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### Mower purchase sparks hot debate

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

A seemingly mundane decision about whether to replace a lawnmower ended in a contentious 4-2 split vote of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors during the Wednesday, August 26 Open Meeting. The tension over the \$8,000 purchase may foreshadow the difficulties that lay ahead for the Directors as they move towards hiring new community management and work through the impact of that decision on the existing in-house maintenance department.

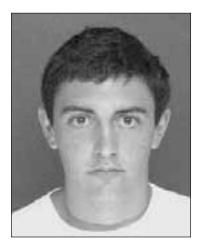
"I understand the Board's concern about spending money when there is uncertainty in the

future, but the lack of this mower is impacting the ability of the department to do their job," charged Director Bud Shaver, who heads up the Maintenance

President Randy Zielsdorf countered that it was fiscally irresponsible to spend the money if there is a reasonable chance that maintenance may be outsourced. "What happens if we do something different next Spring?" Zielsdorf asked.

However, Treasurer Denny Galford said he was comfortable with the mower bids presented, noting that the Finance Committee had reviewed previous studies of maintenance (See "SLLA," p. 31)

### Laker charged in Scout lodge fire



Aaron Jaymes Lee

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

Aaron Jaymes Lee, 17, of 103 Sandspur Lane in Seven Lakes North and a junior member of the Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department, has been charged by the Moore County Sheriff's Office with setting the fire that consumed the not-yetcompleted West End Boy Scout Lodge just after midnight on Tuesday morning, August 18.

The lodge, which was burned to the ground in the fire, was (See "Fire," p. 28)

in budgeting and it will be the first bucket that gets filled up to \$100,000," recommended Kirst at the Tuesday, August 25 meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA].

ditures for a weighted dam filter completely depleted the dam reserve fund, and Kirst noted

that funding is already being set aside for the next anticipated major dam expense replacement of the dam valves twenty to twenty-five years from now.

#### **Architectural Review Committee**

Director Adam Wimberly reported that 158 letters non-compli-(See "Westside," p. 30)

### New playground's a hit!



Heading down the new Northside Park spiral slide, toboggan-style, are [from top] Cooper and Amy Bumgarner, Reilly Stromberg, Lindsay and Jack Douglass, Hank Credle, and Jacob

### Priority: rebuild reserves

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

"Reserves are a critical part of the Association and we want to have healthy reserves," Treasurer Kathy Kirst said, estimating that perimeter fencing projects at West Side Park and near Currie Mill Road reduced the contingency reserve fund by \$16,000.

"This is our number one area

Dam remediation and expen-

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### Four arrested in West End on heroin charges

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

Moore County Sheriff's Officers have arrested a resident of Seven Lakes and three residents of West End for possession with intent to sell heroin based on evidence collected during the execution of a search warrant at 215 Voncannon Drive in West End on Thursday, August 27.

Lisa Diane Parrish, Joshua Allen Parrish, and William Paul Purvis, all of 215 Voncannon Drive, as well as Cameron Page Caulk, of 116 Pine Needle Drive in Seven Lakes, were charged with a string of felonies stemming from the discovery of sixty-three dosage units of heroin, other drugs, and firearms in the residence. All four suspects were charged with felony possession of heroin; felony possession with intent to manufacture, sell, or deliver heroin; and felony maintaining a place or dwelling to keep a controlled substance.

An investigation report filed by Sheriff's Officer Charles D. Ritter indicates that Caulk, 19, and Purvis, 24, are students. Lisa Diane Parrish, 40, and Joshua

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Dec. 22*	Dec. 17*

\*Early publication or deadline due to holiday.

Allen Parrish, 24, are listed as unemployed. A minor child of Lisa Diane Parrish was found in the home during the search; the Sheriff's Office did not report any charges filed against the teenager.

In addition to the heroin, according to a Sheriff's Office news release, officers also found on the scene a gram of marijuana; two dosage units of Adder-

Cameron Page Caulk

all (a controlled prescription medication); twenty milliliters of psilocybin mushrooms; four firearms; \$6,188 in cash; syringes, digital scales, and other drug paraphernalia. The Sheriff's Office estimates the street value of the drugs seized at \$2,100. The guns found in the residence included one 22 caliber and two 25 caliber handguns, as well as a 12-gauge shotgun.



Joshua Allen Parrish



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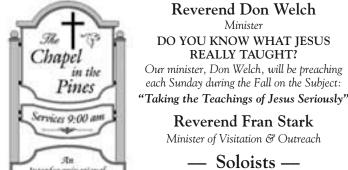
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Caulk and Joshua Parrish were charge with possession of a stolen weapon; one of the 25caliber handguns recovered from the room in which they were

found had been reported stolen by the Lumberton Police Department. Caulk was also charged with possession of marijuana.

(See "Heroin," p. 29)



Lisa Diane Parrish



William Paul Purvis

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### 7 Lakes Baptist plans tribute to Rev. Hankins

by Janice Walters

Seven Lakes Baptist Church

This past July, Reverend Ken Hankins passed away suddenly, at the age of 55. His death leaves a tremendous void in the lives of his family, the congregation of Seven Lakes Baptist Church [SLBC] and this community.

As the founding pastor of SLBC, Pastor Ken and Mary, his wife of thirty-two years, devoted their lives to God's call by planting a church that would further God's Kingdom and serve the needs of the Seven Lakes area. They and their three daughters, Nikki, Christi and Katie are an inspiration to countless people for their service to, and love for the Lord.

Ken Hankins, a graduate of Liberty University, was a spectacular mentor, friend and inspiration to his congregation, countless pastors, missionaries and anyone seeking to go into ministry. He poured himself into his relationships with people. One of his great passions was church planting.

He had served faithfully on the board of the Liberty Church Planting Network (formerly Liberty Baptist Fellowship) since 1991 and had been president for the past three years. Pastor Ken's legacy truly lives on in those churches he helped to begin and their pastors, as well as all members who were blessed to have known him.

As SLBC looks forward, the Deacon Council has been diligent to provide a smooth transition to the future. Reverend Tim Epling, already on staff at SLBC, has graciously agreed to fill the pulpit since July 19 and will continue to do so until a new pastor is hired. Tim also leads the prayer services and bible study held on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The pastor search committee has been formed and will begin their duties in the near future.

One of Pastor Ken's great joys was the dynamic music ministry of SLBC. The choir and the congregation, are finding hope and healing for the future in the praise and worship that begin each morning service.

There is also cause for celebration as SLBC marks the twenty-first anniversary of the first service, which was held September 11, 1988. On Sunday, September 13, there will be two special morning services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am, Sunday school at 9:45 am and a covered dish dinner in the gymnasium to follow the second service.



Pastor Ken & Mary Hankins.

The festivities continue with revival services beginning Sunday evening through Wednesday evening, September 16th from 6:30 to 8:30 each night.

The special guest speaker for all morning and evening services

will be Evangelist Matt Wilkins, Pastor Ken and Mary's son-in-law. Matt, also a graduate of Liberty University, is a dynamic and gifted speaker and has been an evangelist for the past 10 years. He has always been a beloved

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### GBC Law fields winning team in Guild tourney

The Annual Seven Lakes Business Guild Tournament was held on Saturday August 15, at Seven Lakes Country Club. The 3- person Captains Choice event added a new twist this year with the creation of a Handicap Flight in addition to the Championship Scratch Flight. The field was unanimous in praising the course conditions as "perfect"!

The Championship was decided in a playoff that lasted two holes. Thanks to a lengthy breaking putt stroked perfectly by Mike Gorenflo that found the bottom of the cup, the team sponsored by Gorenflo, Bierbaum & Campbell Law won this year's event.

The winning team of Mike Gorenflo, Michael Dann & Jack Nance battled for the title against the team sponsored by Carolina Brokerage Company consisting of Ryan Fox, Charlie Richardson and Mac Jones. Both teams completed the regulation play with a dazzling score of 60-1/2.

For the third year in a row the team from Seven Lakes Country Club; Mike Spayd, Gene

Roberts & Jeff Jones came in third a half stroke behind with their score of 61.



Winners of the Seven Lakes Business Guild Golf Tournament — Michael Dann, Mike Gorenflo, and Jack Nance

The Handicap Flight produced a winner for Seven Lakes. The team of Sam Thompson, Savannah Thompson & Cody Roberts won their flight with a team net score of 45. Second place in the Handicap Flight went to the Carolina Brokerage team of Stephan Sawyer, Tom Markey & Matt Daugherty with a score of 46. They were followed closely by the team representing JuBilee Screen Print of Bill McNeill, Les

Sladkus & Jack Allen whose net 47 earned them third place.

The tournament was created to assist the Business Guild with their ongoing efforts to improve and maintain the roadways in the Business Village.

To that end the events have been successful and have also provided a beneficial avenue for the community to bond together for a worthy cause and have fun doing it.



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### 7 Lakes Consignment offers treasures for all

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

A slew of treasures can be found at the brand, new 7 Lakes Consignment Shop in the Seven Lakes Plaza, near the Westside gate.

Open everyday of the week, this family business is a real labor of love for Westsiders Jackie and Dennis Balas, and their daughter and son-in-law, Kim and George Zanetti of Seven Lakes North.

"These aren't cookie cutter items," said Kim, who manages the store. "These are things that people have collected most of their lives."

7 Lakes Consignment offers an upscale resale opportunity for buyers and sellers, featuring men's, women's, and junior's clothing; furniture; fine rugs; china and pottery; art prints; and all manner of home décor items.

"Once people shop consignment, they don't go back to retail," Balas said. "There are so many more treasures here. Every item has a story or a nice memory."

She continued, "If you are downsizing or have things in storage, come consign them. If you are looking for something new, come here before you head into town."

7 Lakes Consignment offers a standard contract of 60/40 for clothing and 50/50 for home décor.

Store hours are Monday through Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Sunday 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Consigners and customers of larger pieces may also call for an appointment at 673-2314.

A Grand Opening event will be

held on Saturday, September 12 with hors d'ouevres and wine provided by Leslie Rose of Sandhills Winery.

"Our businesses complement each other and we want to make the Seven Lakes Plaza a destination!" exclaimed Kim. "Together with Sandhills Winery we are going to 'rock the plaza.' Come out, join us and have some fun."



Kim Zanetti, along with Jackie and Dennis Balas, of 7 Lakes Consignment.

### Extension Home Tour benefits youth programs

Moore County Extension and Community Association will hold their annual home tour on Thursday, September 10, 10 am - 4 pm.

Six beautiful homes in the Pinewild, Southern Pines and Pinehurst area will be open for viewing with a popular chef serving samples of favorite recipes.

The tour is a fundraiser for Youth Development with proceeds going to Moore County 4-H Clubs, Boys and Girls Homes of NC Inc. and other youth groups. Advance tickets may be purchased at Phoenix Fashions for \$15. Tickets the day of the show will be available at the Village Chapel, and the homes for \$20.



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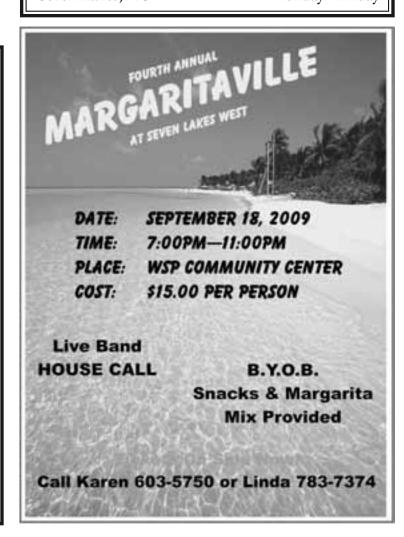
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### Three generations of quality home building

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In 1979, his son, Steve, earned his contractor's license and became a part of the company and it was named "Harris and Son Construction Co."

In 1991, Warren retired after 40 years in the homebuilding business. At that time, he not only left the management of Harris and Son Construction to Steve, he also left him mindful of the three fundamental principals he could count on for success:

- 1. The ability to completely understand a homebuyer's needs:
- 2. Translate those needs into a

workable design; and

3. Construct a home of lasting quality that could meet a homebuyer's needs for a lifetime. Steve derives great pleasure in working closely with homeowners.

The quantity of homes built by Harris and Son Construction is impressive. Over the 30 years, this successful company has built 300+ homes.

As time marches on, so does the Harris family and homebuilding business, a third generation, Warren's grandson and Steve's son, Mitchell, joined his the company in 2000 as Job Superintendent and earned his unlimited contractor's license in

Both Steve and Mitchell are graduates of NC State. The company is very honored to have two unlimited licensed contractors. They can build any size and price home or commercial project requested.

Also employees of Harris and Son - Steve's wife, Ginny Harris, enjoys interior design and Julie Harris, married to Steve and Ginny's older son, Michael, has been office manager for 16

In 1979, the square footage requested by homeowners was approximately 1200 to 1500 square footage with an estimate of \$65 to \$75 per square footage; today market 2500 to 6000 square footage with a cost of \$150 and up per square footage.

In the earlier years, one and one-half bath was sufficient. Today's market, a bath per bedroom and a powder room.

Kitchens continue to be the most important part of the home. As the saying goes "keep the wife happy and everyone will be happy".

Building has been enjoyable and rewarding to the Harris family and they look forward to many more years. The friendships built are the foundations of the company.

Warren, the legacy, 87 years young, passed away February 7, 2009, but left behind wonderful memories and experiences that will be long remembered.



Warren and Steve Harris consult on a 1980s Seven Lakes job site.



Steve & Mitchell Harris of Harris & Son Construction

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### SLCC is Sandhills Golf Assoc.'s Course of Year

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This honor places the Club in contention for the National Golf Course Owners Association's National Course of the Year award.

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The Club will be notified in mid October after the fall meeting of the NGCOA Board of Directors regarding the national award. Seven Lakes Country Club is proud to represent the Sandhills Golf Association and welcomes the opportunity to be in the running for the National Golf Course Owners Association's national award.



Seven Lakes Country Club's Signature #11

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### In memory of

William E. (Bill) Connor, age 88, of Seven Lakes, died Thursday, August 27, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

A native of New Jersey, he was born in Jersey City to the late Edward L. and Molly C. Connor.

A graduate of Seton Hall University, an Army veteran of World War II, he landed on Omaha Beach in Normandy, France on D+1 with the 294th Engineer Combat Battalion.

He was employed by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company for 36 years, working in their Newark, NJ, Boston, MA and New York (Radio City) offices. He retired in 1983 as assistant vice president in the Radio City national risks sales department. Upon retirement, he and his wife Lorraine moved from Scotch Plains, NJ to Seven Lakes. Mr. Connor was a charter member of the Seven Lakes Country Club and the Perpetual Adoration Society of Sacred Heart Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lorraine and his sister, Eileen Doherty.

A funeral mass was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in

Pinehurst on Monday, August 31. The Rev. James M. Labosky officiated. Rite of Committal will be at a later date.

Survivors include his sister, Marie Kelly of Annandale, VA; his son, William E. Connor, Jr. of Southport; his daughter Patricia Ferguson of Amesbury, MA; his daughter Eileen Senke of Riviera Beach, FL; five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to the: Sacred Heart Building Fund, P.O. Box 1768, Pinehurst, NC 28370-1768, or to the Seven Lakes Rescue Squad, 969 Seven Lakes North, West End, NC 27376 or to a charity of choice.

### **Eagle Springs Methodists** celebrate 135th homecoming

On Sunday, September 13, Eagle Springs United Methodist Church will celebrate their 135th Homecoming with Dr. Vernon Tyson as guest preacher. Dr. Tyson is known through out the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church as its "preacher and story teller."

Dr. Tyson has served for over fifty years in pulpits through out the eastern half of North Carolina. Dr. Tyson has one sister. His five brothers all entered the ministry and chose to serve United Methodist Churches in North Carolina. Dr. Tyson several years ago served as interim for Southern Pines United Methodist Church when it was in transition. He and his wife, Martha, have four children. Their son, Tim Tyson, is the author of the book. Blood Don't Sign My Name which is being made into a movie and filmed in North Carolina.

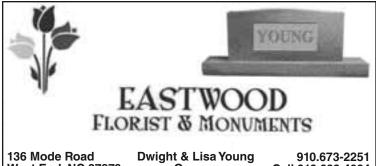
The Tyson's have traveled to Russia, Israel, Mexico, Peru Liberia and Ireland where he has led worship services.

On Sunday, September 13, worship will begin at 11:00 am at **Eagle Springs United Methodist** Church. The Marcus United Methodist Church Choir will provide special music for the Anniversary celebration. Dinner on the grounds will follow at 12:15 pm.

Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite picnic dish.

All former members and new members to the community are invited to attend this special gathering.

Myron and Barbara Dice currently serve as Co-Pastors of **Eagle Springs United Methodist** Church. Regular Sunday worship services at Eagle Springs are at 10:00 am each Sunday. The Sandhills Circuit youth meet at 6:00 pm each Wednesday evening at Marcus United Methodist Church. Eagle Springs is a part of the Sandhills Circuit, which includes Pleasant Hill and Marcus United Methodist Churches.



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### Erskine walks again for wounded warriors

Gil Erskine is walking again. The 88 year-old part-year resident of Butterfly Court in Seven Lakes West will hike ten miles of the Bronx River Trail on Saturday, September 26, to raise funds for the Fisher House Foundation.

Erskine first walked for Fisher House in 2007, raising \$22,364 for the cause. But he skipped a repeat in 2008 in order to have open heart surgery.

When he's not in Seven Lakes, Erskine, a former glider pilot, resides in Scarsdale, and it's at that city's Boniface Circle that his project begins. The Circle is the site of a memorial to WWII veterans — a memorial that bears the name of Erskine's brother Birks, who was killed in action during the Battle of the Bulge.

Another brother, Ron, resides in Seven Lakes North.

After leaving Scarsdale, Erskine will follow the trail past a September 11 Memorial and finish at the Branch Library in North Castle.

His 2007 walk was a solo event, because he was traveling along roads unsafe for a group of walkers. But this year he will be joined by the Mayor of Scarsdale and other dignitaries and family members.

Fisher House is a not-forprofit organization, founded in 1990, that builds large guest houses near military and veterans hospitals in order to provide a place for wounded service men and women — and their families — to stay while undergoing physical and occupational therapy.

The guest houses range in size from 5,000 to 16,000 square feet and can host 8 to 21 families. Fisher House builds the quest houses and then turns them over to the US Government, which oversees their use. There are currently 37 Fisher Houses in use; they have accommodated more than 110,000 service families so far.

Erskine told The Times that he chose Fisher House because both because of "the wonderful work it does,' and because the AIP Charity Rating Guide gives it an A-plus. There's a Fisher House at Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg which Erskine visited during a stay in Seven Lakes in August.

Erskine's late brother Birks was a member of the 82nd Airborne when he was killed in battle in January 1945.

Gil Erskine himself was captured behind enemy lines after the small squad he transported in his glider was overwhelmed by a much larger enemy force. Fortunately, that captivity lasted only a day. Erskine and his comrades were liberated by Allied forces and he personally accepted the surrender of the German garrison commander.

Erskine's 2007 walk attracted contributions from all over the country, including Seven Lakes.

Contributors can make checks payable to "Fisher House Foundation" and mail them to L.G. Erskine at 120 East Hartsdale Avenue, Apt. 6F, Hartsdale, NY 10530.

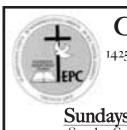
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Gil Erskine visited the Fisher House at Ft. Bragg in August.



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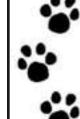
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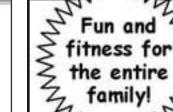


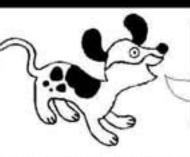
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### Time to plant your Fall vegetable garden

The weather in the Sandhills has been ideal for outdoor activities and gardening the past few weeks and interest and inquiries have been numerous.

Several questions have been asked about lawn care and maintenance, but most are concerned about lawn fertilization. If you haven't fertilized your centipede, zoysia, and Bermuda lawn for the second and final time this season, do it soon. Because of the frequent rains you'll be surprised at the growing response. Use a soil test analysis report recommendation if available, but in its absence apply five pounds per 1,000 square feet of lawn space with a 1-1-1 ratio [ex: 10-10-10] or 5-10-30, or another recommended slow-release lawn special.

At the request of some readers, here are some tips on Fall and Winter gardening in the Sandhills:

Plants which are available include cabbage, collards, cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, onions, and possibly Chinese cabbage. Seeds that can be obtained are beet, cucumber, cress, kale, kohl rabi, leaf lettuce, broad leaf and curled mustard, radish, rape, turnip, onion seeds and sets, and spinach. Plants and supplies can be purchased at Aberdeen Supply in downtown Aberdeen, Carthage Farm Supply, or possibly from your local supplier.

The onion is perhaps one of the most popular, widely-used versatile and healthiest vegetables grown. Onions can be produced from seeds, sets, or plants. They require a light-textured, fertile soil to properly develop. One satisfactory method I have found to grow green onions is in a plant flat, filled with potting soil, and burying the sets in the medium about an inch apart. In thirty to thirty-five days, green onion scallions will emerge and grow ready to be eaten. This procedure can be replicated every month or two, thereby supplying green onions year round.

The most popular Fall plant here in the Sandhills is the collard. These plants are very hardy, healthy, nutritious, and produce throughout the Winter if properly maintained. Insects which often attack these plants are Harlequin bugs, aphids, and cabbage loopers.

Cabbage plants grow well in our area as the nights cool in September. It is a rapid-growing

plant with a firm, pyramid-shaped

hard nose head that has a good

is susceptible to the cabbage looper and aphids, although it might show some slight resistance to these insects. Spray early as the heads form for possible infestations.

Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

Chinese cabbage can be successfully grown if plants are available.

Broccoli plants should be set out in a sunny spot

in your garden to keep plants growing rapidly. Each plant will produce a main, central head. Cut it when it becomes mature so that branch shoots will produce other edible heads. Inspect regularly for insect damage.

Brussels sprouts is one of my favorite vegetables. They grow rather rapidly and mature in about six weeks. More sprouts become available when the weather becomes cooler. Here again, the cabbage looper is often a problem on the plant.

The turnip is another favorite cole crop that can be grown from seed. It produces a tasty root and delicious edible green top foliage. Normally it is broadcast seeded. I often mix the small seeds – one part seed to two

parts clean weed-free sand – to get better spacing and reduce thinning. Grits can be mixed with the seed for the same purpose.

The beet is a root crop I enjoy primarily in pickles. The seeds are small and should be covered lightly with fine-textured well pulverized soil or potting soil to prevent crusting. It normally takes sixty to seventy days to mature.

The radish is a root crop used in small amounts on salads or eaten sliced. The seeds should be mixed with beet seed or course sand to aid in getting the right spacing for growth. It takes approximately thirty days after

(See "Gardening," p. 12)



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### Temple Theatre stages 'Bingo! The Musical'

Bingo! The Musical, Temple Theatre's first main stage show of the 2009-2010 season, starts this week. This show is not just for bingo players or grand parents. It's for everyone, so get your card, get ready to play and shout BINGO!

Bingo! The Musical will run at Temple Theatre from Sep-

tember 3 through September 20.

This splashy and fun musical comedy about a colorful group of die-hard Bingo players and friends, Vern, played by our own Peggy Taphorn, Honey and Patsy, whose lives are thrown into a tizzy when a young stranger blows through the bingo hall

and makes them face their pasts. Hailed by The New York Times as "fun-loving musical theatre."

To get your tickets for Bingo! The Musical, please call Temple Theatre's Box Office at 919.774.4155, or you may visit our website at www.templeshows.com.'

The Temple Theatre's flexible season passes are now on sell through September 20. The Theatre is offering two different passes this year. One is 4 for \$64 and other, 6 for \$96. Flexible passes may be used one ticket for each show, two tickets for two shows, all tickets for the same show, or any combination thereof.

If you are interested in placing your season ticket order using a debit or credit card, you may call the Administrative Office at 919.774.4512 x-221.

Otherwise, please call the Box Office at 919.774.4155 or visit www.templeshows.com.

### Pet pics help pets

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Either way it is a great way to help the animals at the Humane Society and get a great pet portrait for your own pet. Call Janice Clewis for an appointment at 910-400-5170.

### Gardening

(Continued from page 10) germination for maturity.

Leaf lettuce is widely used and enjoyed in salads or in sand-wiches. Seeding can begin now and continue every ten to fifteen days until frost. Maturity takes thirty to forty days. Slug and aphid damage might be a problem.

If you are a greens lover you might want to try a small bed or spot area with a conglomerate seed mixture of kale, kohl rabi, leaf lettuce, broadleaf and curled mustard, rape, spinach, and cress. Mix a small amount of these seeds in an equal volume of clean, weed-free sand or grits, broadcast them, and lightly cover with soil.

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### Time to walk and wag for Moore Humane

Moore Humane Society (MHS) and the Village of Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department have scheduled their 3rd Annual Walking and Wagging Dog Walk-a-Thon and festival for Saturday, September 19 at Cannon Park off Highway 211 and Rattlesnake Trail in Pinehurst. Last year, over 75 people put on their walking shoes and helped raise funds and awareness for homeless animals in Moore County and Moore Humane is hoping everyone will come out and help make it even bigger and better this year!

In addition to the 3k dog walk, scheduled activities will include a dog costume and talent contest, pick-a-prize auction donated by area merchants, and Moore Humane will be set up for an adopt-a-thon with some of their cats and dogs on site. Kids will enjoy arts-n-crafts, face painting, and having their photos taken with their canines. Live music will be provided by Bob Liddell, Joey Smith and Marcus Womack of Burnt Toast. Local businesses will be setting up exhibit booths and Animal Health Center will be on hand to administer low cost rabies shots and micro-chipping. Snacks, cold ice cream treats and drinks will be available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds being donated to Moore Humane Society.

Admission to the event is free; however there is a \$15 registration fee to participate in the walk-a-thon. The first 100 walkers registered will receive a walka-thon canvas tote-bag filled with donated goodies. Walkers are encouraged to get together five or more of their friends, family or coworkers and form a Dog Pack. Dog Packs receive a discounted registration fee, their own web page to promote their Dog Pack and more! If you're not much of a dog person, you can still participate by walking in honor of your feline friend. Honorary felines will be announced on stage before the Walk starts.

Registration will begin at 9:00 am and the walk-a-thon will begin at 10:00 am. Pre-registration is available by downloading the forms from their website at www.moorehumane.org or you may pick up registration forms from First

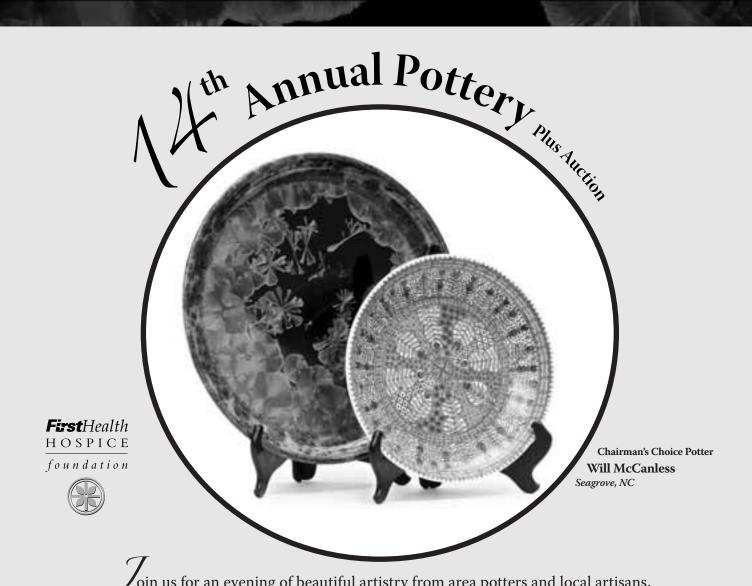
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Walkers can now raise pledges online by visiting www.firstgiving.com/30002 to create their own fundraising page. Walkers

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### Program helps students 'Fish for Words'

by Frank Krohn Seven Lakes Kiwanis

On August 25, the Seven Lakes Kiwanis welcomed Wendy Dodson as its speaker.

Ms. Dodson is the Assistant to the President of Sandhills Com-

munity College and also very active in the Moore County Leadership Institute. The Institute is sponsoring a program called "Fishing for Words" which works with First Grade students who are reading below their grade level.

It is a one on one program, utilizing volunteer tutors who will work with students after school during the second half of the school year.

Statistics show that if a student remains below grade level in

first grade the chances of that student's catching up are very slim. In Moore County 40% of the fourth grade students are reading below their grade level which certainly indicates the need for the "Fishing for Words" program. At this point in time the program needs tutors, and as one might expect, funds. Seven Lakes Kiwanis is pleased to support the program.



Kiwanis Vice President Ed Schemp presents a check to Wendy Dodson for \$300 to support the "Fishing for Words" program.

### Tour de Moore for Habitat

This Labor Day, Monday, September 7, Sandhills Cycling Club presents the Sandhills Habitat 20th Tour de Moore Century Ride

Cyclists have a choice of 3 rides, a great pasta lunch from Ragazzis and music after the ride. In addition to the 100 mile Century ride, there is a 50 mile and 28 mile option. Refreshments will be provided at 6 SAG (Stop and Go) stops around the county.

While the Tour de Moore celebrates its 20th year, Habitat has been involved with the ride since 2005. Habitat seeks out the

SAG stop sponsors (\$125 each), whose contribution goes to buy all the food and drinks for each stop, as well as the volunteers who man the stops.

The highlight of the day for many riders is the dessert table with goodies provided by "The Muffin Mamas", a group of Habitat volunteers who usually bring treats to the construction sites.

Last year, almost 400 riders to participated, so the Sandhills Cycling Club suggests interested cyclists register early!

Registration is \$40. Online registration is available at www.active.com. A t-shirt and

lunch are included in the registration fee; activity bags and hats are available at an additional fee. For more information about the ride, please contact Craig at craig@sandhillscyclingclub.org.

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### Moore OnStage plays 'Golf: The Musical'

Who knew that someone would write a show about golf. In fact, there is the age-old question - Why do a show about golf?

But leave it to Moore OnStage to come up with something different, yet seemingly appropriate for our area. "Golf: The Musical" is a funny, funny musical revue parodying some of the sharper observations an outsider might make about golf. Four of your favorite actors will be playing the front and back nine at the Sunrise Theater. Michael and Rebecca Jones (42nd Street), Nick Ryan (Sisters of Swing) and Bob Dellert (Swing) all shine as "golfers" in this show and will keep you laughing from the moment the show opens to the

A newcomer to Moore OnStage is director, Alison Lawrence. Lawrence is a vocal coach in Raleigh, and has played on many of the stages of theaters in the Raleigh area. She just closed "Sound of Music" presented by the North Carolina Theater and did "A Christmas Carol" with Ira David Wood at Theatre in the Park for five years. She is very funny herself, so her sense of humor will spill

over into many of the scenes that are already funny in the

Moore OnStage would never do a musical without Steve Menendez at the helm as their illustrious musical director. If you just want to laugh, don't miss "Golf: The Musical." It plays at the Sunrise Theater on Friday and Saturday, September 11 and 12 at 7:30 pm; Sunday, September 13 at 2 pm, and then Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 17, 18 and 19 at 7:30 pm, closing on Sunday, September 20 at 2 pm. Moore OnStage also is proud to sponsor The Tin Whistles – First Tee Junior Tour Series with this show. All seats are reserved, so call

with a Mastercard or Visa. Please do not call The Sunrise Theater.

### Cooking with Carmela

The first of the Fall season of cooking classes will begin on Saturday, September 19 from 1-3:00 pm at West Side Park Community Center, Seven Lakes West.

"International Cuisine" is the theme with Carmela Chase, Sandi Carl, Marjorie Nurenburg, and Nadene Peterson.

They will present dishes from Hawaii, Morocco, India, and Greece.

There will be a demonstration of the dishes, and recipe packets will be available for participants of the class. A sampling of the featured recipes will follow at the conclusion of the program.

This program is sponsored by the Seven Lakes West Activities Committee and the cost is \$12.50 per person. Payment must be received by September 15.

Call the West Side Park Community Center to register at 673-5314 beginning Thursday, September 10.

Registration will continue until the program is filled.

### Zucchini Bread

I understand there is an 1 teaspoon baking soda abundance of zucchini growing here at Seven Lakes. Here is a delicious way to use some of

#### **Zucchini Bread** Ingredients:

- 3 eggs
- 1 cup cooking oil ( I use canola)
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups peeled and grated zucchini
- 2 teaspoons Vanilla
- 2 teaspoons Cinnamon 1 teaspoon salt

Combine them with all other ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Spray 2 large loaf

2 teaspoon baking powder 3 cups plain all purpose flour

Oven should be preheated and set at 350 degrees

Beat eggs. pans, fill



pans bake for 40-45 minutes; if using 6 or 7 minature pans bake for about 30 minutes. Serve with any meal or eat as

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Back by popular demand, North Carolina's "Extraordinary Coast" lecture series, Part II, begins Sunday, September 13 with Raleigh-based award-winning filmmaker, researcher, and author Kevin Duffus kicking off the first of three programs he will present about intriguing historical mysteries.

All three lectures are free to the public, beginning at 3 pm, followed by a reception at Weymouth Center, 555 E. Connecticut Ave., Southern Pines.

Duffus' series this fall focus on three "tall" tales that center on historical events off North Carolina's coastline.

His first lecture, "The Lost Light," on Sunday, September 13, concerns a 140-year old mystery surroundin the fate of a 6,000-pound, 12-foot-tall Fresnel lens from the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, which went missing after it was removed and hidden, according to Confederate documents, to prevent it from helping Union war vessels invade the state during the Civil War.

Duffus weaves a fascinating story that teaches much more than the solution to the original mystery.

His second lecture on Sunday, October 18 is "The Last Days of Black Beard the Pirate," ranges through birth, and Admiralty records of late 17th and early 18th century Great Britain, the Carolinas, and other places this side of the Atlantic, separating fact from myth about this colorful pirate who preyed and settled for awhile along the North Carolina coast at Okracoke and the colonial village of Bath.

Duffus' third lecture of the series is Sunday, November 15 titled "War Zone," explores World War II activity off the Outer Banks, during which almost 400 Allied ships were sunk or damaged and more than 5,000 people killed in 1942 when German U-boats hunted merchant vessels, practically unopposed, within view of coastal communities.

Duffus' program describes how life was altered in those days for ordinary people, also sharing a first-hand account of a conflict between a U-boat and a U.S. Navy destroyer near Nags Head, that could have altered the course of the war.

Duffus began exploring coastal

mysteries as a teenager, when at age 17 in 1971 he discovered and proved the identity of a sunken Confederate vessel in Chicod Creek off the Tar River that was scuttled by the Union Army in 1862 hours before capturing Washington, NC. Duffus subsequently enjoyed a long career with WRAL-TV in Raleigh, first as a 23-year-old television news producer, an executive producer, consistently pursuing his fascination with maritime history.

He has produced and broad-

cast pioneering programs and feature-length documentaries on coastal North Carolina history and culture. He is the author of "The Lost Light – A Civil War Mystery," "Shipwrecks of the Outer Banks," and "The Last Days of Black Beard the Pirate."

This project is made possible by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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- Ballroom Dancers of the Sandhills at the Olde West End Gym for 45 minute instruction prior to general dancing. Annual fee is \$30 per person for 16 Friday night sessions, 7 to 10 pm. Info:910-246-3320.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

 September Blood Drive – 12:00-4:30 pm, Chick-Fil-A, 10735 Hwy 15/501, Free gift for all donors. Southern Pines, For appt contact Chick-Fil-A, On the bus. Call Manager at 692-6646.

### <u>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6</u>

 Tree Trek – 3 pm, Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve. Learn the identification of trees found at Weymouth & hike on the trails. Meet at the Visitor Center. Bring water and bug spray. 910-692-2167.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Labor Day Holiday

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Work Session 9 am, West Side Park Community Center.
- Seven Lakes Kiwanis Noon at Seven Lakes Country Club.
- Computer Club of Seven Lakes - 3 pm, Game Room, Seven Lakes North. Demonstration new Windows 7 operating system. Guest speaker, Chad Ladingham, proprietor of "AT Home PC" & instructor at Sandhills Community College. All are welcome.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

 Red Cross Infant/Child CPR/AED – 6:00-9:30 pm, Certification Fee \$40. 910-692-8571, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines.

### THURSDAY,, SEPTEMBER 10

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Association – annual home tour, 10am – 4pm. Six beautiful homes in the Pinewild, Southern Pines and Pinehurst area will be open. Advance tickets can be purchased at Phoenix Fashions in Seven Lakes for \$15. Tickets day of the show available at Village Chapel, & the homes for \$20.

- Wine Tasting at Sandhills Winery 5:00 to 8:00 pm. \$10 per person. Located in Seven Lakes Plaza next to Peking Wok.
- Red Cross Adult/Infant/Child CPR/AED Review/Recertification Course – 6:00-8:30 pm, Certification fee \$25.910-692-8571, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines. All fees must be paid in advance.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Golf Tournament for Wounded Warrior Project – at Beacon Ridge Golf and County Club. Check in at 8:30 am, play begins with a shot gun start at 9:30 am. Captain's Choice - Step Aside. Entry fee \$75/player, includes golf and lunch. \$300 for a four as a corporate. Hole sponsor-

ships \$100. Prizes awarded. Proceeds benefit wounded military personnel via the Wounded Warrior Project. Questions or sponsorship contact Steve Auditore 910-673-3059.

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sharper observations an outsider might make about golf. At the Sunrise Theater on Friday and Saturday, September 11

and 12 at 7:30 pm; Sunday, September 13 at 2 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 17, 18 and 19 at 7:30 pm, closing on Sunday, September 20 at 2 pm. All seats reserved, call 910-692-7118.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- WEES PTA Yard Sale 7:00 am. Sellers that are interested in participating need to purchase space for \$20. Contact Kay Miller 673-2932 or Sue Povish 400-5062.
- Jackson Springs Presbyterian Church Yard sale and Bake sale – at Jackson

- Springs Presbyterian Church, 7 am to 1 pm. Furniture, household items, books, baked goods and much more. 4 miles west of West End at corner of Hwv 73 and Hotel St.
- Mt. Gilead September Fest 8 am to 8 pm. First Annual Festival. Featuring Area Antique Dealers, On-site food vendors, Museum tours, Live music, Quilters, Crafts, Beaders, Art, Step Show, and more. Sponsored by the Town of Mt. Gilead 910-439-5111.
- Bird Walk 8 am, Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve. Look for southbound fall migrant birds on a two mile hike. Bring water, binoculars, field guides, and bug spray. 910-692-2167.
- Red Cross Standard First Aid + Adult CPR/AED – 8:00 am-2:00 pm, Certification fee \$60. 910-692-8571, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines. All fees paid in advance.
- Keep Moore County Beautiful, Inc. 9:00 am 3:00 pm, Mixed Paper Recycling Drive, at the Kangaroo Station in the Fresh Market Shopping Center, Southern Pines. Contact Joan Neal, Keep Moore County Beautiful, Inc. at 947-3478.

- Recycled Regatta on Bear Creek in Robbins. 10 am 6 pm. Don't throw out your garbage, build and race a recycled boat from it! 4 age groups Grades 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, and Open (K-2 can race w/adult). Entry Fee \$5 per participant or Sign up for the Build-It-On-Site kit! (Pre-register for Build-It-On-Site at \$10 per kit by September 4th). Cash Prizes & gift certificates. Applications, 910-948-2431 or www.TownofRobbins.com.
- Belford Baptist Church 11:00 am. Women of Promise will host Women's Conference. Speaker Elder Prince Purcell of Gethsemane Worship Center of Troy. Conference continues September 13 at 3:00 pm. Speaker is Pastor Kevin Henry of St Luke #1 of Ellerbe. 925 Windblow Rd., Jackson Springs.
- Seven Lakes Consignment Grand Opening Celebration – 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Come by, say hello, check out the store, meet the owners, and a share in a glass of wine and appetizers by Sandhills Winery. Located in Seven Lakes Plaza.
- Artists League of the Sandhills – Reception for Laker Ann Campbell's solo exhibit,



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- "Variety." 4-6 p.m. Exhibit runs September 1 – 28, Monday – Saturday, Noon – 3:00 pm. 910-944-3979.
- Banjo and Pig Pickin 4
   pm to 7 pm at Clyde Maness'
   Pottery and Music Barn located on Hwy 24/27 between
   Carthage and Robbins. Hot dogs, BBQ, side dishes and drinks served at no charge.
   Entertainment by Ingram Family Band. Donations accepted. Sponsored by Moore County Republican Party.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- Seven Lakes Baptist Church 21st Anniversary & Revival Services – Sunday, Services are 8:30 am & 11:00 am, and 9:45 am Sunday School & BFG. Revival continues Monday, Sept. 14 thru Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6:30 – 8:30 pm each night. Special Speaker: Evangelist Matt Wilkins.
- Revival at West End United Methodist Church – September 13, continuing through September 16. Guest speaker and leader during Revival -Dr. M.J. Kim. Revival Schedule for the week includes: Sunday, September 13 - Message delivered by Dr. Kim at the 8:30am and 11:00 am services. Covered dish supper at 5:30 pm followed by the Worship Service at 7 pm. Revival

- continues September 14 through Wednesday, September 16 Bible Study from 10:30 am 12:00 Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Revival starting at 7:00 pm each night. Community invited. 673-1371.
- Eagle Springs United Methodist Church Celebrates 135th Homecoming – Rev. Dr. Vernon Tyson as guest preacher. Worship services at 11:00 am at Eagle Springs United Methodist Church and Special music for the Anniversary. Dinner on the grounds 12:15 pm. Everyone is encouraged to bring covered dish
- Discovery Walk 3 pm, Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve. Discover fascinating adapations while you learn to identify plants and animals that live in the Sandhills.910-692-2167.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- Seven Lakes Landowners Association Work Session – 8:30 am, Conference Room.
- National Active & Retired Federal Employees (NARFE)

   Sandhills Chapter 1895 quarterly "Eating Meeting" – 11:00 am, at Kenny's Country Restaurant, US Hwy 1, opposite the Shell Station, Pine Bluff. Vilma Geisert (910) 215-5898 or George Sandoval (910) 246-9881.

- Artists League of the Sandhills Demonstration by Laker Ann Campbell's in connection with her solo exhibit, "Variety." Exhibit runs September 1 28, Monday Saturday, Noon 3:00 pm. 944-3979.
- The Village Gallery St. Mary Magdalene Church receiving art work and photographs between 3 & 5 pm for the fall show themed "Seeing Is Believing." Local artists and photographers encouraged to show their framed pieces.. Info. 673-6347 or 673-0356.
- NAMI–MC Educational-Support Meeting, 7:00 pm at FirstHealth Moore Regional Conference Center, Room. Free. Presenter Phil Hewett, BA, CSAC, will speak on dual diagnosis mental illness and addiction. (910) 295-1053.

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- The Village at Brookwood Invites Retirees to Breakfast – 9:30 am, at Beacon Ridge Country Club. Retirement Counselors will answer questions about today's Retirement Options for Seniors. RSVP (336) 570-8440 or tollfree at (800) 282-2053
- League Of Women Voters
   Of Moore County 11:30
   am, Luncheon meeting. Chief
   Superior Court Judge Jim

Webb and County Manager Cary McSwain will be the guest speakers. At Table on The Green Restaurant, Midland Country Club, 2205 Midland Rd, (Rte 2) Pinehurst. Public welcome. Cost \$12. Charlotte, 910-944-9611.

 Seven Lakes Kiwanis – Noon at Seven Lakes Country Club.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- September Blood Drive 1:00 pm-6:00 pm, Seven Lakes Community North, Clubhouse, Seven Lakes Kiwanis, Seven Lakes. Appt. call 673-4931
- Grand Opening of Art Show

   "Seeing is Believing" from 1 4 pm, Village Gallery, St. Mary
   Magdalene Church. Meet the artists-photographers and enjoy light refreshments

• Shag Dance Lessons – Seven Lakes Shag Group offering free shag lessons at the West Side Park Community Center. Lessons: 6: 00 - 6:30 pm – Beginner, 7:00 - 7:15 pm – All other levels. Dancing begins after review. Paul at 673-8180.

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### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- Seven Lakes Forum 4:00 pm, West Side Park Community Center. "Future of Health Care in the United States." Panel discussion with Donald Wallace, M.D.; Jamie Smith, & David Smith. Contact Bill Mamel (673-8970).
- Wine Tasting at Sandhills Winery 5:00 to 8:00 pm. \$10 per person, Seven Lakes Plaza, next to Peking Wok.





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### Fair Barn Event benefits breast cancer research

Team Courage, The Clothes Horse and Eve Avery are sponsoring a Fashion Show Fundraiser on September 17th to raise money for breast cancer research. The event will take place at The Fair Barn in Pinehurst and begins at 6:30 pm with appetizers.

It will be an evening of entertainment with fashions from The Clothes Horse and Eve Avery and music provided by Jerry D. Rich and Kristen from Star 102.5 will be the announcers. Appetizers and sweets will be provided by several local restaurants including Chef Warrens, Elliott's, Ashten's, The Lob Steer Inn, Bonefish Grill, Outback Steakhouse, The Olive Garden, The Pine Crest Inn, The Bake House and Cabot Cheese.

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A Silent Auction and raffles will be held for several contributions including golf packages from Mid Pines, Talamore, Beacon Ridge and Gates Four, dinners from Café Iano, Nina's and Ironwood Café, Jewelry from Mockingbird Ltd, facial and massage from Carolina Skin Care, a facial from Carolina Eye, Pampered Chef pieces, a night with Kelly's Limousine Service and a painting by Kyle Highsmith. Other items include a photo session from Along the Way Photography, teeth whitening from Dr. Moubry, a tandem skydive from Raeford Parachute Center, a one hour helicopter tour from Utility Helicopters LLC, tanning packages from Sunny side Up Tanning, closet shelving from Shades and Shelves, tickets from Sunrise Theatre, hand made items from Byrd Feather Originals, a hand painted wall decoration from Shelley Cooper, auto service from Jason's Tire and Auto, stained glass and apron from Swank, intimate dinner for two at your home from personal chef and butler Wallace Beeson, wine accessories and serving tray from 9th of September and gift certificates from FirstHealth Fitness Center, Chick-Fil-A, Best

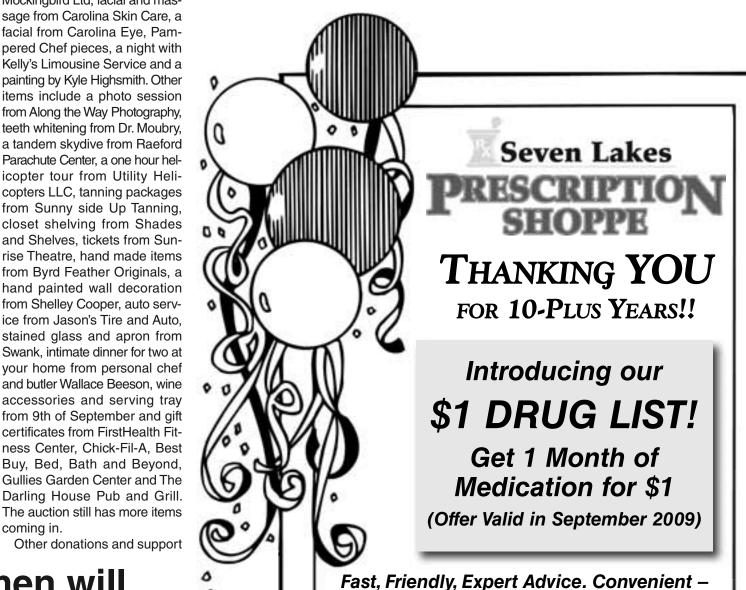
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We are reserving tables of 10, so hurry in for your tickets!

If you have any questions, would like to help sponsor this event or participate in some other way, please contact Sandi Burrell, Event Coordinator, at 673-0901. Tickets are \$40.00 per person and can be purchased at The Clothes Horse, Eve Avery or by contacting Sandi Burrell.

All proceeds will go to The Avon Foundation for Breast Cancer Research.



### **BRCC Women will** play for the Cure

Women of Beacon Ridge Country Club are invited to participate in the 2009 Komen for the Cure Tournament at Beacon Ridge Country Club.

This year the event will be on Monday, September 14, with sign in at 8:30 am and shot gun play at 9:00 am. Registration is limited to 44 players, so sign up in the ladies' locker room at Beacon Ridge Country Club as soon as possible.

Registration fee is \$20, payable at time of sign-up. All checks should be made out to Susan G. Komen for The Cure. Those women who do not want to play golf, but would like to attend the luncheon, should also sign up in

locker room.

coming in.

In conjunction with the tournament, there will be a fund raiser raffle with the prizes on display in the pro shop. Anyone can purchase raffle tickets.

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### Kennel Club's big show is next weekend

by Nona M. Burrel

Moore County Kennel Club, along with sponsorship of The Village Of Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Dept. announces the clubs' Annual AKC All-Breed Dog Shows, Obedience & Rally Trials. The is show, considered one of the most outstanding in the US, will be held this on Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13.

This exciting event, gathers together top dogs from all over the country, prestigious judges and clever handlers, will take place at the Pinehurst Harness Track. Gates open at 8:30 am, with Best In Show around 3:00 pm. There is no individual admission charge but there is a \$5 parking fee.

Come early in the morning to catch the Obedience and Rally Trials, and are generally finished around 1:00 pm. Show Chair Jane Forsyth expects a large entry of participants and many of the 160 registered AKC breeds will be at the MCKC show. Best In Show, Highest In Trial and Best Puppy In Show will be awarded each day promising a very exciting time for all.

Competition begins with each individual dog competing to become the best of their particular Breed. Each Breed winner then goes on to the Group competition, that consists of seven different Breed Groups (Sporting, Toy, Working, Herding, Non-Sporting Terrier and Hound). Every Group winner in each of the groups continues on to compete for the Best In Show, where one dog is awarded the coveted Blue Ribbon. It is not uncommon for the winners, and those who have placed, in the Moore County shows to be seen at many prestigious Dog Shows throughout the country.

Obedience Chair Donald Roback invites everyone to come and enjoy the chance to see these canines go through their jumps, downs, heels and stays. Their aim is to win that first place in each category leading to the coveted award. The honor for near perfect performances in Obedience is High In Trial also High Combined and First Place in Rally Trials.

Every phase of the events show a unique relationship between human and canine, which is the result of very hard work on the teams part.

The Moore County Citizens' Pet Responsibility Committee will be on the grounds each day, with their booth in support of Responsible Pet Ownership Day. They will answer questions concerning pets and how to be a responsible owner. There will also be someone on hand to conduct tours throughout the show explaining the ins and outs of the dog show world.

There are bleachers at some of the rings, but it is suggested that you bring your own lawn chair for your comfort. Vendor booths selling Pet Supplies, Dog and Human goodies, and a variety of other interesting booths will be on hand, plus Food Spots for the Humans.

Moore County Kennel Club is sponsoring a Microchip Clinic. Bring your pets (dogs, cats, etc.) to be micro chipped for the minimal cost of \$20 per pet. Dr. Melissa Israel and Dr. Jim Watson of Pinetree Animal Hospital in Aberdeen will man the Clinic.

The Clinic will be open both days from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. Moore County Kennel Club encourages everyone to have their pet's micro chipped to provide a more permanent way in which to identify them. This is one more way that the club urges the public to support responsible pet ownership. The clinic will be held at a location on the show grounds, attendants at the gate will direct the public to the clinic. Anyone who would like to have their pets properly identified can bring them to the clinic and have them micro chipped, it just takes a minute.

Moore County Animal Control Center will offer a Rabies Shot Clinic for the small fee of \$5. This is another responsible act in caring for your pets. Animal Control staff will be on site on Saturday, September 12 only from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you have any questions concerning either Clinic call Nona Burrell 295-3909.

Participating breeders, owners and handlers are more than willing to talk to you about their specific breed and dogs in general. They welcome your questions on which dog is right for your family and the proper care of canines. Moore County Ken-

nel Club Members may be found around the grounds and are also eager to help with any of your questions. If you are anticipating getting a dog, MCKC encourages you to speak to these folks and also get a good look at the various breeds. President Nick Lynn, the Board and Club members know that your will have a wonderful time at the shows. Lynn invites everyone to the shows, to enjoy the festivities and see for yourself the beautiful, talented canines in their element

For more detailed information on the shows, call Show Chair, Jane Forsyth, at (910) 295-2515 or Asst. Chair. Janet Dalton, (910) 692-9341.

Following up on Monday, September 14, the Moore County Kennel Club will present their 15th Annual Get Off the

Porch/Play Golf With the Big Dogs Golf Tournament.

The tournament will be held at Southern Pines Golf Club, (Elks Club). The cost is \$80 per person, the fee includes Range Balls, Green Fee, Cart, Lunch and Prizes. Prizes are for net and gross for both the men and women divisions. Every year

the Golfing Group has a wonderful time and you'll be helping a good cause. Proceeds from the Tournament will be matched by MCKC and scholarships awarded to Veterinarian Technology students at Central Carolina Community College. Questions about the event call Chair Bill Pace at (910) 528-6265.





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## Health Reform is topic at Seven Lakes Forum

The next Forum is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 4:00 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.

Given the current concerns, uncertainty, conjecture and innuendo associated with the debate and proposed congressional action on The Future of Health Care in the United States, this session will depart from the typical format. Instead of having a speaker address the issue, it seemed more appropriate to invite a panel of per-

sons with expertise and extensive experience, and allow them to comment on those factors which affect personal health. The panel: Donald Wallace, M.D. Chair, Retired Physician Network, Foundation of FirstHealth; Jamie Smith Assistant Director, Donor Relations and Special Services, Foundation of FirstHealth and David Smith, Immediate Past President, NC Association of Health Underwriters. Contact Bill Mamel (673-8970).

Next Forum: Thursday, October 15, 4:00 pm. Tentative title: Death with Dignity with speaker Reverend Dudley Crawford.

### **Shag Dance Lessons**

The Seven Lakes Shag Group will be offering free shag lessons beginning Wednesday, September 16 at the West Side Park Community Center upstairs. Lessons are: 6: 00 - 6:30 pm – Beginners or those wishing to review beginner steps and 7:00 - 7:15 pm – All other levels of shag experience will review steps and learn some new ones. Dancing begins afer review. For more information contact Paul at 673-8180.

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# OPINION

### Brushing elbows, or needles, with the famous

phone home - or Elliott - this week. It seems the set house from the film of the same name is in very real danger of burning to the ground in a California

Though I'm guessing a modern-day Elliott would probably just text E.T. back: OMG fire!

And just two weeks ago, I watched with curiosity and fear as massive waves, courtesy of Hurricane Bill, raked sand and septic out from under the Outer Banks home featured in 'Nights in Rodanthe.' Nope, I didn't see it either: a mediocre tearjerker, I've been told.

Storm or not, I had to track down the house after learning our away. I guess you could call me a groupie because I love that touch of surreal that comes from seeing real life people and places from film and television.

Back in the day this wasn't such an odd occurrence, living in and around Washington, D.C. Streets, buildings, bridges, events all were familiar — "I've been there." I could boast.

Plus residing so close to the mighty halls of power, even a nobody like me had occasional brushes with fame.

[Warning: shameless name dropping ahead]

Once, I was hugged by longtime White House correspondent Helen Thomas. Another time, I had lunch with the incred-

Let's hope E.T. isn't trying to campground was only blocks ibly elegant Joanne Patton -Patton, as in General. One summer, I even had the opportunity to supervise a sweet, high school intern named Sara. Her dad dropped by some-

times: a former ambassador and hawkish policy wonk named Wolfowitz who became Bush's Deputy Secre-

tary of War [oops, I mean Defense].

But the closest I ever got to the really big fish came while waiting to cross 23rd and I Street. The shriek of sirens harkened a tidal

wave of black SUV's, limos, and motorcycle cops. It was only as this streaming spectacle roared into the distance that I realized I had watched the President

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pass — six inches away at sixty miles an hour, but still. . .

However, Darling Hubby wins the D.C. fame contest for brushing elbows — or at least pine needles — with the Lion of the Senate, Ted Kennedy.

You see each winter, Jim, and his fellow D.C. to Seven Lakes transplant Erik Stromberg, would sell Christmas trees evenings and weekends in a very tony, Northwestern neighborhood. Picture \$100 trees strapped on the roofs of Jaguars and Mercedes and you get the idea.

One December day as my prince of the forest sawed the end off a customer's tree, he realized he was standing frozen nose to frozen nose with Mr. Camelot himself.

I'm not sure if he tipped. And I'm not sure what Ted was driving that day but I'm sure glad that at least for a few years, home for us meant strolling along with history.

### Pinehurst's water ambitions make no sense

Dear Editor:

In a comprehensive *Times* article of August 7th (about Pinehurst's acquisition of West Point Pepperell Mill properties), you quote Councilman Jeff Dawson of Pinehurst as follows, "It made more sense for Pinehurst to be the owner of the plant (Wagram) and then figure out the partnership, it was more expedient to just buy it."

As one who was responsible for the profits and losses of a \$50.000.000 division of a successful direct marketing public

corporation for over a decade, I found Dawson's rash comment amazing. Imagine, buying a property that may require upgrade costs of \$16.8 million to as high as \$33 million in order to produce potable water without first lining up the customers needed to buy that water. In addition, Pinehurst has to cover the costs to pipe and pump the water uphill from Scotland County, which may cost Pinehurst another \$10 million, or more. The plants being considered by Pinehurst for purchase "may" be

worth about \$3.7 million, (according to the owner's own valuation) yet Pinehurst is considering a purchase price of more than \$5 million. This suggests a lack of hard bargaining in a bad real estate market.

It is the dream of Councilman Dawson and Mayor Lane that Pinehurst, once it owns the properties, will be able to sell water efficiently to the Moore County public utility, to Aberdeen and Southern Pines and perhaps potential users in Scotland County. In my business experience,

"dreams" are all well and good, but one doesn't borrow millions in order to fulfill a dream. But that is what Dawson and Lane are

proposing Pinehurst taxpayers do, without any public meetings on the subject and without the input of county water experts and

commissioners, who would be the only logical buyers for most of the water to be produced and pumped.

To date Pinehurst has acted alone. It has shown utter contempt for the county commissioners by acting in this unilateral manner. One must remember that it is Moore County that owns the Pinehurst water system and it is the county that would have to be the major purchaser of the water produced.

When Dawson and Lane just recently proposed using the derelict Robbins water facility, the county quickly demonstrated that it could currently buy water for much less than that facility, if rehabilitated, were to provide water and pipe it to 7-Lakes and beyond. The cost of water produced from the Wagram facilities, by all conservative esti-

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mates, will greatly exceed the costs of water currently purhased by Moore County for its customers.

One wonders who will buv Lane and

Dawson's water. Aberdeen sells water it doesn't buy it. Southern Pines sells water and doesn't buy it. And it will soon, in 2011 have in operation a new reservoir that will hold 120,000,000 gallons of water, thereby making Pinehurst's water totally unnecessary.

If this deal fails as the Robbins maneuver did, then, as a former New Yorker, I would like to sell Pinehurst a venerable bridge in Brooklyn that Mssr's Lane and Dawson might want to take

a close look at.

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### Vote needed on SLLA management decision

We don't have to look to Washington, DC to see "politics" in action. Just read all the views being expressed about the hir-

ing of a new community manager for Seven Lakes.

I'm certainly happy that the board is considering "all different avenues and that Chad Beane is one of the avenues."

I'm one of the property owners that believes it should be put to a vote, even though Seven Lakes Landowners Association Vice

President Sally Kindsvatter believes it's impractical. According to VP Kindsvatter it's impossible for the landowners to attend the "extensive" interviews planned, and therefore "impossible for us to be well informed enough to vote on the matter."

Remind you of Washington, does it? So, we the landowners, the people that live here every day, we just aren't informed enough to decide who the new community manager should be. Obviously, the board wants to go behind closed doors and come out with another "great" decision like spending \$75,000 to have a consultant.

So, now lets spend more money to have a "managing company" tell us which one of their "managers" is the right person for the job.

Everyone I talk to believes that Chad Beane has done an

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excellent job as the Assistant Community Manager, why does anybody believe he wouldn't be an excellent Manager?

But oh no, some of the board wants to put in a manager from an outside company, and to quote Kindsvatter, "some companies seem to have a more personal touch."

We don't have to guess about Chad, he already has a personal touch, and knows more about the problems here in Seven Lakes than any outside management company will learn in a year.

But no, according to Kindsvatter, we poor uninformed property owners just can't be trusted to vote on our community manager. Sounds like DC and ObamaCare, you decide.

> Jordan Rhodes Seven Lakes North

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### Same as it ever was .

Dear Editor:

I had a chat with former Seven Lakes Landowners Association secuirty guard Carolyn the other day. She was on roving patrol here for some years until she was fired the other week. She said she was terminated "for the good of the community" by her supervisor, Mickey.

She said she then went to our \$75,000 manager and was told that he didn't get involved with his supervisor's decisions. She told me she consulted an attorney who told her that North Carolina was a "right to work state" and she had "no leg to stand on" in a law suit to gain her job back.

I bring all this up because a past board member and past president told me we could not fire or terminate Fulcher because of a law suit.

Hmmm, let's see. Carolyn being fired for the "good of the

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reason for any employee to be fired. That includes a community manager don't you think? Instead, five of the present board members simply gave

community" with no legal con-

sequences is a good enough

\$75,500 of our money to have him go away.

Next, it appears that some members of the board are wanting to "bail out" the Country Club's tennis facility. We already have recreational tennis courts, but some people want to play on clay courts. So, why don't they join the tennis club instead of asking the Association to get involved in an albatross like the Country Club's tennis courts? They costs somewhere around \$30,000 annually just to maintain.

Lastly, I saw that Director Shaver had the maintenance men spend a few weeks digging up nice green grass to replace it with nice green grass. The salary costs for the two weeks runs about \$6,700 plus the cost of the sod, etc. Then the board the other night had a real debate about buying or not buying a mower that was required to finish out the mowing sea-

Does any of this make sense to you? Oh well, such is life in Seven Lakes!

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### College Club opens year

The College Club opens its 2009-2010 year with a luncheon and guest speaker on September 8 at the Pinehurst Members Club.

The social starts at 11:30 am, followed by lunch and then the featured speaker. Robert Hayter, a landscape architect, will speak on "The Homeland Grounds for Change." His formal and professional training includes business management, landscape architecture, land use planning, and environmental sciences. Of interest, Mr. Hayter was the event landscape architect for the US Open Golf Championships in 1999 and 2005. His presentation will be a treat, both intellectually and visually.

Besides the six yearly luncheons with speakers or entertainment, the club has many interest groups with the organization, ranging from pairs bridge, antiques and collectors, travel, art study, Literary Ladies, Savvy Sisters, and the Lunch Bunch.

The College Club has been in operation for 20 years. The requirement for membership is a degree from a four-year insti-

The College Club members expand their knowledge through various speakers, programs, and interest groups, as well as providing two scholarships at the end of the year. The two scholarships go to either an academically proficient female highschool graduate entering a fouryear accredited college or university for the first time, or to a deserving woman who is seeking to further her education at a four-year institution.

The club has six yearly luncheons with speakers or entertainment included. The dates and times of the luncheon meetings, as well as the location and price of the luncheons, are published at least two weeks prior to each event.

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### Thoughts for each day

Monday - "There's healing beauty in a blossom or a stranger's smile."

Tuesday - "When life hands you lemons; make lemon-

Wednesday - "Human potential: we all have more of it than we're putting out."

Thursday - "There's a divi-

siveness caused by too much of own expertise. We become too much self-centered, blotting out the ability to relate to others; who they are, what they believe in, how they help others."

Friday – "Don't give up. Try harder."

Saturday - "Faith needs medicine. Like love."

Sunday - "There's

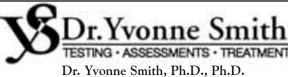
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### New Seven Lakes Fall Festival Pageant

The First Annual Seven Lakes Fall Festival Pageant will be held on Sunday, October 4. The cost of the pageant is \$80 and all participants will receive a crown and gifts. The entry fee includes participation in the following events, Beauty, Fall Attire, Photogenic, Best Dress, Eyes, Hair, Smile and Most Beautiful. Age groups include newborns to 21 years of age.

This is a Natural Beauty Pageant, Sunday Dress, and also a segment of the pageant will be Fall attire to go inconjunction with the Fall Festival Theme. The winners of the pageants will

be recognized at the open event of the Seven Lakes Fall Festival on Saturday, October 10, and they will attend events throughout the festival. Winners will also be eligible to ride in local parades and attend local events as Royalty wearing the customized tiara and monogrammed banner.

This is an excellent pageant for first time participants or for experienced pageant participants. This is a no talent event.

The Pageant will be held at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse, on Sunday, October 4, at 2:00 pm.





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### Free breakfast at BRCC with Brookwood

The Village at Brookwood 'Road Show' by Retirement Counselors will answer questions about today's retirement options for Seniors and includes a Complimentary Breakfast on Tuesday, September 15 at Beacon Ridge Country Club in West End.

Representatives from The Village at Brookwood a Life Care Community located in central North Carolina, will make presentations and answer questions about retirement options and the benefits of a wellness lifestyle during retirement.

"In this changing economic landscape, soon-to-be retirees and those who are looking at the 'second phase' of retirement often have questions about the next phase of life and what kind of lifestyle will be right for them,"

said Kent Kirchin, retirement counselor. "My colleague Sherri Walker and I jokingly call this our 'Road Show' because we are able to explain in detail the benefits of a Life Care Community and how an active, engaging lifestyle can help you live longer, healthier lives."

Life Care Communities offer residents a continuum of care and assure access to assisted living or full health care in private on-sit accommodations. Residents invest in their future health care with entrance fees and monthly fees that may offer the benefit of significant tax deductions. The Village at Brookwood is a centrally located Life Care community in Burlington, N.C. and is affiliated with Alamance Regional Medical Center.

"A cornerstone of our philosophy at The Village at Brook-

wood is wellness," said Kirchin. "At The Village, there are myriad opportunities for engaging in an active, healthy lifestyle. Our new Wellness Center offers a stateof-the-art indoor, heated saltwater pool and whirlpool spa, along with exercise classes, a fitness room and massage therapy. Our Life Enrichment Coordinator plans several overnight trips each year and excursions each month to historical sites and cultural events. And there are book clubs, art classes, volunteer opportunities and fine dining all located just a few hours from the mountains and the beach."

The Breakfast at Beacon Ridge program begins at 9:30 am on Tuesday, September 15 at Beacon Ridge Country Club, located at 6000 Longleaf Drive in West End. A full breakfast will be served during the sessions, and attendees will have the opportunity ask questions and gather literature.

"It's important for individuals to make decisions about their retirement while they have the ability to independently make those decisions," Kirchin said. "The more knowledge they have about financial and lifestyle options, the better prepared they will be to plan the next phase of their lives."

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For more information or to RSVP for the Breakfast at Beacon Ridge, contact Kent Kirchin and Sherri Walker at (336) 570-8440 or toll-free at (800) 282-2053, or send them email at info@villageatbrookwood.org.

### **Guild Plans Fall Festival**

The Seven Lakes Area Business Guild will celebrate the arrival of Fall with a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 10, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, featuring live local music, great food, and booths featuring local merchants and organizations.

The menu has an Oktoberfest flavor, with brats, franks, sauerkraut, chips, and soda.

Ten by ten booths are free for Guild members; \$35 for non-members. Sponsorships are available.

Contact Shirley Sikkima at 910-690-3664 to reserve a booth or for information on sponsorship opportunities.

# Support Chapel in the Pines Rummage Sale

The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines rummage sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, at the Old West End Gym, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

All proceeds from sales will be utilized by the Community Christmas Fund to purchase gifts for needy families in Moore County and food vouchers for Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter meals

The Chapel needs donations of housewares, jewelry, sporting goods, computers, television, toys, etc. Clothing items must be cleaned and sized. Trucks will be available to pick up large items or furniture.

Please deliver all donations to the Old West End Gym on Friday, October 16, between the hours of 7:30 am and 12:00 Noon. No donations will be accepted after 12:00

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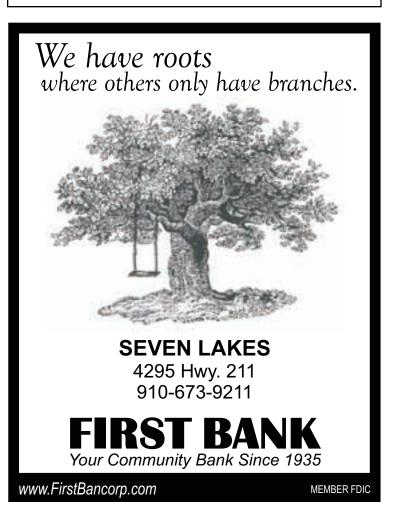
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### **Fire**

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owned by the West End United Methodist Church. As a result, Lee was arrested on Saturday, August 22, on charges of burning a church.

He has also been charged with setting a fire on July 1 of this year near the intersection of Sandspur Lane and Edgewater Drive in Seven Lakes North and with setting a fire at Sequoia Point on July 18 of 2008.

Other charges include two counts of misuse of 9-1-1. Secured bond was set at \$50,000, and Lee's first court appearance is scheduled for September 10.

#### Police Reports link Lee to several incidents

Investigation reports provided to *The Times* by Detective Kip Dennis of the More County Sheriff's Office link Aaron Lee to a number of fire-related incidents

A report filed on August 22 by Officer Jesse Stubbs traces false 9-1-1 reports of fires to Lee's cellphone. According to Stubbs' report, he responded to a fire call on Firetree Drive at Sequoia Lake at 2:01 pm. Firefighters had already arrived and left the scene, after finding no fire.

Deputy Fire Chief Eddie Thomas advised Stubbs that 9-1-1 call center records showed that the report of the fire came from Lee's cell phone. Questioning Lee about the call, Stubbs at first got contradictory answers. But, Stubbs reports, Lee ultimately admitted making the call, allegedly telling the officer "I don't know why I did it. I was at the house getting ready for work and just felt like it." Lee was then arrested and transported to the Sheriff's Office to be questioned about other incidents.

Subsequent investigation of 9-1-1 call center records showed Lee's cellphone as the source of a similar false report on August

Lee is charged with setting a small fire in the woods behind the Sequoia Point boat storage area just after midnight on July 18, 2008. Deputy Chief Thomas told investigating Officer Eric Galloway he believed the fire had been set at the time the 9-1-1 call was made. That call was made by Adam Breeden of 218 Firetree Lane, who told the officer he

had made the call at the suggestion of a friend, Aaron Lee, who had spotted the blaze while the two were riding through the neighborhood.

Galloway's report indicates that Lee arrived at the scene of

the fire before any other Seven Lakes firefighter and that he had already sized up the scene as being suitable for the use of a brush truck. The officer reported that Lee became nervous under questioning.



**Before the fire** — The exterior of the West End Scout Lodge was nearly complete before the August 18 fire that consumed the structure.

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Lee is charged with setting a July 1 fire in the woods behind the North Side soccer field and Seven Lakes Health and Fitness Center. Questioning the (See "Fire," p. 29)



**After the fire** — A massive chimney made of local stone was all that remained after the blaze was extinguished.

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owner of a motor scooter spotted near the scene of that blaze, Officer Walter Morgan reports that Aaron Jaymes Lee was identified as a passenger on the scooter.

Detective Dennis told *The Times* that Lee may face charges in other incidents.

#### Lodge will be rebuilt

The 4,000 square foot Scout Lodge, at 3164 Carthage Road, was designed to host the programs of Boy Scout Troop 98 and Cub Scout Pack 98, as well as local Girl Scout troops and church groups. Captain Jeff Medlin of the Moore County Sheriff's Office told *The Times* that Lee had at one time been a member of the Scout troop.

A massive chimney made of local stone had just been added to the structure, and insulation installed in the ceilings, former troop leader Dwane Parsons told The Times. He said that volunteers had contributed both material and labor to the project, making the actual value of the lodge incalculable. But a structure of that size would likely be assessed at \$100 per square foot, he added, yielding a total estimated value of \$400,000.

Parsons told *The Times* that the lodge was about seventy-five percent complete. "This has been a real bump in the road," he said, "but we're going to put it back."

He said there has been an outpouring of support from the community since the fire.

Contributions to for the rebuilding effort may be directed to the Lodge building fund at the West End United Methodist Church, PO Box 276, West End, NC 27376. The church's phone number is 910-673-1371.

### Junior Firefighter Program valuable, Thomas says

Aaron Lee is a Junior Member of the Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department [SLVFD].

"We're proud of our Junior program," Deputy Chief Thomas told *The Times*. "Unfortunately, sometimes outside influences can be greater than what we can control."

Thomas explained that the volunteer Junior member program is open to young men and women aged 16 to 18. Under new state regulations, these volunteers can take the same training courses as adult volunteers, working toward their Firefighter Level 2 certification. They can participate in the activities of the department, but cannot be put in harm's way.

"We can't put them in charge of directing traffic. They can't be actually fighting the fire with us," Thomas explained. Once they have reached their nineteenth birthday, Junior members can go on to be full-fledged firefighters.

Thomas said that four graduates of the SLVFD Junior program have gone on to careers in the fire service. Others are currently in college, studying fire science. And one graduate of the program now serves with the US Coast Guard.

"We try to instill self-worth, discipline, and respect," Thomas told *The Times*. "But we can only be so much of an influence on a young man."

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Lisa Parrish and Purvis were charged with felony possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, indicating previous felony convictions on their records. According to the Sheriff's Office report, Lisa Parrish was wanted by the Fayetteville Police department on charges of felony hit and run and by the NC Department of Correction on charges of probation violation.

All four suspects were placed in the Moore County Detention

Center, with secured bond set as follows: William Purvis,\$150,000; Lisa Parrish, \$100,000; Joshua Parrish, \$100,000; Cameron Caulk, \$50,000.

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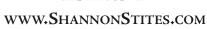
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### Westside meeting

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"These numbers do not include phone calls or site visits to alleviate problems before the letter stage," Wimberly said.

Community Manager Joan Frost said compliance inspections are conducted weekly throughout Seven Lakes West.

Since March, the ARC has approved forty-five projects ranging from building additions to satellite dish installations.

#### **Legal Affairs**

A special work session to review proposed revisions to the SLWLA Rules & Regulations will be held on Tuesday, September 8. Copies of the proposed revisions are available for review at the office and are also posted on the community website, visit www.sevenlakeswest.org

Director Ed Silberhorn highlighted several changes, including keeping the Auman Dam closed to vehicle traffic until the North Carolina state inspection, restricting golf cart use by minimum age of operator and time of day, and the mandatory septic management program. The proposed revisions will also leave the door open to allow for ticketing by certified trained radar gun operators in the future, if

Fines for misdemeanor-type violations will be set at \$25 for first offense, \$50 for second offense within the year, and \$75 for the third. Violations may also be directed through the Judicial Panel, which can assess fines up to \$100 a day.

"The whole concept is voluntary compliance. To keep the community nice, looking good, and to keep property values up," Silberhorn said.

#### Safety & Security

Additional volunteer observers are needed for the Community Watch program, reported Director John Hoffman.

"I have twenty-six volunteers and the target is forty," Hoffman said. "Ladies are encouraged to participate too."

Hoffman also recommended that neighbors should pay attention to and protect each other.

"Lock your doors, don't let newspapers accumulate on your driveway - protect your neighbors, protect yourself," he said. **Community Activities** 

Friday, September 4 is the last evening of the Summer Concert Series, reported Director Karen Milligan. The event will be held at Johnson's Point from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

"There is a live band - come by boat or car. It is a lot of fun," Milligan said.

On Friday, September 18 Margaritaville returns. This popular BYOB annual event will be held in the West Side Park Community Center and features live music and heavy hors d'ouevres.

Upcoming recreation classes include Tai Chi, Shag Dance, Watercolor, Yoga, and Creative Kids art classes on Fridays and Saturdays. Check the community calendar at the office or website for more information.

The tennis program is expanding with clinics for adults, juniors, and 5-10 year olds on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, taught by Bruce Adams, the tennis pro at Seven Lakes Country Club. All clinics will be conducted on a single court, leaving the other available for recreational play.

The next Seven Lakes Forum is a panel discussion of 'The Future of Healthcare in the United States,' with featured guests Dr. Donald Wallace, the retired chair of the Physicians Network; David Smith, the immediate past president of the North Carolina Health Underwriters; and oth-

#### **Lending Library**

Judy Pembleton announced the Library Committee has initiated a fundraising project to improve overhead lighting at the bookshelves. The requested commercial-grade track lighting is estimated to cost \$600.

"If you use the library, we ask that you dig deeply. We're most appreciative of any donations," Pembleton said.

A striped box to collect donations will be maintained at the office

#### **Public Comments**

Bob Straley inquired whether the dam could be opened for emergency vehicle traffic.

"Seven minutes is a long time for a heart attack or drowning," Straley said.

President Ron Shepard responded that the dam roadway was still damaged from remediation and that it could be months before the State approves inspects and approves the completed repairs.

Straley also asked if the floating swim platform could be replaced at Johnson Point.

Director Mick Herdrich responded that the Board elected to remove the platform because of concerns about diving.

'There are no lifeguards at Johnson Point. From an insurance standpoint we thought it was too risky," Herdrich said.

Priscilla Snee, a resident of Butterfly Court, thanked the Board for their prompt attention and the clean-up of debris following a recent storm. However, a damaged tree on a private lot left a trenched hole near the telephone outlet box.

"This same lot is in disarray with debris, cans...Nothing is being done and it looks terrible," Snee said.

Wimberly responded that he is aware of the lot and that the property owner has been notified. 'There is an abundance of denial," Wimberly explained.

Snee also reminded residents that it was courteous and inkeeping with the rules to cleanup after and walk their dogs on leashes.

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### **SLLA Meeting**

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costs, including an outsourcing analysis completed by former Director Don Truesdell in 2006.

"At this point, we have a recommendation from the Maintenance Supervisor and Community Manager to purchase [the mower]. If we find later it is not necessary, it will still have residual value -- maybe half -- so what we're really talking about is \$4,000," said Galford. "I feel we have enough information here to make the purchase."

As described in previous meetings, the specialized mower has the ability to safely mow the steeply-sloped dam embankments and is also larger and faster than the rest of the mower fleet -- which is failing fast, according to Maintenance Supervisor Bob Darr.

"As I stand here, I have one mower that is operative! We had one that blew a gear case today. one is leaking oil, another that has splits in it and is throwing stones . . . If we don't get a mower, this place is going to look like hell -- because we can't weed eat all of it!" Darr exclaimed.

After going around the table several times for discussion, the purchase was approved with support from Shaver, Galford, and Director Bruce Keyer, Jr. Director Gary Caulk was unable to attend the meeting but authorized a favorable proxy vote that was cast by Shaver. Directors Sally Kindsvatter and Kent Droppers opposed. Though President Zielsdorf strongly questioned the purchase, he did not participate in the voting, since his vote was not needed to break a

Speaking with The Times following the meeting, Fulcher said the expenditure would be absorbed within the existing capital items budget.

"Even with the additions to this year's expenses, we will come in quite a bit under budget," said Fulcher. "We will not need to use reserves."

#### Advocating for the **Maintenance Department**

**During the Member Comments** period of the meeting, which was held prior to the new mower discussion, several residents expressed strong support for

the in-house maintenance staff. "Most people do not know the

extent of maintenance; many think it is only mowing," said Mike Cummins, who is a member of the Maintenance Committee

He provided a brief laundry list of accomplishments completed in the last year, including repairing pavement, construction of water retention basins, culverts, and catch basins, sodding and pruning work, remodeling of the restroom and office facilities at the stables, painting fences, clearing and maintaining the yard waste site, and completing over two hundred work orders generated by property owner requests.

"If we contracted out this work, we would have paid much more. To call on an outside agency would be costly. I cannot believe that farming out maintenance will be in any way beneficial to Seven Lakes," Cummins said.

Northsider Jamie Yow asked if residents would be allowed to vote on the decision whether to keep an in-house maintenance department.

"I feel the community should have input on major financial decisions," Yow said.

Droppers responded that the comment period was the appropriate time for landowners to offer input, but said the decision would be made by the Board.

Kindsvatter said the maintenance department had improved under Darr's supervision. She tried to offer assurance that the decision over the purchase of the mower did not mean the Board was prepared to vote whether to keep or dissolve the maintenance department.

"This is a business -- and we're going to do what is best for the community at the most reasonable cost," Kindsvatter said.

Zielsdorf agreed, saying he will challenge new management to go over the operations budget, line by line, for efficiency.

"Starting on January 1, 2010, to think we will be staying in the same mode of operation is not realistic and unfair to the new

manager. We will have new eyeballs with new ideas. Hopefully some changes will be for the better," said Zielsdorf. "I am looking for a well-reasoned argument for why we should or should not do something . . . what I want is hard data to make decisions."

#### **Management Search**

Formal proposals including pricing and staffing recommendations have been requested from the three management firms from which the Board received initial presentations. In addition, approximately fortyfive resumes were received in response to two advertisements for the Community Manager position. Droppers said he has culled those down to approximately fifteen applicants for phone interviews, and anticipates winnowing the field down to two or three candidates for indepth personal interviews.

During the public comment period, Cummins also expressed

concern about outsourcing management.

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"It will stink. I tried to think of a different word but 'stinks' is the best fit. I think Seven Lakes should have a manager and staff on duty five days a week. The manager should manage and the Board should make policy," Cummins said.

#### Smoking concerns at Sequoia Point beach

Discarded cigarette butt litter continues to be a problem at Sequoia Point complained Northsider Donna Fentzlaff.

"I am the one who brought in the bagful of cigarette butts last month and nothing has been done. It is worse now," she charged.

Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane reported that six different disposal containers have been installed at convenient locations around the beach, benches, and horseshoes pit, but agreed that many continue

(See "SLLA," p. 32)



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### **SLLA Meeting**

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to extinguish cigarettes on the beach.

"I don't know what the answer is to keep people from littering," said Keyser, who heads up the Recreation Committee. "We can put up signs, put up containers – but really this is about people taking pride in what we have here."

Several suggestions were tossed around including creating a designated smoking area or creating a new family area, eliminating smoking on the beach, using a tractor to comb the area clean each week, and a recommendation from a member to make hand-collecting butts a community service penalty for juvenile offenders.

After discussion, the issue was deferred to the next Work Session.

#### **Fees for Shelter Use**

Approved by unanimous vote of the Board, members may continue to reserve and use common area shelters at no charge except for a clean-up deposit, however, new fees will be assessed for events that include guests not using guest passes.

A fee of \$25 will be charged for member-sponsored events with 1-25 guests, \$50 for 25-50 guests, and events with more than 50 guests will be charged an appropriate fee to be determined by the Community Manager.

"Our Roving Patrol is checking for guest passes at common areas. If we find people at an event without guest cards, the member will be charged [later]," Fulcher said. "We're doing the best we can. This helps us to make it fair."

#### Recreation

Years in planning and several weeks of construction paid off this month with the opening of the new children's playground at Northside Park. Centrally located in the park, the playground features a two-level gazebo tower, spiral slide, climbing wall, and many other challenging and fun activities. Beane thanked Dalton Fulcher, Maintenance Supervisor Bob Darr and his staff for their work. He also acknowledged Recreation Director Keyser, and past Recre-

ation Directors Gary Caulk and Laura Douglass, and the Recreation Committee for their efforts. Fulcher thanked Paul McInnis and Jerald Brady of Seven Lakes Maintenance for their tremendous work.

The Northside Pool will be open through Sunday, Septem-

ber 13 under reduced hours: Monday to Friday from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Saturday from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Sunday from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Morning water aerobics class will also continue through September 13.

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Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane and Recreation Director Bruce Keyser, Jr. join some "end users" at the new children's playground at Northside Park.

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A new, standard indoor aerobics class will be held in the Community Activity Center [CAC]

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Seven Lakes Dance registration is underway with youth classes in ballet, tap, jazz combo, and hip-hop. For more information, visit www.7lakesdance.com

#### Manager's Report

Fulcher reported that repair work on the security gate system (See "SLLA," p. 33)



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The face of Timber Dam was graded for the first time since it was built in the 1970's, Fulcher said. Recent storms damaged work areas on Sequoia Dam, however, dam contractor S&ME has made repairs. Testing bores on the remaining dams has been scheduled.

Testing of the overflow pipes is projected at \$9,800, reported Fulcher. The expenditure was anticipated and is within the budget.

Fulcher reported the Road

Paving Subcommittee, which consists of several members of the Finance and Maintenance Committees, recommended that paving work could be delayed until 2012 without significant structural damage and would allow time for additional reserve funds to accumulate. However, resealing work should be completed in January or February 2010. In addition, the parking lot curbing at the main common area needs attention and a study of the tree root damage on Dogwood Lane is needed.

A comprehensive discussion of road paving and the Sub-committee's recommendations is

scheduled for the Monday, September 14 Work Session.

SLLA office hours will return to a standard Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm workday. Fulcher recommended that the extended Wednesday evening hours be suspended until next Spring.

### ARB and Community Standards

The Architectural Review Board [ARB] approved three permits last month; an addition, a fence, and a deck. Beane reported nineteen Community Standards violations were under review and that 192 complaints have been resolved this year. He urged homeowners to contact the office to report violations.

#### **Additional Items**

In other business on Wednesday, August 26, the Board of Directors:

- Heard from resident Holly Craven that adult men have been seen parking on Holly Grove School Road and entering Seven Lakes North through the fire safety gate located on Firetree Lane. She requested additional security for the area and inquired whether surveillance cameras could be installed at the gate.
- Heard from Director Bud Shaver that the restrooms at Sequoia Point were vandalized three weeks ago.
- Appointed Directors Keyser, Droppers, and Kindsvatter to

represent the SLLA in discussions with the Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Facility. At present, the Board is considering leasing two of the six Hard-tru courts owned by the Club.

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Approved \$50 expenditure towards the SLLA share of fees to file incorporation documents for the Greater Seven Lakes Community Council. The Council has eight members and includes the presidents of SLLA, Seven Lakes West Landowners Association, McLendon Hills, and the Seven Lakes Business Guild, plus alternates for each. SLLA will provide the Council a mailbox at no cost.

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