in Carthage. A short program is planned that includes laying a wreath at memorials and the sounding of taps. The Chapter invites any and all

other veterans organizations in Moore County to attend and participate.

**TUESDAY, MAY 26**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 28**

- **"Dames At Sea"** – at Temple Theatre, May 28-June 14. Dames At Sea, which is part parody of flashy, 1930's Busby Berkeley movie musicals and part genuine, touching love story, tells the tale of Ruby, a naïve girl from Utah who travels to New York with big dreams. Show Times: Thursday, May 28, June 4 & 11 at 2pm; Thursday, May 28, June 4 & 11 at 7pm; Friday, May 29, June 5 & 12 at 8pm; Saturday, May 30, June 6 & 13 at 8 pm; Sunday, and May 31, June 7 & 14 at 2 pm. Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$10 Children/Students, \$16 for Active Military, Lee Co. Educators, and Groups of 10 or more. Thursday nights are community discount night for all adult tickets, just \$16 each. Temple Theatre, 120 Carthage St, Historic Down-

town Sanford Box Office at (919) 774-4155.

- **Wine Tasting** – at Sandhills Winery 5:00 to 8:00 pm. \$10 for three tastings includes food pairings with Pinot Grigio & Sauvignon Blanc selections. Located in Seven Lakes Plaza (next to Peking Wok, Seven Lakes Plaza).

**FRIDAY, MAY 29**

- **NC Open Water Swim** – 4 pm to 7 pm, on Lake Echo in Seven Lakes. 700 swimmers, competing. (The dam on Echo will be closed to traffic.) The Sandsharks invite all residents to come out and cheer their team on during the event.
- **Spaghetti Dinner** – 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, sponsored by the West End United Methodist Men. Tickets \$7, available from United Methodist Men or at the door. For more information contact the church office at 673-1371.

**SATURDAY, MAY 30**

- **NC Open Water Swim** – 6 am to 5 pm, on Lake Echo in Seven Lakes. 700 swimmers, competing. (The dam on Echo will be closed to traffic.) The Sandsharks invite all residents to come out and cheer their team on during the event.
- **Bird Walk** – 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. Take a two mile hike to look for these winged wonders. Learn to identify birds by sight and sound. Bring binoculars, bug spray, sunscreen, and field guides. Meet at the park office.

- **Cooking with Carmela** – 1 pm - 3 pm, "Simple Cool Dishes for Hot Summer Days" Hands-on-Cooking Program at West Side Park Community Center. Registration will begin on Thursday, May 21 and continues until the program is filled. Program registration limited to 20 participants. Cost is \$12.50 per person – payment must be received by May 26.
- **"Hawaiian Luau"** – Seven Lakes Country Club. Festivities begin with cocktails at 5:30pm (special tropical drink available at the cash bar), a fabulous Hawaiian buffet at 6:30 pm. Music provided by Glen Davis. Member's \$26 inclusive and Non-Members \$31 inclusive. Call 673-1100. Dress code Muu-muu's, Hawaiian shirts - cool & casual.

**SUNDAY, MAY 31**

- **Ticks, Chiggers and Spiders** – 3 pm, Weymouth Woods, Southern Pines. Get the facts

about these creatures. Learn how to protect yourself from ticks and chiggers. Learn to identify the poisonous spiders and why spiders are beneficial to us. Bring bug spray, sunscreen, and water.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7**

- **Seven Lakes Lions Club Golf Tournament** – 1:30 pm, Seven Lakes Country Club. Event is \$70 per golfer, with chicken & burgers and dinner served at the conclusion of the tournament. All proceeds will support continuing programs for the sight and hearing impaired. Hole sponsors are \$110. Information, Bill Sel-domridge at 690-9500.

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**Samantha Marian Bolton**

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Samantha is the daughter of Chuck and Michelle Bolton of Seven Lakes. Her grandparents are Byron and Shirley Cole of Eagle Springs.

She will be attending Sandhills Community College for two years and transfer to UNC-Charlotte for a degree in Art/Fashion Design.



**Courtney Ann Coyle**

Croatan High School  
Newport, NC

Courtney is the daughter of Michael & Kathryn Coyle of Newport. Her grandparents are Frank & Mary Ellen Krohn of Seven Lakes. She was an honors student, VP of the Senior Class, All State Choir, Homecoming Queen & Captain of the Cheerleaders. She will attend Elon University.



**Alexander Ryan Fox**

Pinecrest High School  
Pinehurst, NC

Alexander is the son of Ryan and Cheryl Fox of Seven Lakes. His grandmother is Frances Fox, formerly of Seven Lakes.

He will attend the University North Carolina - Charlotte in the Fall.



**Megan L. Godwin**

Pinecrest High School  
Pinehurst, NC

Megan is the daughter of Dr. Pete and Mary McKay of Derby. Her grandparents are John & Nancy Kinane of Foxfire. She participated in National Honor Society, FFA, Basketball, Interact Club, French Club, Softball Manager and works at Chick-fil-a. Megan will attend North Carolina State majoring in engineering.



**Chelsea Erin Graham**

Pinecrest High School  
Pinehurst, NC

Chelsea is the daughter of Ronnie & Lynne Graham of Seven Lakes. Her grandmother is Vera Breazeale of Hickory. She was involved in NC Governor's School, Varsity Tennis, Key Club, Spanish Club & Yearbook staff. Chelsea graduated in January & is currently attending UNC-Asheville in health services.



**Steven Jones**

NC School of  
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Steven is the son of Joanna Jones. He is the grandson of Roland and June MacDonald of Seven Lakes.

Steven will attend Duke University in the Fall.



**Joshua David Kearns**

Pinecrest High School  
Pinehurst, NC

Josh is the son of Randy & Deana Kearns of Seven Lakes, and the grandson of Ida & the late Edgar Kearns of Lexington, & Helen & the late Dean Burdette of Winslow, IN. He was active in FCCLA, Interact Club, football, band and received his Eagle Scout. He will attend UNC-Asheville.



**Brian J. Klinec**

Licking Heights High School  
Pataskala, Ohio

Brian is the son of Dave & Nancy Klinec of Reynoldsburg, OH. His grandparents are Ben & Betty Larson of Seven Lakes.

He was a member of the National Honors Society, an Eagle Scout, and Valedictorian of his class. He will attend Akron University in Akron, OH.



**Colleen Koss**

Fairview High School  
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Colleen is the daughter of Bob and Carolyn Koss of Boulder, CO. She is the granddaughter of Bud and Pat Koss of Seven Lakes.

Colleen will attend the Honors Program at University of North Carolina-Wilmington in the Fall.



**Kaitlin Letsinger**

Pinecrest High School  
Pinehurst, NC

Kaitlin is the daughter of Scott and Jone Letsinger of McLendon Hills. She is the granddaughter of Don and Barb Gerhardt of Seven Lakes and Steve and Patti Letsinger of Kempton, IN. She was a member of National Honor Society, Key Club and Yearbook Editor. Kaitlin will attend University of NC-Wilmington.



He will be attending Arizona State University. He will transfer to law school after graduation from Arizona State. He would like to become a sports agent after receiving his law degree.



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My cousin's observation to her hubby last weekend was all the more poignant because as we sat lazily enjoying a family picnic, a yard over my neighbor spent her day laying sod. Strip

after heavy strip of emerald perfection was ever so carefully cut, watered and then watered some more.



### Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

But I must confess I too covet. You see my neighbor has something I sorely lack: a green thumb.

Her yard bursts with happy shrubs and festive blooms that compliment an ever-so-sweet arched bridge spanning a babbling brook. The

new thick carpet of grass was simply the final artistic stroke on this landscape masterpiece.

Now shift your gaze east and behold . . . my Sandhills jungle. Oh, indeed, our house is love-

ly and there certainly is plenty of shade — a fact guaranteed by three hundred or so trees nestled together like sleepy puppies all over our yard. I've got big pines, little saplings, and everything in between. Plus we inherited a previous owner's ill-considered stand of bamboo, boulder-sized azalea shrubs, a few oddly-placed pieces of driftwood — and voila, *casa de Douglass*.

At least the cats seem to like it: and the lizards, the spiders, foxes, deer, the opossums. In fact if it's a native species, we've

probably fed it, watered it, or sheltered it.

However, what we don't have is grass. Well, not if you don't count that sparse, gravel-strewn patch in front along the road: though with the blessing of our community leaders, even that stubby disaster will soon go.

You see for a non-gardener like me, pine straw is awfully close to sheer brilliance. It doesn't grow, it doesn't need water, and it's in season year-round.

Grass . . . I say pass. Pine is just fine!

## It's not all bad news, if you look closely

by Mason Gould

In this, our universe, we see the very beautiful and the very, very violent existing almost side-by-side in too many cases.

Why must we sit down with our

daily newspaper, look briefly out the window as a bluebird opens his throat with song, then return to the headline? More bad news around the world.

Despite the hate that sprawls in so many corners, we should never lose touch with the fact that despite such behavior, there are still myriads of practices in existence that reflect God's wish for a kinder world.

For example, it appears to be a good idea to ask for someone's

opinion on something. The answer may not be very near your own point of view but could contain elements for serious consideration. Of course, there could be occasions when you run

across someone with such a rigid point-of-view that it makes you look for the nearest exit.

But here's the thing: in the long run, we should offer thanks for life, for family, and for those

leaders who think well past their egos and install a feel for the welfare of those they serve and the nation they love.

It's the American way.



### Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

## Nice work if you can get it

Dear Editor:

A few issues back, Greg Hankins the editor and publisher of this paper received some rather harsh criticism for not censoring letters or comments addressed to the Opinion Section. Which of course would defeat the pur-

pose of an Opinion Section. Mr. Hankins needs no defense for this, only praise for publishing the best unbiased news source available to Seven Lakes residents. In this day of totally biased publications across the nation, *The Seven Lakes Times* is truly a breath of fresh air or print.

Our recent election to raise the association dues was passed by somewhere in the 299 vote range depending upon which count we accept. With approximately 1200 property owners, that means less than one-third made the decision for the rest of us.

Now on our recent association dues bill, the Fifty dollar (\$50.00) increase for this year is listed as being for paving. Since the Board, behind closed doors, elected to present the sum of \$75,500 to a "consultant" to the Seven Lakes community of approximately 1200 property owners, that means the \$50.00 a year dues increase will just fall

short \$15,500 of paying our "consultant" for this year. So, how does the \$50.00 go toward "paving dues"?

While I'm on this subject, I'd love to know what a \$75,500 a year "consultant" does for a community the size of Seven Lakes. That's really nice work if you can get it. Of course, all of the property owners, with the exception of the 299 that voted the increase, could withhold the \$50.00 increase as a protest to the "closed door" decision to gift \$75,500 to the "consultant."

Now, one other comment before the Board goes out and hires someone else, at another ridiculous fee, to "find" us a new manager, we already have the man for the job sitting in the office and his name is Chad Beane. He's in line, does a fine job and should be promoted.

Jordan Rhodes  
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Robbins water

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from it down to Seven Lakes.

Despite owning a water treatment facility and reservoir, Robbins lacks enough local water customers to justify using it, and so purchases water from Montgomery County to the west. The 1.5 million gallon per day water plant was built in order to supply an industrial customer — a Perdue chicken slaughterhouse — which has since closed its Robbins plant. The county has a few thousand water customers in and around Seven Lakes that must be served with water piped in from Pinehurst and are at risk because there is no backup for the single watermain along NC Highway 211 that serves the western end of the county.

A McGill Associates study identified the Robbins water treatment plant, and its associated 120 million gallon reservoir, as one of the top options for giving Seven Lakes a new source of water.

Mayor Theron Bell opened the Tuesday's joint meeting by laying out some broad goals the town would like to achieve in any deal with the county — among them, retaining “majority ownership” of the reactivated water treatment plant and controlling the water and sewer rates paid by its own citizens. (Robbins also has a 1.3 million gallon per day wastewater treatment plant that it would like to see serving additional customers beyond the town limits.)

Bell and other town council members appeared to rule out an outright County purchase of the reservoir and water treatment plant. On the other hand, Tuesday's discussion left little doubt that Robbins needs a well-heeled partner in order to fund the estimated \$2.5 million cost of bringing the plant back on line. Mayor Bell said she was willing to consider a deal in which the county would help pay for the plant in exchange for a share of ownership. Councilman Clifton Marley was more comfortable with an arrangement in which Robbins “would borrow money [from the county] and pay it back in water.”

But Marley acknowledged that the Town likely cannot do the job on its own. “We're not sitting here today in a position where we can get where we want to,” he said.

In addition to the cost of restoring the plant, bringing the water down to the southern end of the county will require installing a water main at an estimated cost of approximately \$3.5 million.

The meeting concluded with a pledge from Mayor Bell that the town council would appoint members to a joint committee to study the issue during a Thursday, May 14 meeting and from Board of Commissioners Chairman Nick Picerno that the same item would be on his Monday, May 18 agenda.

Other issues that are likely to play a role in the negotiations and any deal between the town and county include:

- **Interbasin transfer:** Robbins lies in the Cape Fear River Basin, while Pinehurst and Seven Lakes West lie in the Lumber River Basin. State regulations restrict the transfer of water from one to another to one million gallons per day and the county has already contracted with Harnett County to purchase up to one million gallons per day of Cape Fear

Water. That may limit the amount of water that can be shipped from Robbins to the southern end of the county. On the other hand, Seven Lakes North and South both lie within the Cape Fear basin, so the issue may not be a major problem.

- **A new plant?** Instead of retrofitting the existing Robbins water plant, it might be possible to build an entirely new plant for not much more money — or to build a larger plant with the expectation of eventually treating water from the Deep River. Commissioner Larry Caddell wondered aloud during the meeting whether that might not be a better option. On the other hand, the interbasin transfer rules might prevent the county from utilizing much more than one million gallons per day of water from Robbins.
- **Bear Creek.** The Robbins plant gets its water from a 120 million gallon reservoir that is fed by creeks. Chairman Picerno asked about the reliability of that supply in times of drought,

but did not get an answer in Tuesday's meeting.

- **Wastewater treatment.** Robbins has a 1.3 million gallon per day wastewater treatment plant and is using only a portion of that capacity. Seven Lakes could use access to wastewater treatment — particularly in the business area — but has no infrastructure in the ground to

support it.

- **Pinehurst.** The Village of Pinehurst has expressed an interest in partnering with Robbins to bring the water treatment plant back on line and sell water to the county — even though Pinehurst is served by the county water system. The Village's interest didn't come up during Tuesday's meeting.



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# SLLA Work Session

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on there about it, we will have kids from over there coming here," said Community Manager Dalton Fulcher. "Looking at their new policy — and that people over here will have to pay [a guest fee to use the Westside pool] — then kids will always want to come here and it'll put pressure on our pool."

Recreation Director Bruce Keyser, Jr. responded that, with a higher and denser youth population in Seven Lakes North, the majority of children already choose to use the Northside pool.

"They are coming here anyway because this is where their friends are," Keyser argued.

Caulk, who oversees Security, advocated for a continued open access policy to the pools — especially for community children.

"If you don't let them in the pool, then they will go somewhere else in the community where maybe you don't want them," Caulk said. "We are setting ourselves in the same track as the Westside of charging for every little thing. I'm not in favor of charging the kids anything."

Director Sally Kindsvatter disagreed and said she felt the pool fees on both sides of Highway 211 should be equal and reciprocal. "They charge \$5 and

we charge \$5, and our \$25 option is so cheap."

Several directors noted that the existing pool in Seven Lakes North is aging and that major reconstruction will be required at some point in the future. Both Keyser and Director Bud Shaver recommended that pool fees should reflect the cost of maintaining — and eventually replacing — the current facility.

"This fee is not to keep people from coming in or out," said Keyser. "This fee should be used for maintenance for the extra people using the pool."

## Management Search

Director Kent Droppers reported that he has made contact with five community management companies and that he eventually hopes to meet with as many as eight to ten companies. However, Droppers said a critical first question is how the Board will compare hiring a management company to hiring a new community manager.

"We need to have some sort of criteria. We haven't even decided how we're going to decide!" he joked.

Director Denny Galford noted that interviewing management companies is simply one part of the process and does not indicate that a decision has been made to hire a company rather

than an individual.

"He [Droppers] is gathering educational material and then, when a decision is made, it will be [an] informed [decision]," Galford said.

Droppers said the management companies have been very flexible and willing to work with any requirements the Board may determine — including absorbing current SLLA employees or bringing in their own employees.

He asked that Fulcher prepare a brief on how the community operates that can be presented to the various companies during the interview process.

In a related discussion, President Randy Zielsdorf presented a proposal for a new management structure to go into effect

in January 2010 that includes a Community Manager but not an Assistant Community Manager.

"We can consider a part-time recreation coordinators if needed and determine what maintenance should be left in-house and what should be contracted out," said Zielsdorf. "I suggest we leave security as is for now."

Shaver recommended that decisions about outsourcing maintenance work be made as current maintenance equipment needs to be replaced.

"We have a mix of old and young equipment," Shaver said. "If buying is talking about thousands and thousands [of dollars], then that is one of the criteria to consider for outside contracting."

Shaver also reminded the Board that Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane does more than just recreation programming. He asked Fulcher to provide a detailed description of Beane's responsibilities.

Fulcher said that, historically, Seven Lakes had a part-time recreation coordinator; however, Beane also oversees Community Standards, Judicial Committee, and Architectural Review Board activities.

## System of Governance

Continuing a discussion of future management and the role of the Board, Zielsdorf appointed Galford to chair a System of Governance Committee that will recommend a better way for the

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# SLLA Work Session

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board to interact with new management.

"In the past our boards have been way, way too hands-on," Zielsdorf said. "It may be a cultural problem that is difficult to cure, but at least we need to take a stab at it."

## Greater Seven Lakes Community Council

Zielsdorf reported that he met with the presidents of McLendon Hills, SLWLA, and the Seven Lakes Business Guild to form a new group that will address issues that are important for the future of the community but "outside the gates." He said the group has tentatively named itself the Greater Seven Lakes Community Council.

"Under immediate goals, we have two issues on the table: water and public safety. There is a lot of concern from Seven Lakes West and McLendon Hills that they would like to see beefed up security in this area. Moore County is petitioning for four more deputies under the stimulus package, and we believe that one or two should be assigned to this part of the county."

Zielsdorf said the Council is structured so that members are the elected representatives of the various entities. "Until we are formally chartered we will meet as needed. Later, we will probably move to meet once a month," reported Zielsdorf.

## Diving Rules

During the Special Open Meeting on Monday, May 11, the Board also discussed and approved changes to rules and regulations related to diving.

Rule 8.3.2.2, which prohibits diving or swimming alone, was clarified to define diving as SCUBA diving, which was what was intended when the rule was initially implemented.

The related Rule 8.3.2.5 strictly prohibits diving from any Association property except the pool diving board.

"We can't put a rule in to control everything," said Galford. "What we need is a rule in that says Dalton can have security enforce common sense."

## Slalom Ski Club

Northsider Rodney Godwin

asked the Board to approve a schedule of times that the new Slalom Ski Club will be allowed to place their course on Lake Sequoia.

"With weather and scheduling, since most members are working, we wanted several options," Godwin explained. "We want to put the course out when the lake is not busy and the water is flat. If the Club is run well, I believe it will enhance property values. I live on the lake and see this as another amenity that will make people want to come here."

The slalom course is approx-

imately 600 feet in length with an additional 400-500 feet on either end for accelerating and decelerating.

The Board approved of the Slalom Ski Club placing the course on Lake Sequoia no more than eight times a month.

## Other Items

The SLLA Board discussed several other items during their Monday, May 11 Work Session:

- Four Moore County-owned, abandoned well sites located on common areas within Seven Lakes have not been capped as expected, reported Fulcher.

Once the caps are installed, the county will move forward with formalizing the automatic transfer of ownership back to the Association. Two of the well sites lay adjacent to the Northside gate house, however the others are located within common areas defined under the Deed Restrictions approved by the Board last December. These Deed Restrictions, which were placed on Sequoia Point, the stables, soccer field, and Northside Park, limit the use of these areas to Association business and recreation and require a vote of six of seven directors to

overturn.

• Director Shaver reported that a maintenance work crew was verbally assaulted by a resident. For safety, work teams have been instructed to park their vehicles along the road shoulder when they are mowing. The team in question was weeding along Echo Dam. "No resident has the right to talk to our employees that way!" Shaver exclaimed. "If you have a complaint about maintenance, you come talk to Dalton, to me, or to Bob Darr!"

• Fulcher reported that the  
(See "SLLA," p. 27)

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# Westside Rec Committee gets new name

"The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] SLWLA Community Activities Committee" may sound new, but in fact, it isn't. Formerly known to West Side residents as "The Recreation Committee," the name change was found to be necessary to better define the actual function of the committee.

The committee currently consists of six volunteers, under the direction of board member Karen Milligan, who said of the name change: "I would like the community to be clear — we are a function based committee, not a facility based committee."

"The organizing of social gatherings such as holiday parties and special events, as well as, arts and crafts classes, wellness programs, and now enjoying a partnership with the Seven Lakes Forum is really the job description of this group," Milligan said. "I have six dedicated ladies who volunteer their time to this community. It's important that their role is clear within the community at large."

The SLWLA Community Activities Committee diligently works

to bring the community a wide variety of activities and events but they greatly look to the active participation of residents. "We truly enjoy seeing residents having a great time at our events; it makes all of our efforts worthwhile," Milligan noted.

many of the same events enjoyed by so many such as Margaritaville, wine tasting, and holiday parties.

Also being considered are several new events such as Casino Night and Family Movie Night. So stay tuned to the web-

site for upcoming events. As always, events will also be posted in the mail house and newsletter.

For planning purposes, the committee would like everyone to be

aware they will now be posting ticket minimums and maximums, as well as ticket purchase deadline dates to better assist them

with the planning process.

"It was very unfortunate that we recently had to cancel our formal dinner dance due to lack of ticket sales just one week prior to the event," Milligan said. "The team worked very hard on the planning process but this particular event just was not supported by the community despite the overwhelming success of this same event last year," says Milligan.

"We depend on ticket sales to fund many of our events; and we have to be thrifty with our budget. Therefore, we can not depend on last minute ticket sales, thus our new ticket purchase deadline."

Any resident who would like to serve on the Community Activities Committee would be most welcome and encouraged to

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After a very successful 2008/2009 season, the committee would like to invite residents to provide ideas and suggestions on what events or activities they would most like to see on the calendar for the coming season.

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## Westside Work Session

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it may be necessary to add another 50 feet to the wall, which would require approval of a change order by the Board.

Directors approved another change order during Monday's Work Session at Herdrich's request, potentially saving the Association \$70,000 in the process. The Board has known for some time that a weighted filter drain at the base of the dam needed to be replaced, a job that Marks had expected to cost \$135,000. The job was delayed until after the remediation was complete.

Herdrich asked TAG Contracting, the subcontractor on the remediation, for a price on the drain, as well as replacement

of a drain pipe on the upper Lakeway drive pond. Because the equipment is already present on the West Side, TAG's estimate came in at \$65,000 for both jobs. The Board unanimously approved awarding the jobs to TAG.

### Pool Staffing

After looking at the cost of staffing the pool this summer, the SLWLA Board voted to cut the number of positions, though they left it up to Director Herdrich to determine exactly which staff members would be on hand at any given time.

The Board had earlier approved longer hours of operation for the pool and also asked for better control at the gate to

both control access to the facility and gather data on usage. Community Manager Joan Frost's plan for meeting those objectives included having two lifeguards, a pool manager, and a gate attendant on hand eleven hours a day, seven days a week, at a cost of \$49,000.

Treasurer Kathy Kirst pointed out that this was more than twice last year's \$24,000 price tag for pool staff.

"We don't have the money to do this," she said. "This is unacceptable. To have it one hundred percent more than budget is not fiscally responsible."

John Hoffmann asked whether the gatekeeper function could be combined with the lifeguards or pool manager. Frost reminded the Board that they had requested stepped up coverage at the gate because "you had so many people going into the pool who didn't have the right to go in. You had people dropping off carloads of underage kids. And

you wanted to establish some records."

Ed Silberhorn initially made a motion, which he noted was for the purpose of discussion, to eliminate both the pool manager and gatekeeper positions, leaving two lifeguards. "We're kind of gilding the lily here," he said.

Kirst asked whether extending the hours of operation was driving up the cost, but Director Karen Milligan pointed out that the pool was open 66 hours per week last year. The increase to 77 hours this year is a relatively small increase.

After substantial discussion, Silberhorn amended his motion to

cut the number of pool staff to three at any given time and to give Herdrich the discretion to use whatever mix of lifeguards, managers, and gatekeepers he sees fit, as well as to adjust the hours of operation, if necessary. The motion was approved unanimously. However, the Board turned aside a suggestion that an upper limit be placed on the cost of pool staffing.

### Recreation Name Change

Director Milligan told the Board that the Recreation Committee has decided to change its name to the "Community Activities" committee, to better reflect its

(See "Westside," p. 28)

## SLLA

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gate house air conditioning units have persistent maintenance problems and recommended that they be replaced with a different type of system. He estimated the cost at \$2,000 to \$2,400, which includes carpentry and electrical work needed to complete the installation. Keyser suggested a using a system that is common in residential sunroom additions, and would likely be less expensive and better suited to the gate-houses.

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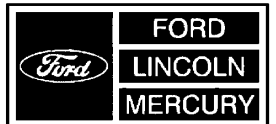
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## Westside Work Session

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mission of providing programming rather than maintaining facilities. [See page 26.]

Milligan reported that the Night in Paris dinner-dance was cancelled because not enough tickets had been sold. "All of Seven Lakes needs to realize that, when we plan events, classes or social functions, participation is key to keeping them, and last minute participation or sign ups doesn't count," Milligan said. She noted that classes often need a minimum level of participation to be viable and that caterers must be given notice in advance of events. Consequently, early reservations are necessary.

### Security

Security Director John Hoffmann said Westsiders need to be clear on two points about the SLWLA security operation: Security does not do animal control and security does not investigate crime."

In conversation with Legal Director Silberhorn, Hoffmann clarified that rules pertaining to animals will be enforced, but that neither he nor the office staff will be involved in the apprehension of stray dogs or loose horses. The investigation of crime, he said, "is purely the responsibility of the Sheriff's Department."

Hoffmann said it would not be necessary to purchase a computer for the guard shack because Frost and CAS had made available a terminal that the guards can use to look up landowners contact information.

He noted that he would in the near future be bringing the Board specific recommendations on perimeter fencing, back gate

enhancements, speed humps, access to the Community Center, and an increased reliance on barcodes for gate entry.

### Other business

In other business during its work session, the SLWLA Board:

- Approved a letter of understanding with the Seven Lakes Landowners Association that offers the opportunity for residents on each side of town to use the amenities and recreational programs on the other side of town, while reserving each Association's right to set fees and policy for use of its own amenities. The agreement also indicates that each Association will recognize the other's vehicle stickers for entrance to the community, while reserving the right of each Association to change that free access policy "on occasion." The Associations also agree to offer one another temporary office space should the facilities of either be damaged in the event of a disaster.

- Heard from President Ron Shepard that he had met with the Presidents of the Seven Lakes and McLendon Hills Landowners Associations and discussed the forming a Greater Seven Lakes Community Council that would include also the Presi-

dent of the Seven Lakes Business Guild and give the community a unified voice when dealing with Moore County and other jurisdictions. The group agreed that initial priorities would be securing additional water supplies for the area and seeking increased coverage by Sheriff's deputies.

- Discussed the advisability of moving from a modified cash to accrual accounting method. Secretary Ed Tuton argued that the accrual method would produce a balance sheet that more accurately reflects the financial status of the Association. But Treasurer Kirst said the change to cash accounting had been made within the past few years in order to make reporting easier for the membership to understand. Internal Revenue Service regulations may require a waiting period before a switch back to the accrual method could be undertaken, she added.

- Turned down a request to reduce the dues of a disabled homeowner who pled financial hardship. Community Manager Frost had offered an installment payment plan with interest and the Board authorized her to continue to explore that option with the landowner. Treasurer Kirst noted that the SLWLA Articles of

Incorporation require that there be only one class of member, limiting the Board's ability to make adjustments to dues.

- Moved responsibility for compliance enforcement from the Security Director into the Architectural Review Director's portfolio, and moved responsibility for the boat and trailer storage areas from the Infrastructure Director to the Lake and Dam Director.

- Approved the awarding of an \$11,181 contract to Triple S Lawn Care for landscape main-

tenance on Lakeway Mall and at the back gate.

- Heard from Director Herdrich that 400 boats have been registered thus far, with sixty percent registering by dropping off or mailing in their applications. Herdrich said the registration process was "going well" but noted that more than one-quarter of the applications had to be rejected because of incomplete information or documentation.



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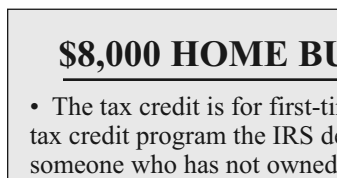
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