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Westside Board okays rulebook

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

After months and months — and more months — of drafts and editing and public input and debate, Seven Lakes West has a newly minted set of rules and regulations. The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors unanimously approved the document — after a couple of minor tweaks — in a work session held on Tuesday, November 10.

The revision began in 2008 as an initiative of the Area Representatives working with Secretary Ed Tuton. Various committees were involved in drafting key sections, and the final draft was shaped and molded in a series of lengthy Board work sessions.

The final product includes many substantive changes and entire new sections, including a rewrite of the community's

architectural standards and the creation of a compliance regime that will allow the Association to issue tickets fining landowners for some rules violations.

The new rulebook also creates the mechanism for Association enforcement of traffic regulations within the gates — though the Board is currently using off-duty Sheriff's deputies for this function. Another major addition is a mandatory septic management program aimed at protecting water quality in Lake Auman.

A draft of the proposed rules rewrite came to the Board in May and became the test case for a new process added to the SLWLA bylaws early this year, in which the Directors, having declared a decision a "matter of material interest" to the community, must provide formal opportunities for public input

(See "Westside," p. 30)

Clowning Around



Ruffles & Aunt Tootsie are making folks smile all across the county. Check out page 2 for the inside scoop on the Northsiders underneath the greasepaint.

Foxfire ponders annexation pact with Pinehurst

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

For a sleepy, little resort village, Pinehurst casts a large shadow that continues to grow.

With the forced annexation of the Pinewild development nearly complete, the only major obstacle preventing the Pinehurst border from continuing its westward march is another sleepy, little resort village: Foxfire.

On Monday, November 16 at 4:00 pm, the Foxfire Village Council will meet for a special work session to consider a proposed twenty-year agreement between the two municipalities that would lay out who can annex what. A map has been drafted that shows which areas are off-limits for annexation by each village.

As proposed, the area

reserved for Foxfire extends north from the Village center to Hwy 211 and then west to NC 73W; east to the limits of the new Stonehill Pines development, and south beyond Roseland Road.

The area reserved for Pinehurst extends above Roseland Road to the south, west to Stonehill Pines and the existing Foxfire Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction

[ETJ], and then north — crossing over NC 211 from near Ellis Road all the way to NC 73E in West End.

This area that could be potentially annexed by Pinehurst encompasses nearly all of the 1,800 acre Pine Forest Development — a major subdivision and resort complex currently under review by the Moore County Planning Board.

Foxfire, unlike Pinehurst, has only annexed parcels — including the Stonehill Pines development — at the request of the property owner.

If the annexation agreement is approved by the Foxfire Village Council during their work session, it will then be presented at a Public Hearing tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 8 at 7:30 pm at Town Hall.

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Clowning around with the Keller Clowns

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

The circus may not be in town but the clowns are! [See photo on front page.]

Aunt Tootsie and her cheerful assistant, Ruffles, have spent the last year building smiles across Moore County.

"It's all about having fun," said Ruffles. "Everyone needs to stop

now and then and just have fun."

Brought to life and hilarity by Northsiders Joyce and Amanda Keller, this family business also includes junior clown-in-training, Abby, a sixth grader at West Pine Middle.

Aunt Tootsie got her start clowning twenty-two years ago in western New York after a special visit at the adult day treatment facility where she was employed as a language specialist.

"I was working one day and these two clowns came in. They were so wonderful, that I just had to ask them how they got started. And that's how simple it

was," she explained.

Her faithful sidekick, Herman the monkey, joined the act a few years later after catching her eye at a clown conference.

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Planning Board gets a look at Pine Forest

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Moore County planners got their first crack at the proposed Pine Forest Development 1,652 acre Planned Unit Development-Hamlet [PUD-H] rezoning request on Thursday, November 5. However, discussion on the two major 'hot button' issues - water and wastewater - was deferred pending an agreement between the developer and Moore County Public Works.

Water for the development must be provided from a new outside source and Bob Hansen of MHK Ventures, Inc. of Pine-

hurst has stated his intention to fund the "Montgomery Connector," an eight-mile \$3 million water main extension along Hwy 211 from Candor in Montgomery County, through Seven Lakes, and on to the Pine Forest Development.

Wastewater would be processed by an on-site facility that would treat 350,000 to 500,000 gallons per day from the Moore County system, for reuse to irrigate golf courses, common areas, and residential landscaping for both Pine Forest and the Dormie Club, an adjacent major development located on Rt.

73.

The proposed Pine Forest Development calls for a maximum of 890 residential and resort hotel units within the two gated residential communities, 120,000 square feet of commercial and retail development, two eighteen-hole golf courses, and one nine-hole golf course.

Presenting the Master Plan, Bob Koontz of Hobbs, Upchurch said the project emphasized several focus areas taken from the Small Planning Area A recommendations including managed growth to preserve and conserve natural and cultural features and cultural features, the use of grey water applications for landscape irrigation, requirement of adequate water and sewer infrastructure, and maintaining commercial development in places suited to it.

As proposed, the plan calls for 753 acres of open space - representing 46% of the parcel.

Working with the existing topography, most significantly Nick's Creek which runs through the center of the property, new roads were routed as possible along old logging roads and use existing crossings to minimize wetland impact.

During public comment, there were questions on the need for yet another golf course in Moore County and concerns over traffic impact on Hwy 211, however, no one voiced specific opposition to the plan.

Speaking as a member of the Area A committee, Planning Chair Nancy Roy Fiorillo offered praise.

"This is just exactly what we had wished for. This is a good example of the kind of PUD-

Hamlet we envisioned," said Fiorillo. "We congratulate you on a very good design. It will be an asset."

Other Business

In other business, the Planning Board:

Approved a conditional use permit request by Lisa and Dennis Stambach to operate a campground on a 33.63 acre parcel on Union Church Road in Carthage.

Continued a discussion on the appropriate role of alternate members to the Planning Board.

Heard from Planning Director Joey Raczowski that newly approved funding will allow for a dedicated long-range planner. The position is anticipated to be filled by mid-January.

'War Zone' lecture on NC during WWII


Popular Raleigh-based lecturer Kevin Duffus will present the last of three free lectures at 3 pm, on Sunday, November 15, at Weymouth Center for the Arts and Humanities.

His lecture will be on "War Zone" the German submarine attacks on American shipping off the Outer Banks in a little-known series of tragedies in 1942. Duffus has given lectures in the region, and won international awards for his feature-length documentaries. He's an author and investigative journalist rolled into one, drawing standing room only audiences at his first and second lectures earlier this Fall for the series North Carolina's Extraordinary Coast, Part II.

This will be the last chance this Fall for Moore County history buffs and Duffus' growing list of fans to experience his stimulating and thoroughly documented lectures revealing little-known facts about historic mysteries surrounding North Carolina's coast dating back to colonial days through the present.

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MCS police will seek additional powers

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

With full support from the local law enforcement community, the Moore County Board of Education resolved to create an independent police agency for Moore County School during a meeting on Monday, November 9.

Currently, School Resource Officers [SRO] are classified by the State of North Carolina as Special Police with full arrest powers while in their jurisdiction. The resolution, which was co-signed by the Chiefs of Police of all departments within Moore County, the District Attorney, and the Sheriff's office, seeks to establish the department under the Campus Police category.

Such a change would allow SRO's to enforce laws along roads adjacent to campuses and to direct traffic leading in and out of school properties.

The resolution request was forwarded to the State for approval, however, historically only one agency has previously been successful in this type of request.

Finance

An independent audit report by Dixon Hughes provided a clean opinion with no deficiencies or material weakness in internal controls in Moore County Schools finances, reported Mike Griffin, Chief Finance Officer.

Several anticipated budget amendments were approved:

\$1,119,601 to the State Fund increasing the total amended budget to \$58,289,736; and an increase in the Federal Fund of \$3,117,993 including \$2,066,734 in stimulus funds that will be carried forward to the 2010-2011 budget.

Griffin reported no changes to the Local Current Fund, Local Capital Outlay, or Child Nutrition budgets.

Bond Projects Update

Roofing work is underway at the new West Pine Elementary School, reported Deputy Superintendent Dr. Larry Upchurch. A lift station has been installed on campus and preliminary paving is complete.

Other Facilities Master Plan Phase I projects underway include the water project at High-falls Elementary which is eighty

percent complete, and classroom additions and renovations at four elementary schools.

Construction work at Crain's

Creek Middle School was reported to be on schedule and under budget.



West End Elementary PTA President Kay Miller was honored by the Moore County Board of Education with the 'Growing to Greatness' volunteer of the month award.

Seven Lakes Forum looks at power industry

The next Seven Lakes Forum is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, at 4:00 pm, on the upper level of the West Side Park Community Center.

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Foxfire Council updates Village Ordinances

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Several amendments and a new chapter in the Foxfire Village Code of Ordinances establishing rules and regulations for the Village Water System were passed unanimously with no opposition or discussion during the Foxfire Village Council meeting held Tuesday, November 10.

The changes were mostly "housekeeping" type language revisions and additions to bring the ordinance up-to-date with water decisions previously approved by the Council; including a requirement for separate meters for new in-ground irrigation systems, a system review and forgiveness policy for major water leaks at unoccupied properties, and a ban on new irrigation wells within Foxfire Village corporate limits.

Woodland Circle Extension

"The contractors are playing catch up with what we are expecting them to do but when the work is completed, it looks good," reported Tom Collins.

An eight-inch water line along the entire project road is complete and a smaller six-inch cul-de-sac water line is still under construction. Fire hydrants will be installed soon.

However, Collins reported difficulty in nailing down a start date for utility work.

"If they will at least put the conduit in the ground, they can run wire anytime. I don't want them to come back and tear up the [road] shoulders," Collins said.

A sample of stone has been approved by the soils engineer and placement should begin next week. A design of the asphalt mix is undergoing analysis — a requirement for roads built to NC-DOT standards.

Finance

Forty percent of 2009 property taxes have been collected, reported Finance Director Leslie Frusco. Reminder notices will be mailed in early December.

The General Fund stands at \$520,000; Water Fund at \$186,000; with an additional \$135,000 held in escrow for a new well.

Appointments

Mark Dutton was appointed to serve as an alternate on the Board of Adjustment.

Jack Frusco was appointed to serve on the Appearance Committee.

Proposed Foxfire-Pinehurst Annexation Agreement

A Council Work Session is scheduled for Monday, November 16 at 4:00 pm to discuss the proposed Foxfire-Pinehurst Annexation Agreement. A Public

lic Hearing has also been scheduled for Tuesday, December 8 at 7:30 pm.

[For a detailed explanation of the proposed agreement, please see the article on page 1.]

Other Business

In other business during its November 10 meeting, the Fox-

fire Village Council:

- Heard from Councilwoman Page Coker that "Asia," the Foxfire Police Department K9, has begun narcotics training.

- Heard from Councilman Vic Koos that a picnic table accidentally pulled loose during Foxfire Days at the Village Green Park will be re-secured using anchors and bolts.

Foxfire Village Council elections attract few voters

Page Coker, Leslie Frusco, and Vic Koos were elected to new four-year terms on the Foxfire Village Council in a Tuesday, November 3 election that attracted only thirty-two voters. Each was running unopposed for their seats, which may explain the low turnout.

Frusco received twenty-eight votes; Coker, twenty-six; and Koos, twenty-four, according to official results posted on the State Board of Elections website. The council will hold its reorganization meeting, which includes the election of the Village's Mayor, in December.

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County employees will keep longevity bonus

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Moore County employees will keep their longevity bonuses this year, but the writing is on the wall for a 2010 overhaul of the system — which rewards employees for their years of service to the county.

In a three to two vote, the Board of Commissioners on Monday night, November 2, defeated a motion that would have deferred the benefit, scheduled to be paid this month, until next year. Commissioner Tim Lea offered that motion, arguing that the nearly \$400,000 the benefit will cost the county this year should be saved in order to create a budget cushion that could prevent layoffs next year.

Noting that he had relatives

who work for the county and had received calls from both them and other county employees on the issue, Lea said he was sensitive to the importance of the benefit to county staffers.

But "giving folks a bonus just for showing up" is losing popularity across the state, Lea said, noting that twenty counties have no longevity bonuses in their pay plan and that both Mecklenberg and Wake Counties are eliminating the bonus this year. Lea said he had recently attended a meeting of the Triangle J Council of Governments and learned that many others are considering eliminating the benefit or not funding it for this year.

Social Services Director John Benton, who headed an employee committee asked to devel-

op recommendations on the policy, told Lea that county employees "count on longevity."

"Many of them, it helps to pay their own taxes here in the county," Benton said. "This is going to come as a shock to them."

Benton said some of his DSS employees "are just pennies away from leaving their offices and going back out in my lobby and checking in for services."

"That concerns me when I have staff that may become my clients," he added.

"I appreciate that," Commissioner Lea replied. "It's easy to govern during good economic times; it's tough to govern during hard economic times and have to make hard decisions. Politicians, collectively, at least from what we've seen, would rather go

ahead and say yes than bite the bullet and do something today that would prevent further damage in the future."

He noted that both Pinehurst Resort and local building supply company McDonald Brothers have both laid off employees. "Whereas your people still have jobs at this point," he told Benton, "there's a lot of people out there in the private sector who don't have jobs."

Chairman Nick Picerno said the issue of funding longevity bonuses for this year was settled during the budget debate in June and argued it was unfair to cut it just a few days before it was scheduled to be paid.

The Board of Commissioners did in fact add back the longevity benefit — at seventy-five per-

cent of FY 2009-2009 levels — to the County Manager's budget, which had eliminated it entirely. Though the budget resolution that finally passed in June was approved by only three of the Commissioners, all of them voted, at one point or another during that debate, to add back the longevity bonus. The option supported by Lea and Morgan would have tied the bonus to job performance and not just years of service.

"It's my understanding that the motion that was passed back in June, is that the longevity was funded at seventy-five percent of last year, so the employees have taken a budget cut," Picerno said. "At this time, at this late stage, when people

(See "Bonus," p. 30)

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Board approves plans for Admin Building

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

The new County Administration building planned for a site in downtown Carthage will have a more traditional look — and much more space for storage and expansion — than its architects originally envisioned.

In a three-to-two vote, the Moore County Board of Commissioners approved, during their Monday, November 2 meeting, a revised design for the structure.

Katherine Peel of LS3P-Boney presented a revised schematic and design that incorporated several changes recommended by the Government Center Committee. Those included:

- A more traditional look for the building, which the architects accomplished by relying on red brick and off-white cast stone as the major surfaces in the facade, moving the entrance to the center of the building, and adding columns and pediments as design elements.

- Moving the Commissioners' meeting room to the center of the structure, and adding a second floor above it. That second floor addition will include 4,000 square feet of usable space. The design presented Monday night utilized roughly half of this space for a theater-style planning board meeting room able to seat up to fifty. The other half is reserved for future use. Chairman Picerno asked if either space could be used as a magistrate's hearing room, and Peel replied in the affirmative.

- Increasing the size of the basement to equal the footprint of the rest of the structure. This would be minimally finished, serving as storage space initially, but could later be turned into offices if needed. Combined with the extra second floor space above the Commissioners Meeting Room, the full basement will increase the total size of the building from 52,000 to 82,000 square feet.

The changes — primarily the additional space — will raise the final cost of the building from \$8.4 million to a little more than \$10 million, Peel told the Board.

Noting that the county is currently renting space to store DSS records, County Manager Cary McSwain said the cost of

adding a full basement to the Administration Building would be far less than the cost of building storage space elsewhere.

Retired Architect Howard Warren, a member of Government Center Committee, also recommended going ahead with the full basement.

"I am a strong advocate of finishing the basement," Warren told the Board. "This is most economical time to build that space . . . To me, this is a no brainer. It's going to give you economical space now and economical space in the future when you finish it."

Commissioner Lea asked whether there was sufficient parking to meet the needs of those working in and visiting the building. Peel replied that Carthage's building code requires 170 spaces; the design includes 203. The nearby Public Safety Building and Detention Center

have another 154 parking spaces, bringing the total to 357, with most of those clustered in the same area. Planning Director Joey Raczkowski, who chaired the Government Center Committee, said times of peak usage for the Administration Building (See "Commissioners," p. 29)

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Charles Curtis Davis, 72, of Eagle Springs, died Saturday, November 7, at his home.

Mr. Davis was a native of Moore County and retired from Carthage Fabrics.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eunice Davis, and parents, Howard and Lettie Davis.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 11, at Rock Hill Friends Church. The Rev. Tom Powers and the Rev. Clarence Garner officiated. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

He is survived by a daughter, Dana Jordan of Eagle Springs; and two grandsons.

Kennedy Funeral Home in Robbins assisted the family.

Ned Rost Stein, 87, of West End, died Tuesday, November 3, at Quail Haven Inn, Pinehurst.

He was the son of Harry and Myrtle Stein in Dayton, Ohio. After a brief stint in the Army, he graduated from college with a degree in structural engineering and married Nancy Wuichet. They lived in Centerville, Ohio until their retirement to West End in 1986.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be at 2 pm on Sun-

day, November 15, at West End Presbyterian Church, with a reception to follow. Memorials may be made to the church.

He was preceded in death by his wife of fifty-eight years, Nancy W. Stein; his oldest brother, Neal.

Mr. Stein is survived by his son, Michael; his daughter, Christina; his brother, Richard; and a stepsister, Kathy Streithorst, and his grandchildren.

Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines assisted the family.

Helen T. Sudol, 85, of Seven Lakes, died Sunday, November 1, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

A funeral Mass was held Thursday, November 5, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. A Rite of Christian Burial will follow at a later date at Seven Lakes Cemetery.

Mrs. Sudol was the daughter of Stella and John Nieminski of Bronx, NY. She lived in Franklin Lakes, NJ with her husband, Walter, and raised three children.

She retired from the Ramapo Regional High School system and moved to Seven Lakes, where she spent the last thirty wonderful years of her life.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Pinehurst. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter; her daughter, Janet and her son, Gerald.

Mrs. Sudol is survived by her children, Christine and Jan Novak of Pinehurst, Richard and Raquel Sudol of Atlanta, GA, and her son-in-law, Gene Daly of Franklin Lakes, NJ; three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made in Mrs. Sudol's honor to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202.

Tobias Jackson "Jack" Embler, 76, died Tuesday, October 27, at his home in Seven Lakes.

No services are planned at this time. Memorials may be directed to the Seven Lakes Business Guild's Road Maintenance Fund, 6530 Seven Lakes Village, Seven Lakes, NC 27376.

Mr. Embler was born in High Point, the son of Tobias Curley and Nettie Embler. He was a Marine and served his country in the Korean War.

He moved to Seven Lakes in


1979 and started his business, Master Kleen, in 1986.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Betty Jean Embler.

He is survived by his sons, Randy Embler and Rick Embler, and his wife Joann, all of Seven

Lakes North; by his brother Donald Embler and sister Betty Embler of Winston-Salem; and by his grandchildren Jason and Brooke Embler.

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Vets enjoy presentation on present-day Vietnam

by Barbara Bane

Vietnam Today was the theme for the November 2 meeting of Chapter 966, Vietnam Veterans of America, hosted by the West-

side Community Center in Seven Lakes West.

VVA member Wayne Chalker narrated a visual presentation of his return trip to Vietnam.

His trek back to Vietnam in 2006 and 2007 was more out of curiosity than for any kind of closure it may have provided after so many years. Chalker's desire was to find out what happened to the beautiful land and its people after that long and tragic war.

Focusing on Vietnam as it is today, the video presentation began in Saigon and followed through to Chu Chi, Mekong Delta, Central Highlands, Nha Trang, Hoi An, Da Nang, Hue, the Shau Valley area, DMZ area, Hanoi, and the Ha Long Bay (World Heritage Site). Some of his photos were of children in the Vinh Son I orphanage in Kon Tum (Central Highlands).

Other photos showed a bustling Saigon, but also villages where little has changed from forty years ago.

Relics from the "American War" as it is called there included a disabled American tank surrounded by vegetation and an army truck, still being driven, similar to those Chalker used to drive through the Central Highlands.

"I saw a government and people at the crossroads of change . . . capitalism thrives in many

areas of Vietnam. But, Vietnam holds tenaciously to old ways and a culture that now makes it the second largest rice exporter in the world. The water buffalo, as it has for centuries, labors as their beast of burden," remarked Chalker.

"The Vietnamese I met love Americans," stated Chalker, who served with the 585th Transportation Company as a tractor trailer driver from 1967 - 1968. "For most, the war is over, especially since two thirds of the population were born after the sixties."

Artifacts, photos, and memorabilia from his trip were displayed in addition to his video presentation.

During the business meeting, VVA Chapter 966 voted to continue its annual tradition of providing phone cards for troops during the holidays in the amount of six hundred dollars.

A two hundred dollar donation was made to Shoe boxes for Troops, a program through St. Andrews College.

On November 11, members will travel to Womack Hospital to award the family of the first baby born on Veterans Day with a check for fifty dollars, a certificate, and a flag which has flown over the nations Capitol. The quarterly

Bingo game at VA Medical Center will be sponsored with cash prizes and refreshments for the veterans who reside there.

Chapter 966 will adopt one or more military families to assist with special needs during this holiday season. Working with other agencies, a committee will identify families in need who will then be selected at the December meeting to receive monetary assistance from the chapter. Last year, two families were adopted through the program.

Treasurer Mike Shapiro noted that the ability to support these financial programs is due to the tremendous support of the raffle fundraiser conducted throughout the summer.

Chapter 966 placed a wreath

at the Veteran's Memorial during the Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park in Carthage on Saturday, November 3.

Bill McNeill reported that a previous donation of bow and arrows to help equip an archery club in South Baghdad had been well received and much appreciated by those troops who had expressed a desire to start the club as a recreational downtime activity. This was done in conjunction with the Montgomery County Archery Club.

Meetings of VVA Chapter 966 are held at the first Monday of each month, at 7 pm at Westside Community Center in Seven Lakes West. Visitors are always welcome to attend.



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Robert Timothy "Tim" Lea is currently serving his second term on the Board of Commissioners. He is a native of Moore County, a graduate of Sandhills Community College, attended East Carolina University, and served in the Marine Corps. He also is the founder, Chairman and CEO of Healthcare Systems Consulting, Inc.

In his capacity as County Commissioner, Lea currently serves on the Triangle J Council of Governments Board, Moore County Partners in Progress Board, Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP), Research Triangle Regional Partnership Board and the Aging Advisory Council.

Nick Picerno was born in Pinehurst and grew up in Moore County and attended Moore County Public Schools. He received his BS Degree from UNC-Chapel Hill 1978 where he was a Morehead Scholar Nominee. Picerno founded Southern Software Inc., a Southern Pines company that builds and sells software to municipalities. He is currently the Chairman of the Board at Southern Software.

Picerno was elected Moore County Commissioner in November 2008 for four year term and was elected Chairman in December 2008.

The public is welcome to attend this luncheon. Prior reservations are required, by calling Charlotte Gallagher at 944-9611, by November 13. The total cost for the meal is \$12.

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Joyce Stanton Greene begins each day with a prayer, just as she did that morning in May when she suddenly realized something was terribly wrong. After being rushed to the emergency room at Moore Regional Hospital, she was taken to Chapel Hill where the doctors warned her family that "it didn't look good." Twenty-four hours later she was undergoing brain surgery.

Joyce doesn't remember much of the weeks that followed, but surely her prayer was answered. "Father, I am well aware I can't make it on my own. So take my hand and hold it tight for I can't walk alone!"

When Joyce returned to her home at the Country Club of North Carolina, she was overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support. "I am blessed with friends." Within a few months she was fully recovered. "The first place I went after my recuperation," she said, "was a Moore Regional Hospital Foundation Board meeting."

For two decades, Joyce has generously given her time as a volunteer at Moore Regional Hospital, and as a board member of the Hospital Auxiliary, the FirstHealth Hospice Foundation, and the Moore Regional Hospital Foundation. Through her philanthropy, Joyce has made a true investment in life.

Leaving A Legacy

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Joyce Stanton was born in Pennsylvania and moved to Essex Fells, New Jersey, when she was 17. She modeled "for fun" at Bamberger's Department Store in Newark, and landed on the cover of the magazine published by her new employer, Fidelity Union Trust, the largest bank in New Jersey. "I was a little clerk during the war," she said, "and then receptionist." But she was "in the right place at the right time" and soon began working for the president and CEO. By 1977, she was an "executive on the move," after being named an officer of the holding company, Fidelity Union Bancorporation.

"I worked very hard," Joyce recalls. "I was always selling for the bank—encouraging the local garbage man to get a loan for a new truck, suggesting a new grandfather open a savings account for his granddaughter, or introducing someone to our Executive Officer that resulted in a million dollar trust account from our competitor." Joyce also found herself in a position to help fellow employees at the bank. When she found inequities in raises, vacation time, or retirement benefits, "I would get on my soap box" and the policy would be changed.

In 1980, Joyce was seriously injured in an automobile accident and spent the next year in and out of the hospital. After 39 years with Fidelity Union, Joyce retired in 1981. She and her husband of 18 years, Hugh Logan Kerr, moved to Southern Pines where they bought the Longcope property (adjacent to what is now Belle Meade). Hugh continued working as an executive in the sales and marketing division of William A. Force and Company and planned on retiring in five years when he turned 65. "We had just come home from Europe," Joyce said. "Hugh thought he had bronchitis but he was diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus."

Joyce was his caregiver until he died in 1987, short of his sixty-fifth birthday. "He was a truly beautiful human being."

After Hugh's death, Joyce sold her home and moved to the Country Club of North Carolina, where she met Braddock Greene, a widower. They were married in 1993. Eight months later, he was diagnosed with myelodysplasia (leukemia). "We really lived after he was diagnosed," Joyce said. "We went on cruise after cruise."

Brad continued to walk three miles a day, and played golf and croquet. "He had such a positive attitude." The day before Thanksgiving, 1997, Joyce and Brad went to the Outerbanks to celebrate the holiday with his family. "He couldn't even play nine holes of golf," Joyce remembered. The next day they went back to Moore Regional Hospital for transfusions. Five months later, in April, 1998, Brad died a few days after entering the FirstHealth Hospice and Palliative Care Program, just two days shy of their fifth wedding anniversary.

Giving is the investment in living that pays the dividends we need: health and happiness.

Joyce has become a tireless advocate of FirstHealth Hospice as a member of the Hospice Foundation Board, and with her philanthropy. In memory of Hugh Logan Kerr and Braddock Greene, Joyce donated one of three special suites at Moore Regional Hospital which offer a warm and loving place for families to be with their loved ones in their final days.

Joyce's contributions to the FirstHealth Hospice Foundation were recognized in November 1998, at the Fourth Women's Health Care Forum when she was named a Women of Distinction. "She is," said Chuck

Frock, "a shining example of the evolution of Hospice philanthropy."

In 2000, through the gift of a charitable trust, Joyce established the Joyce Stanton Greene FirstHealth Hospice Chaplaincy Endowment Fund to support Hospice Chaplains who are trained in a clinical pastoral education to assist patients and families—as well as Hospice staff and volunteers—with nondenominational spiritual counseling, available at any time of the day or night. "Those that can go and be with people who are dying are a blessing. To me grieving is tough. I have a note that I got after Brad died from Pam Hudson, the Hospice Chaplain that I'll keep forever."

Joyce continues to support the Foundation, most recently with a contribution to provide Andy C. Kiser, M.D., the equipment for his pioneering work in the development of a procedure that corrects atrial fibrillation. Joyce has also made generous gifts to other organizations that are close to her heart: the Sandhills Children's Center, a private, non-profit day school for young children who have mental retardation, sensory impairments, and other developmental disabilities; Pinetree Enterprises, a private non-profit organization that was established to provide training, placement, coaching and support to adults residing in Moore County who are challenged by developmental disabilities; and the Village Chapel of Pinehurst.

What you give away is the only wealth you will always have.

"I am very conscious of the plight of others and I want to do whatever I can within my power to be helpful. God has been good to me," Joyce said, "and I want to give back."

Sophisticated Ladies wow them in Lumberton

The Pinehurst-based Sophisticated Ladies Dance Group traveled to Lumberton to provide entertainment for the Lumber River Council of Government's Annual Award's Meeting. The Council serves as an administrative and service delivery arm for federal, state, regional and local programs of its member governments. Hundreds of county and regional officials were in attendance.

The Sophisticated Ladies danced to Broadway tunes

including New York, New York and All That Jazz. The Sophisticated Ladies style is like the New York City Rockettes with precision movements and high kicks. Mary Lou Bennett was the announcer and entertained the audience with the background and history of the Sophisticated Ladies and the Broadway tunes.

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Eagle Scout project saves a life at WPMS

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Nearly five years ago, two rising Eagle Scouts from West End Boy Scout Pack 98 initiated a fundraising campaign to purchase and install two Automated External Defibrillator [AED] devices: Aaron Parsons placed a unit at West Pine Middle School and Thomas Caddell placed a unit at West End Elementary.

In a letter dated April 2005, Phyllis Magnuson-Dow, the school health programs manager for FirstHealth and now a member of the HeartSafe Moore program, stated that she was certain that Parsons' AED "would someday save a life."

She was right.

Last month, Mike Denny of Pinehurst was coaching the ten-to-twelve year old Optimist Pirates football team through a close game on the fields of West Pine Middle when he blacked out.

"I had heart attack symptoms and I was very fortunate to have people respond quickly," said Denny.

Other player parents, including an Army doctor, a registered nurse, and a respiratory therapist, quickly assessed his condition using the AED to check his vital signs.

"They didn't have to shock me but they would have been able to with it," Denny said.

"It was a very bad time for me, but it really was worse for my players. I happened to catch a glimpse of them as I was being taken from the field and they were crying and upset." He continued, "I have taught them that football teaches life lessons in how to handle adversity and I am so proud that they could have quit — they were given the option with six minutes to go — but they went back on field with tears in eyes and played their hearts out. That made me feel good."

Denny said that he is doing okay and is still undergoing testing and treatment. He credits the AED and prompt medical attention with saving his life.

The AED placed by Parsons that was used to monitor Denny is actually the very first such device to be installed in a Moore County School.

Magnuson-Dow credited Parsons and Caudill's project with giving momentum and life to a

successful AED deployment program that eluded health and school professionals for several years.

Launched two years later in 2007, HeartSafe Moore County has now placed over one hundred AEDs throughout the region, including at least one at each county school.

The AED is a portable electronic device that analyzes a victim's condition and can administer an electrical shock. The system is designed to be used by non-medical personnel.

"I'm glad my AED was able to save somebody's life," said Parsons. "I hope it never has to get used again, but I am glad to know that it is there at the school."

A similar AED will soon be installed at Westside Park Community Center.

Seven Lakes EMS Chief Bob Haan has scheduled several three-hour instruction classes for interested residents. Each class includes two hours of Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation [CPR] training with hands-on practice using mannequins, and an hour of instruction on the AED.

"Early defibrillation combined with CPR is key," explained Haan.

An Adult CPR/AED Introductory class for those who do not have a recent CPR/AED Certification will be held Thursday, December 10, from 7:00 - 10:00 pm, and again on Wednesday,

December 16, from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Class size is limited to eight participants, cost is \$30.00 per person.

An Adult CPR/AED Review & Re-certification class for those who have a recent CPR/AED Certification will be held Friday, December 11, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm, and again on Thursday, December 17, from 7:00 - 9:00

pm. Class size is limited to eight participants, cost is \$20.00 per person.

To register for either class, call the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association office at 673-5314. For more information about AEDs or HeartSafe Moore County, visit www.heart-safemoore.org

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'Tis the season to be jolly. Children's imaginations will soon drift toward Christmas dreams and wishes. The 2009 Toys for Tots Campaign kicked off on Tuesday, November 10 in Moore County.

Local Marines and their helpers will be collecting and distributing toys to many local agencies, churches and community programs.

Tom McKenna of Aberdeen, a member of the Sandhills Detach-

ment #1001 of the Marine Corps League, is the local Coordinator this year. Last year, over 9000 toys were distributed to over 4000 children in our county. With the state of the economy this year, we expect the need to reach

even more children.

How can you help? Donate a toy to your local Toys For Tots campaign locations – collections boxes are located at the Beacon Ridge Country Club Pro Shop, West Side Community Center, Curves of Seven Lakes and the Seven Lakes Dollar General.

Please help by donating your time and effort to increase the number of toys collected; donate service support by allowing collections boxes at your church or business or, or even, make a tax-deductible donation by writing a check made payable to the "Marine Toys for Tots Foundation" and mail to Tom McKenna, 121 Emerald Court, Aberdeen 28315.

Financial donations are a huge help in giving the campaign the means to purchase educational or ethnic toys and to purchase toys for children with special needs. Contacts for the Toys for Tots campaign in Seven Lakes are: Joe Gavala, David Petrie and Margaretta O'Shea. They will be happy to help you.

The Toys for Tots Foundation, your local Marine Corps League and the children of Moore County will be most grateful for your generosity.

7 Lakes Ladies win big!

The Seven Lakes Country Club Women's Over Seventy 3.0 division won the USTA 2009 NC Super Senior State Championship.

The event was held in Pinehurst, October 30-31. Team competitors for the event were Edie Barrett, Marilyn Quintana, Judy Streit, Edie Starkey, Joyce

Charles, Melva Johnston, and Angela Terry. They will play in the Southern Sectional tournament in Pelham, Alabama, March 14-16, 2010.



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General Buck Kernan at 7 Lakes Kiwanis

by Frank Krohn

Seven Lakes Kiwanis

On Tuesday, October 27 the Seven Lakes Kiwanis was treated to a visit by retired four star General, William F. "Buck" Kernan. General Kernan retired in 2002, but still remains active.

He travels to Washington on a regular basis, and also to the near east hot spots of Iraq, Afghanistan, Israel, and Africa. His firsthand comments about those areas, Iraq and Afghanistan in particular, commanded the rapt attention of the audience.

He stated that, while still perilous, the situation in Iraq has stabilized.

Corruption in Iraq is considered a perk by the governmental leaders, and kickbacks are part of their philosophy, even though they are still playing with our money. The younger leaders are better and more trustworthy, but the older leaders still hang onto their old habits.

Iraq is blessed by the fact that the people are reasonably educated, and that they have good governance compared to other countries like Afghanistan. The situation in Iraq should get steadily better as its centralized government becomes better organized and better accepted by both the Shiites and the Sunnis.

Afghanistan, on the other hand, is still very unstable, and represents a much more difficult situation. The tribal leaders, who are really the ones who control the country, are mostly old and uneducated, even illiterate. Trying to communicate with these leaders is, consequently, very difficult.

This creates a real problem because they don't trust strangers, and it is most important to establish personal relationships-difficult to do when it is difficult to communicate with them on even the most basic of levels.

Like Iraq, the hope for the future lies on the shoulders of the younger men, most of whom fled the country when the Taliban took over. They have lived in Europe and the USA long enough to see and understand what is needed to improve the life style of the Afghanistan people.

Gen. Kernan says there are

three major threats to our normalizing Afghanistan and establishing a stable centralized government, namely the Taliban, al-Qaeda, and the international drug cartel. Of these three, the drug cartel might be the biggest problem.

Questions followed Gen. Kernan's comments, giving everyone a chance to get answers directly from someone who has first hand involvement.

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



Program Chairman Dave Davies with Retired General William Kernan

Mental Illness Support Group

National Alliance on Mental Illness – Moore County [NAMI-MC] sponsors a local educational/support meeting on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm, and a support-only meeting is held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. All meetings are held at the FirstHealth Conference Center located on the corner of Page Road and Rte 211, Pinehurst. For information call 295-1053 or visit www.nami-moorecounty.org

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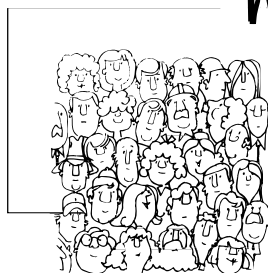
- **Babysitter Training (ages 11-15)** – 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Introductory Certification Course. Fee \$30. American Red Cross Moore County Chapter, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines. 910-692-8571.
- **Drop-In Wine Tasting** – 1 - 5 pm at Sandhills Winery. At least five types or varietals to educate your palate. Located in Seven Lakes Plaza, next to Peking Wok.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- **Southside Baptist Mission Conference** – through Tuesday, November 17. Sunday services: Sunday School at 10:00 am, Morning Worship at 11:00 am, & Sunday evening at 7:00 pm. Monday & Tuesday services will begin at 7:00 pm. Special guests will be the Gilliam family, missionaries serving in Queensland, Australia. On Tuesday night Missionaries Jim and Connie Jeremias, serving with the Rock of Ages Prison Ministry, will speak. Public is cordially invited to attend these special services. For information or directions call 428-9243 or Pastor Michael Lynn at 974-4723. Southside Baptist Church is located at 125 Cedar Creek Rd, Biscoe.
- **Weymouth Lecture Series** – 3 pm, by Kevin Duffus. Last of three free lectures. His lecture will be on "War Zone" the German submarine attacks on American shipping off the Outer Banks in a little-known series of tragedies in 1942. Held at the Weymouth Center for the Arts and Humanities, 555 E. Connecticut Ave., Southern Pines.
- **Bensalem Presbyterian Church** – 6 pm, the church will host Montgomery County Operation Inasmuch coordinator, Rebecca Blake. *Operation Inasmuch* mobilizes believers in a hands-on local church missions blitz in their community. The program offers a proven model of local ministry for any size congregation in any location. Mrs. Blake will share information on *Operation Inasmuch's* history, how it has worked in her community, and how other churches can get involved. A chili dinner will follow the presentation. The church is located in Eagle Springs. Rev. Wes Brandon at 910-691-2942.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 1:30-6pm, Red Cross Community at Douglass Community Center, 1185 W. Pennsylvania, Southern Pines. Sponsored by Moore County AR Chapter.



What's When Calendar

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8571 for appt.

- **Moore County Board of Commissioners** – 6:00 pm, Commissioners Room, Carthage.
- **Guest Night with Golf Capital Chorus** – 7 pm, at Community Presbyterian Church, 125 Everette Rd., Pinehurst. Guest night is an opportunity for anyone interested in the chorus to learn more about it. Guests will have the chance to hear the chorus and quartets, as well as learn some simple tags to sing.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- **Moore County League of Women Voters** – Check-in time 11:30 am; meeting starts at 11:45 am. Commissioners Picerno and Lea to speak. The 'Moore County Courthouse Facilities: Table on the Green Restaurant, 2205 Midland Drive (inside Midland Country Club). Public welcome to attend. Prior reservations are required, Charlotte Gallagher at 944-9611. \$12.
- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 1:30-6 pm, Penick Village, Penick North Bldg, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, E. Rhode Island Ave. Ext, Southern Pines. Sponsored by First Bank. 692-8571 for appt.
- **Ruth Pauley Lecture Series** – The nationally honored Pinecrest High School Debate Team will deal with the topic of "Should the US replace the federal income tax with a

national consumption (sales tax)?" Owens Auditorium, Sandhills Community College campus, Pinehurst. Free. For information, call 910-245-3132.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 to 4 pm, Open House. Artists will be present to answer any questions about their medium and technique. The gallery is hosting a special showing of Project Linus Blankets made by many women during the past year. Blankets distributed to children in need throughout the area. St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes.
- **Adult/Infant/Child CPR/AED Review** – 6:00 to 8:30 pm, Review Recertification Course. Prerequisite: Participant should hold current or recently expired certification in the review subject. Fee \$25. American Red Cross Moore County Chapter, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave.,

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- **CPR/AED for the Healthcare Provider** – 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Introductory Certification Course, Fee \$60. American Red Cross Moore County Chapter, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines. 910-692-8571
- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 10 am-2:30 pm, First Health Fitness Center, 170 Memorial Dr. Pinehurst. Call 715-1800 for appt.
- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Seven Lakes Forum** – 4:00 pm, Andy Honeycutt, Manager, Community Relations, Progress Energy Carolinas, will address "The State of the



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- **Adult/Infant/Child CPR/AED Review** – 6 - 8:30 pm.

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- **Moore County Amateur Radio Society (MOCARS)** –

monthly meeting, 7 pm, at Moore County Emergency Operations Center, 105 Saunders Street, Carthage. Meeting will include planning for 2010 activities including a technician and general class license courses, VEC examinations and other activities. Brief review of Simulated Emergency Training exercise and message passing skills will be held. Election of officers for 2010 will be conducted. Next VEC examination is Saturday November 21 at 10 am, at the Moore County Library, Carthage. Fee \$12 (cash only) and a copy of a photo ID plus copy of FCC license, if any, are required. Charles Wackerman 910.947.2707 or James Johnson, PIO, 910.400.3019.

- **Rufus Barringer Civil War Roundtable** – 7 pm, meet at Southern Pines Civic Club,

corner of Ashe Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Southern Pines. Special guest speaker James S. Robbins, Senior Editorial Writer for Foreign Affairs at Washington Times. He will discuss his book *Last in their Class: Custer, Pickett and the Goats of West Point*. Visitors welcome. Refreshments. Information 910-315-1213.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 2:30-7 pm, Bascom Chapel United Methodist Church, Bascom Chapel Rd., Robbins. Call 464-2207 for appt.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- **8th Annual Merry Market Holiday Sale** – 9 am to 3 pm. Local artisans will have their treasures for you to purchase for your one stop Christmas shopping. Support your local artists this holiday season. St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

- **Adult/Infant/Child CPR/AED** – 8:00 am to 1:30 pm, Introductory Certification Course. Fee \$55. American Red Cross Moore County Chapter, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines. 910-692-8571.

- **Genealogical Society Meeting** – monthly meeting, 10:30 am, at the LDS Family History Center, Mormon Church. The LDS Center is located just north of Pinecrest High School. Visitors are welcome. Moore County Genealogical

Society call 910-947-2689 or e-mail kayla@carolina.net

- **29th Annual Turkey Trot** – hosted by the FirstHealth Center for Health & Fitness-Pinehurst & MooreFit. A one-mile fun run/walk, 5K, 10K and half-marathon. Courses begin on the campus of the Center for Health & Fitness and wind through scenic Pinehurst ending back at the fitness center. Register www.active.com or at the Center for Health & Fitness. Registration for the Turkey Trot is \$15 for the fun run, \$20 for the 5K and 10K, and \$25 for the half-marathon. No cost for participating children ages 6 and under. 715-1843

- **Champagne Tasting** – 2:00 - 5:00 pm at Sandhills Winery, Seven Lakes Shopping Plaza. Get ready for the holidays and taste champagne to serve or give as a gift.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- **Community Thanksgiving Service** – 7:00 pm at First Baptist Church of West End at 5205 NC Hwy. 211. Dr. Won Namkoong, Pastor of West End United Methodist Church will deliver the sermon, and West End Presbyterian Church Choir will provide music.. Community is invited to service.

- **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** – at 4 pm. Worship service hosted by Jackson Springs Presbyterian Church, corner of NC Hwy 73 & Hotel Street, Jackson Springs. Sponsored by the Sandhills Jewish Congregation, the Congregational Church of Pinehurst, Jackson Springs Presbyterian Church, McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church and Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines. Bring canned goods as a Thanksgiving Offering, to be donated to the Sandhills Coalition for Human Care. 673-7630.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- **Sandhills Natural History Society** – monthly meeting, 7

pm at Weymouth Woods Auditorium, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd., Southern Pines. *A Beginner's Tour of the Shetland Islands*. Join Weymouth Woods Superintendent Scott Hartley for a presentation on the history, ecology and birdlife of these remote but accessible islands. 910-692-2167.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.



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It is that simple. So simple that as the library celebrates it's third anniversary, it is bursting at the seams.

Judy Pendleton, who heads the group of volunteers who manage the library, says it all started when Bill Mamel, and Tony Robertson, the former West Side association manager, put a cou-

ple of books on a shelf in a small space just off one of the lower level activity rooms.

Judy is a former English teacher, and her love of books is reflected in the bulging book cases in her home. She got involved to rescue the place from the chaos of topsy turvy growth that then occurred. "It was a mess," she said. "Just no system at all." She and her group set up an indexing and organizational system that now lets readers quickly find their way around.

"We didn't follow any set rules. We just made up our own system, but it works," she said.

The book shelves were made from discarded lumber by Charlie Flinchum and Bill Carl, West Side residents who volunteered their work, time and lumber.

Library committee members are still surprised that many residents don't know about it. But for those who do know about it, the library has been very popular – so popular that it has completely filled it's small space. Judy estimates that there are over 2000

books now on the shelves.

About 600 new and returned books flow into it each month. This means the volunteers now have to decide what to keep and what to do with those they can't.

Each month about 300 books are donated to the Givens Library book store and another 20 to 30 go to the VA hospital.

There is a real need for more space for the library, and the library volunteers are looking at alternatives – from finding more space in the community center

to the idea that a library be built as part of a new mail house – whenever that occurs. "The reason the library has grown so much is that it is used and appreciated by the residents." Judy said, "I hope we can find a way to continue to grow and serve them better."

One urgent need is now being met. A new lighting system is being installed. It is paid for with public donations and some assistance from the owners association.



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Genealogical Society Meets

The next meeting of the Moore County Genealogical Society will be Saturday, November 21, at 10:30 am, at the LDS Family History Center, Mormon Church. The Center is located just north of Pinecrest High School (on the opposite side of the road) at 9800 US Hwy. 15-501, between Pinehurst and Southern Pines.

Attendees will be able to access the LDS computer records, including information in Salt Lake City, and use their numerous reference books. Any names and dates that you have would be helpful in starting or expanding your search. Mrs. Martie Mullenbach, Director, will explain your research options.

For more information on Moore County Genealogical Society call 910-947-2689 or e-mail kayla@carolina.net.

Visit the Festival of Trees this weekend

Generous residents and businesses of Foxfire, Seven Lakes and West End are working together to raise money for disabled children at Sandhills Children's Center during the 13th Annual Festival of Trees November 11 – 15 at The Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst. Joining the Festival of Trees

Committee this year are Cheryl Fox, Carol McDonald, and Noreen Sawyer from Seven Lakes. They have been working for several months to secure gift basket items which will be part of the silent auction at the festival.

Local donors to this category include First Bank of Seven Lakes, Michelle Bolton of Michelle

Bolton Photography, Barbara Sickenberger, Carol McDonald, Don Bahr, Pinehurst Patios, Shirley Sikkema, Janice Clewis of Clewis Photography and Christy Dotson.

Making their debut at Festival of Trees are Leslie Rose of Sandhills Winery with a wreath full of wine and Michael & Lisa Gorenflo with a four-foot tree titled "The Christmas Traveler."

The Foxfire Garden Club has been a long time supporter of Festival of Trees and is decorating their first four foot Christmas tree this year.

Jeremy Bowen of Le Jardin Florals will be decorating a six foot tree for the second year in a row. These talented folks will join in presenting over 200 decorated holiday trees, wreaths, gingerbread and gift baskets in a winter wonderland that will be on display and available for silent auction.

Sandhills Children's Center serves over 400 children age birth through five on two campuses and through an outreach program in five south central NC counties. Funding from pri-

vate donations and special events provides much needed therapies, meals and educational toys. Volunteers are a vital part of the program at Sandhills Children's Center and at all of their special events. Call the center at 910-692-3323 to volunteer.

You can gain admission to view the trees by making any donation at the door Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 13-15. Doors open at 10:00 am.

Bid on the trees during the silent auction all day Friday and Saturday.

Come meet the designers at the "Finale: A Salute to the Designers" party Saturday, November 14 from 7 to 10 pm sponsored by the Surgery Center of Pinehurst. Seven Laker Dr. Daniel Barnes will help out by playing with his band, House Call.

All of the silent auction bidding will close during the party, which is open to the public by making a donation at the door.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 910-692-3323 or visit online at www.FestivalofTrees.org.


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Sandhills Futbol Club will begin its Winter Academy under the lights at Pinecrest High School. SFC invites all soccer players ages 6 to 19 to join training Monday - Thursday at either the 5:00-6:30 or 6:30-8:00 pm beginning Monday, November 16.

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little snow.

Moore OnStage's second production of its 2009-2010 season covers all of the bases, with a lot extra thrown in. Manheim Steamroller Christmas music is as exciting as the traditional carols that everyone knows how to sing and you will hear music accompanied by musicians. The

Transiberian Orchestra makes music of movement, which is a perfect compliment to Gary Taylor's award winning choreography, that will usher in the traditions of the holidays onto a "Hallmark" stage.

Moore Onstage invites you to celebrate the magic of the season as they bring you the wonder of "Holiday in the Pines" at the Robert E. Lee Auditorium, Pinecrest High School.

Show times are Friday, November 27, 2 pm and 7:30 pm, Saturday, November 28, 2 pm and 7:30 pm and Sunday, November 29 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$20/adults and \$12/students 18 and under. Reservations may be made with a Mastercard or Visa by calling 910-692-7118.

This special show is for the entire family that will be visiting you for the Thanksgiving weekend, so you don't want to miss

this show. Moore OnStage is pleased to sponsor the Boys and Girls Club of the Sandhills

and thanks its sponsor The Neighborhood Dry Cleaners.

Creative Christmas Table

Moore County Extension & Community Association will hold their Creative Christmas Table Show Tuesday, December 8, at Little River Farms Resort Club House, Carthage. Admission \$3. Hours are 10:00 am - 5 pm.

Beautiful Christmas table arrangements will be displayed. These are works of art by local ladies and businesses.

Visit the "corner shops" including: The Country Store, Heritage Crafts & Christmas Shop, White Elephant Specials. Claxton Fruit will be available to purchase.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5. 1st Prize \$400 Cash, 2nd Prize \$100 Cash and 3rd prize a \$45.00 gift certificate - compliments of Bonefish Grill. You do not have to be present to win.

Proceeds will benefit the North Carolina 4-H Museum to be built at Camp Millstone near Ellerbe, NC.

Advance raffle tickets may be purchased from any member of Moore County Extension & Community Association. To purchase tickets call Priscilla 673-4214, Rose 400-5004 or Shirley 673-5778.

WSL Luncheon



Deputy Fire Chief Eddie Thomas accepts a donation from the Women of Seven Lakes from funds raised at the group's Fall Fashion Show Luncheon. Other local causes receiving donations included Seven Lakes EMS, West End Fire & Rescue, the Reading is Fundamental [RIF] program at Robbins Elementary School, and the Seven Lakes and Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Children's Christmas Parties.

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Interfaith Thanksgiving Service planned

Foxfire area communities of faith are joining hands and hearts and voices in an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Sunday,

November 22, at 4 pm. This year's worship service will be hosted by Jackson Springs Presbyterian Church at the corner of NC Hwy 73 and Hotel Street in Jackson Springs.

This is the fourth annual gathering sponsored by the Sandhills Jewish Congregation, the Congregational Church of Pinehurst, Jackson Springs Presbyterian Church, McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church and Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines. Representatives from the congregations

have planned this informal service to invite everyone from the West End, Foxfire, Seven Lakes and neighboring communities to worship together in a setting in which various faith traditions share their gratitude for the abundant blessings of this nation and the world.

Worshippers are asked to bring canned goods as a Thanksgiving Offering, which will be donated to the Sandhills Coalition for Human Care. In gratitude for plenty, help fill up the pickup for

those who are hungry in Moore County.

Familiar music of the church and synagogue, words from the Psalms and the prophets along with offerings of prayer, voice and stringed instruments, will

combine to provide worshippers an opportunity to share with one another in gratitude and thanksgiving. Refreshments will be served following the service. For more information contact 673-7630.

MooreFit Turkey Trot is next Saturday

This year, organizers of the 29th Annual Turkey Trot, hosted by the FirstHealth Center for Health & Fitness-Pinehurst, will partner with MooreFit to encourage local businesses and their employees to participate in one of the event's four featured races. The 2009 Turkey Trot is set for Saturday, November 21.

MooreFit was created as a means for Moore County businesses to challenge their employees to become more active and health conscious. The 2009 Ready, Set, Trot challenge encourages prospective participants to commit and train to run or walk one of the Turkey Trot races. Competitions among businesses as well as individual prizes will be awarded as part of the challenge.

The Turkey Trot is a featured Moore County program that draws more than 1,000 runner/walkers to the community each year. The one-day event features a one-mile fun run/walk, 5K, 10K and half-marathon. The USATF/RRTC-certified courses begin on the campus of the Center for Health & Fitness and wind through scenic Pinehurst before ending back at the fitness center. Participation is suitable for serious runners who want to take on the challenging half-marathon or for walkers who prefer the one-mile or 5K courses.

Registration can be done online at www.active.com or at the Center for Health & Fitness. Registration and packet pick-up will be Friday, November 20, from 6 to 8 pm or Saturday, November 21, at 7 am at the race site.

For more information, call 715-1843 or e-mail race director Jodi Heimrich at jheimrich@firsthealth.org

Ray Ogden at Lions

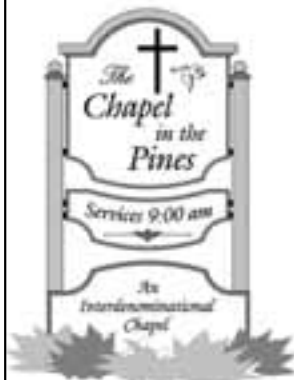


Ray Ogden, Executive Director of Moore County Partners in Progress updated members on the businesses and industries that have been attracted to Moore County in the past couple of years at the October 1 meeting of Seven Lakes Lions.

Above, Second Vice President John While welcomes Ogden.

New members are always welcome. Meetings are the first and third Thursday of the month at 6 pm at the West Side Community Center. For info Call Howie 673-2087 or Keith 673-2611.

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Editorial

Do the right thing

A few weeks ago, in this space, we asked the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors, as they move toward a decision on Community Management; to share more detailed information on the options they are considering; to provide additional formal opportunities for community input; and to make sure, once the decision is made, that landowners know how each director voted.

In the days that followed the publication of our editorial, SLLA President Randy Zielsdorf scheduled another input session during a regular Board meeting, pledged that the final Board vote on the matter would be held in open session, and indicated that the Board would justify its action with facts and figures once the decision was made.

He got it half right.

Landowners can provide truly useful input into a Board decision only when they have full access to information and a clear idea of the options the Board is considering. That's why the two input sessions the Board has already held on this issue have produced some heat but little light, lots of questions and few answers.

We can do better than this.

Our previous editorial on this subject was long and somewhat complicated. So let us make it short and simple this time. Here's what needs to happen:

1. The SLLA Board should finish the information-gathering, interviewing, bid-collecting phase of its process.

2. Some member or members of the Board — perhaps Director Kent Droppers, since he's the point-man on this project — should assemble the results of that process into a brief but fact-filled document that can help both Board members and landowners understand the options.

3. That document should be shared with the landowners.

4. After giving both the Board and members at least a week to digest that information, the Board should hold a well-publicized public hearing in which Directors take input and answer questions from the membership.

5. Board members should take note of the input gathered and questions raised in that public hearing, as they make their final decision in an open session.

It's simple:

"Here's what we know. What do you think? We'll take that under advisement."

We don't have to reiterate how important this decision is.

The SLLA Directors know this, which is why they have undertaken a careful, deliberative process toward making that decision. They have even offered multiple opportunities for public input.

Where they have failed, thus far, is in providing the public with enough information to make that input meaningful.

The time to do that is now.

Pinehurst'd

Darling Hubby's hometown was in the mainstream press last week — twice: a major accomplishment for this ice cube-sized upstate berg.

First, the tongue-twisting, multi-syllable surname of its former mayor became the hottest new political verb — scoz-zo-fava'd!

Definition: "Italian for 'you've been tea-bagged.'"

And then, because of our twenty-four endless

loop of television factoids and the desperate search for any new angle, the second and considerably more famous icon of quirky Gouverneur, New York, also quickly made the rounds.

Yes, I'm talking about the imposing Pep-O-Mint Lifesavers roll that stands vigilant over the village green.

This massive monument to sugar was erected in honor of another native son, Edward John Noble. A whip smart entrepreneur who developed the unique, flavor-saving foil Lifesavers wrapper, Noble grew the company from a \$2,900 purchase to an \$11.5 million mega-corporation in just ten short years. He also is credited with adding the hole in the middle: lest a child swallow the candy whole, they could still breathe.

Beyond cold, cows, and Scoz-zo-fava, Gouverneur doesn't have much to offer visitors so this cavity-inducing sculpture has a certain campy appeal.

Not so unlike our own giant Seven Lakes water tower-come-golf ball, one of just many oddly oversized attractions.

Want to see an enormous old-fashioned flat iron? Head for Asheville? Maybe you'd rather see the world's largest chest of drawers or a 13-foot Duncan Phyfe-style chair? Rose Hill boasts the world's largest frying pan, which can cook 365 chick-



Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

ens at once, and within a day's drive is a 300-foot tableau of the Ten Commandments.

I guess size really does matter, at least in North Carolina.

Which brings me to my point — well, not really — but I had to get here somehow. When is something big enough?

Seven Lakes seems just about perfect, at least to me. We've got stores, services, and restaurants all neatly and conveniently arranged around a central core. Amenities are plentiful and the population is dense and friendly.

The same could be said of our more famous neighbor ten miles east. Yet this historic village seems insatiable — continually grasping for more land, more water, and more political power.

With only a few minutes left on the fame clock for "scozzo-fava'd," it's time to start thinking about a new political figure of speech.

I submit "Pinehurst'd." Definition: "Southern slang for 'we're growing and you're going to like it, so be quiet!'"

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A farewell to two quiet Seven Lakes heroes

Dear Editor:

My heart has been heavy the last few weeks. Seven Lakes lost two of our "silent heroes."

"Silent heroes" are people who do for our community, but do not ask for a pat on the back for it.

We lost Ron Richmond several

weeks ago. His smiling face greeted me at the post office several times a week and it was also his smile that greeted me at the blood drive or reminded me I should be there when I did not go. He also was the one that gave my grandchildren their Ter-rific Kid Award while they were

at West End Elementary School. I saw him smile at each child as they proudly went on stage to receive their award. What a great way to encourage kids to be good citizens.

Just when I thought I could finally write my sympathy note to Mr. Richmond's family, I found out Jack Embler had passed away. Another silent hero who did much for our Seven Lakes community, but never expected recognition for it. I will miss his words of encouragement on the economy and just life in general. I will miss thinking I needed to clean out my car out before I went to get my dry cleaning,

because I hated for Jack to see the inside of my car.

I will miss these guys, as will Seven Lakes. No matter where they came from – these guys were true Southern Gentlemen.

Ron and Jack, we will miss you and thank you for a job well done!

Harriet Dowd-Wicker
West End

Knock on her door

My friend told me recently, "I'm back from a visit with an ailing friend. I'm so glad I went. I feel it might have helped just a little. Even that's good."

A squeeze of a hand, or a gentle hug when possible can supply an important supplement to doctoral measures on

the road to recovery. As can prayer.

I'll never forget the many visits I received from my concerned mates during a 15 month recovery from WW II wounds.

The kindness and tenderness of the nursing staff was indeed a major factor in the

reach toward a return to near normalcy as possible. Though duty bound to concentrate on steps to be taken, their caring was always present to supplement their skills.

Mason's Musings
Mason Gould



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Concerns & questions for SLLA Board

Dear Editor:

I've taken the opportunity to speak out about the community manager search at the last two open meetings of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association. On both occasions, I neglected to commend the Board for the time, energy, and effort they've put forth on this issue of appointing a new Community Manager. Having served on a few boards and associations, I know what a thankless job being a board member sometimes represents.

So, even though I disagree with their method of how this "search" is being conducted, the Board is still to be commended.

The first time, I spoke for myself and expressed my support for Chad Beane to be appointed the new community manager. At the second meeting, I spoke for over 100 residents of the Seven Lakes community that joined in placing a full page ad in this newspaper.

At the meeting, when I informed the Board that a small "committee" of three had secured this support for Chad in a matter of days, one of the Board Members expressed an interest in finding out how many ex-board members supported the ad.

Of 105 names, I've found that four were ex-board members, and I found none of them to be disgruntled. They all share the same concerns and questions, none of which have been answered by the Board. These include, but are not limited to the following:

- What change does the Board believe a management company or outside individual will make in our community? As we've all discovered from the national election, change just for the sake of change is not always good.

- Will our community be prettier, will the gate change, will the scenery improve, will the roads change, will our quality of life change?

- For all the younger families that now live here, will the recreational events and amenities that Chad Beane is so involved with, continue to have the "hands on" care that Chad delivers?

I believe the answer to all these questions is No. How many property owners are aware that

if a management company or "outside" individual becomes the next Community Manager, Chad Beane will be out, gone — with no opportunity to demonstrate how smooth the transition could be, or how well he could perform the duties of Community Manager. I also believe all office personnel will be replaced, and the Board doesn't have a definitive answer for those concerns either. And none of these employees will receive a "golden parachute."

We are concerned about seeing a number of employees, including Chad, lose their jobs in the present economy after the first of the year. For those loyal employees it is a devastating way to say "Happy Holidays."

Our committee believed that a petition with two or three hundred names would demonstrate to the Board Members how strongly a vast majority of property owners feel about this issue.

However, since I have been informed by the President of the Board that such a petition calling for a special meeting on this issue would not achieve anything beyond what has been accomplished and that the Board

would take into consideration the support of many property owners for Chad to become the next community manager, such a special meeting would only involve time and expense to the association.

Also, I've been informed that the special meeting will not alter the fact that the manager shall be chosen by the Board of Directors. So any petition is useless. It has never been my intention to cost this community any additional money for any reason, and that is another reason I personally oppose a management company. I see so much of this as an effort to "keep up" with the West Side, which is unnecessary especially when we have someone like Chad Beane to do the job.

When as few as three members of the Board can make these kind of important decisions for the property owners, perhaps it's time to reevaluate the power of the Board and consider a change to the By-laws, Rules & Regulations.

Jordan Rhodes
Seven Lakes North

November events at St. Mary Magdalene

The Gallery is hosting an Open House for the new gallery show, on Wednesday, November 18 from 1 to 4 pm. Artists will be present to answer any questions about their medium and technique.

The gallery is hosting a special showing of some of the Project Linus Blankets made by many women during the past year.

The blankets will be distributed to children in need in the area.

St. Mary Magdalene is also hosting their 8th Annual Merry

Holiday Market on Saturday, November 21, 9 am to 3 pm. Local artisans will have their treasures for you to buy for your one stop Christmas shopping.

Plan to support your local artists this holiday season.

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SLLA Board working hard to choose wisely

Dear Editor:

In my opinion, the Seven Lakes Landowners Association for years has been managed in a manner that has been detrimental to property values. It is no secret that I have been a critic of our community manager, Dalton Fulcher.

More recently, I have been an advocate of changing the way we

conduct business. For too many years, well-intended volunteers without the professional credentials have attempted to micro-manage the community.

Our manager has avoided responsibility and accountability by finding shelter behind Board and Board Committee decisions. There is no better example than the issues that we are just hear-

ing about Sequoia dam. Without past Boards to blame and hide behind, Fulcher would, or at least should, be fired immediately for not recording years of data from the piezometers (a small diameter observation well used to measure hydraulic head of ground water) that were ignored for years. This is only one example of many when no one has

been accountable for poor performance.

Good people in the community are making a public effort to assure that Chad Beane is named community manager. Everyone should realize that each member of the Board will give Beane every consideration. To state it differently, the Board will hire Beane unless in their due diligence they find an option that clearly is better for the community.

Based on public reports, this Board is also taking a hard look at cost, job responsibility, management accountability, and the role Boards should play in day to day operations. Everyone should realize that these reviews are essential. Some may not realize

that these reviews also significantly increase the scope of issues to consider in selecting a manager or management group.

By-law 5.1 says: "The Manager shall be chosen by the Board of Directors." The reason this responsibility is given to the Board is because they and only they have access to all of the information on which an informed decision should be based.

This Board is working hard to make the proper choice. I commend them for recognizing the need for an all inclusive comparative examination of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association's business model with other options.

D. Alan Shaw
Seven Lakes South

Celebration of Seagrove Potters next weekend

The Second Annual Celebration of Seagrove Potters Gala will be Friday, November 20. Held indoors at the historic Luck's Bean Plant in Seagrove, the Gala is a chance for visitors to meet the artists and enjoy the opening night festivities of this fabulous event where guests have first privilege to browse and purchase from the thousands of pottery pieces, sip a favorite beverage and enjoy abundant hors d'oeuvres while listening to the jazz band.

Patrons also have the opportunity to bid on a select collection of unique, collaborative pieces. The highly successful venture of teaming Seagrove artists to produce highly collectable, one-of-a-kind pieces was very popular last year. The auction starts at 8 pm Friday evening. Tickets are \$35 per person and must be purchased in advance. They may be purchased on-line at www.celebrationofseagrovepotters.com.

Saturday, November 21, the show is open from 9 am to 6 pm and continues on Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm.

A second fundraising auction of Seagrove pots will be held at 4 pm Saturday. Food and beverage vendors will be on site. A special Kids area (only kids allowed in to buy authentic Seagrove pottery at kids prices) will raise funds to be donated to the local county schools' art departments, demonstrations and educational opportunities will be available, and much more.

The Celebration is unique because it is a showcase of only the artists of Seagrove, an area that covers the three-coun-

ty corner region of Randolph, Moore and Montgomery counties. Over 85 of the Seagrove potters that earn their living making pottery in the local Seagrove community will be participating in the annual event. Seagrove pottery has long been known for its collectability and the Seagrove name is recognized worldwide.

The town of Seagrove is located

at the intersection of NC Business Highway 220 and NC Highway 705.

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Commissioners

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were likely to be different from those of the Public Safety Building and Jail, which should help alleviate any parking overload.

Chairman Picerno offered a motion to approve the revised design and Commissioner Caddell seconded it. Prior to the vote, Commissioner Morgan said the building design had in fact been improved, but that she continued to oppose the location of the building.

Commissioner Lea said the county still faces the need to build a courthouse — ideally near the new detention center. "Parking is going to be a major issue," he said.

"One of the suggestions that has been made by the County Manager. . . is that we can just tear down some of the existing buildings that we have and use that area for parking space," Lea said, adding that, "when you start tearing down building that were built with taxpayer dollars, they get a little bit sensitive about that."

Lea said the location of the Administration Building would force future Boards to make some difficult decisions when the time comes to build a new courthouse.

"If you hang onto a building . . . you are just asking for more expense down the road to keep up the old buildings," Commissioner Caddell countered, arguing that the fate of county-owned structures — whether repurposing, sale, or demolition — should be decided on a case-by-case basis.

When the time to vote came, Caddell, Picerno, and Melton voted in favor of the building design, with Lea and Morgan opposed.

Other business

In other business during their Monday, November 2 meeting, the Board of Commissioners:

- Called for a public hearing on text amendments to the county's zoning ordinance that would implement a new strategy for the placement of wireless communications towers. The new scheme would designate thirtens areas which will serve as the only permitted locations for taller unconcealed monopole towers up to 195 feet in height. Smaller concealed towers used

to fill in neighborhood service gaps would be allowed by right in other areas.

- Approved an application for a \$30,000 federal grant that the county would administer to help fund the Sandhills Farm to Table Cooperative — a new business aimed at connecting local farmers with local consumers.
- Approved an application by Moore County Schools to use \$55,000 in NC Educational Lottery funds to replace the sound system in Robert E. Lee Auditorium at Pinecrest High School. Lottery proceeds are collected by the state and set aside for each county, Finance Officer Lisa Hughes told the Board. Counties then make application for the use of those funds. Moore County's lottery account currently totals over \$1.5 million.
- Reappointed Dr. James Watson as the county's Animal Cruelty Officer.
- Approved a payment plan that will allow property owners and churches passed by extensions of the Moore County water system to pay tap fees in a series of payments instead of all at once.
- Approved the hiring of a

long range planner to assist Planning and Public Works in developing a long range plan for the county that includes both land use and future utilities expansions.

- Approved, contingent on the receipt of a grant from the NC Rural Economic Development Center, the purchase of a pasture aerator that may be rented by area landowners in a program administered by the county agricultural extension office.
- Heard during Public Comment from Ed Dennison, a Pinehurst resident, a plea that the County and Village attempt to repair their working relationship. "Please start talking with each other, so that we can get on with the business of what is best for Moore County," Dennison asked, noting he planned to make similar comments at a Pinehurst Village Council Meeting.
- Discussed the agenda for a half-day Board of Commissioners planning retreat scheduled for December 10. Among possible topics were redistricting, utilities tap fees, and Moore County Schools' building program.
- Heard from County Man-

ager McSwain that he is negotiating a contract for a study of the courts' facilities needs and should have a final proposal for approval at the next meeting of the Board.


Golf Capital Chorus looking for members

The Golf Capital Chorus will hold a guest night Monday, November 16, at 7 pm at Community Presbyterian Church, 125 Everette Rd., Pinehurst.

Guest night is an opportunity for anyone interested in the chorus to learn more about it. Guests will have the chance to hear the chorus and quartets, as well as learn some simple tags to sing.

The chorus always encourages membership, and it is especially important at this time of year, so that new members may begin learning next year's repertoire.

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before taking a final vote.

In the case of the rules revision, drafts of the document were posted on the Association website and made available in the landowners office for review by the public. Many landowners reviewed the drafts and made a variety of suggestions in emails and public comment periods at Board meetings — and many

of those suggestions were incorporated into the document.

A new draft was published, and the input process started all over again.

"The new procedure was a success," Legal Director Ed Silberhorn told *The Times* on Wednesday. "It gave the community opportunity for input, and much of that input was incorporated into the final document.

Bonus

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have already have budgeted it into their own budget, as hard as it [the economy] is, I think pulling it out and changing this policy at this time is not the right thing to do . . . From my point of view, the way we passed our budget, this issue was settled."

"From where I am sitting the economy is not any worse now than when we passed our budget," Picerno added.

"This was part of the package that our employees have been depending on," Commissioner Jimmy Melton said, though he agreed with Lea that layoffs are common in the private sector and "times are hard."

"Since we have decided to go forward with this, it may become necessary next year to do with less employees . . . If the economic downturn continues, there will be layoffs."

Commissioner Cindy Morgan

supported Lea's argument that the longevity money should be saved in order to prevent future layoffs.

"I would rather prevent layoffs by saving this money," Morgan said, "and that's exactly why I will vote to hold this money this year, so we can see if we are going to come out of this."

"I don't want to see us having to cut our work weeks, to cut our staff," Morgan added, "because they are already overworked anyway . . . They won't like it but they will be pleased to get up in the morning and have a job to go to."

When the time came to vote, Morgan and Lea voted to defer the benefit until next year, with Picerno, Melton, and Larry Cadell voting against.

As a result, the longevity benefit will be paid later this month at seventy-five percent of last year's budgeted levels.

Minor tweaks

Two small adjustments were made to the final draft of the rules and regulations during Tuesday's work session — small enough that Legal Director Ed Silberhorn felt they did not require another month of delay to allow for public input.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board added an exception to its rule prohibiting outdoor fires, allowing the use of both grills and chimineas — small, contained earthenware fireplaces — as long as the landowners uses them at his or her own risk and in accordance with applicable law.

The other change deleted a portion of the Standard Operating Procedures for use of the Association's pick-up truck, which Director John Hoffmann successfully argued was an administrative matter that didn't belong in the rules and regulations.

Over Hoffmann's objections that these too were administra-

tive in nature, the Board left in place procedures involving the recently-initiated Neighborhood Watch roving patrols.

The final draft of the new rules — after some adjustments to formatting — will be published on the SLWLA website and in new landowners handbooks that are given to new members of the Association.

General Meeting will become a Work Session

The Westside's traditional end-of-the-month General Meeting will be reformatted from an update on Board activities to a regular working session of the Board, beginning with the January 26, 2010 meeting, the SLWLA Directors decided during Tuesday's Work Session.

Director Karen Milligan suggested moving the current Tuesday morning (and often all-day) work session to the evening, in part to attract younger members, who may work during the day, to run for a seat on the

Board. This year's nominating committee continues to have difficulty finding candidates to stand for election to one of the three Board seats that will come vacant in March.

As President Ron Shepard polled the directors around the table, it became clear that opinions on night versus daytime meetings varied. But Board members were near unanimous in agreeing that the end-of-month General Meeting had outlived its usefulness.

Treasurer Kathy Kirst explained that the General Meeting made more sense as a monthly update for the membership when all of the Board's working meetings were held behind closed doors. But open work sessions, along with coverage by the SLWLA newsletter and *The Times*, made that update largely redundant, Kirst said.

"It never moves the ball forward," Director Silberhorn said of the General Meeting. "In fact

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it often moves us backward, because we can't do anything in that meeting."

"The general meeting is nothing more than an information packet being sent out to the community," President Ron Shepard said.

"The purpose of the evening meeting eludes me," Director Adam Wimberley said. "For me it is tantamount to showboating."

A number of Directors agreed that having two working sessions a month could cut down on the often day-long length of the current work session.

Milligan offered a motion to turn the end-of-month meeting into a work session and move the Tuesday morning work session to the evening hours. That motion failed to win approval, with only Milligan voting in favor. Silberhorn then offered an alternative, making both meetings working sessions of the Board, but leaving the schedule as is, with a 9:00 am meeting on the second Tuesday of the month and a 7:30 pm meeting on the fourth Tuesday. That motion passed with the support of seven of the nine directors.

Several directors, including legal Director Silberhorn, also advocating running the work sessions in stricter accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, so that discussion and debate are always focused on a specific motion for action.

"We shouldn't be brainstorming in a work session," Director Wimberley said in support of Silberhorn's point. "There are things that we can do to work more efficiently. Robert's Rules are one of the ways that has been proven to work."

Director Hoffmann suggested forming an hoc committee to explore means of making the meetings more efficient, but the Board took no action on that point.

Monthly Billing Approved

The Board approved a shift to monthly billing for landowners dues, and asked the Finance Committee to work out the details for implementing the change.

With the current annual billing for Dues, the Association collects almost all of its revenues in the first couple of months of the

fiscal year. Shifting to monthly billing will stretch the income out over the full year. Treasurer Kirst, concerned that ready cash will be needed to fund a number of capital projects expected to get underway in the early months of Fiscal Year 2010-2011, asked the Board to delay the shift to monthly billing until FY 2011-2012.

But many of her fellow directors argued that, particularly given the difficult economic times, the monthly billing option was a benefit the membership needed now. Director Silberhorn suggested offering a discount for those who continue to pay the full year's dues up front, and idea supported by a number of Board members.

Community Manager Joan Frost explained that, in other CAS-managed communities, landowners are given a monthly coupon book as an aide to keeping track of their dues payments.

After discussion the Board voted to begin monthly billing next May, asking the Finance Committee to work out the details and bring them back to the Board for approval. Thought both Kirst

and Silberhorn supported the idea of monthly billing, they voted against the motion on a procedural point, arguing that the recommendation should have come first from the Finance Committee.

Eliminating stickers

The Board appeared to be moving toward a decision to eliminate SLWLA windshield stickers next year, until Director Wimberley pointed out they had already, in effect, made that decision several weeks ago during their deliberations on the rules and regulations. Instead of the stickers, all landowners will use barcodes to gain access to the community.

John Goodman, who said his mother-in-law lives in Seven Lakes North, asked how, without stickers, the two Associations would be able to recognize each other's members' vehicles in order to allow easy reciprocal access.

After discussing the use of un-numbered stickers that didn't have to be replaced annually, guest cards, electronic proximity cards, or the barcodes themselves — since both Associations use the same barcode system —

the Board asked President Shepard and Security Director Hoffmann to explore options with representatives of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association.

New fees for boat and trailer storage lot

Treasurer Kirst reported that a committee evaluating fees for use of the boat and trailer storage lot had recommended that the current system — in which boats trailers are assessed one fee and recreational vehicles a much higher fee — be replaced with a new system in which all vehicles would be charged a fee based on the number of spaces they occupy in the lot

The new system will be implemented in the FY 2010-2011 fee

schedule, which is approved by the Board along with the budget for the coming year.

Pool management decision pending

Community Manager Frost presented a number of options for managing the Westside swimming pool next year, ranging from a full complement of lifeguards staffing the pool during the same hours as this past summer to a no-lifeguard operation with only a "gatekeeper" to control access.

The costs ranged from a low of \$16,600 for the barebones no-lifeguard option to \$45,600 — plus as much as \$20,000 for swimming pool liability cover-

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age — for the fully-staffed option. Director Mick Herdrich explained that CAS had covered the cost of the pool liability insurance this year, but in future years would pass that along to the Association.

"One of the real decisions is around lifeguards," Herdrich said. "The trend is to get rid of lifeguards because they are very, very expensive." He noted that Pinehurst, Pinewild, and Beacon Ridge Country Club have no lifeguards. The Seven Lakes North pool is one of the few in the area that has lifeguards, he said.

Herdrich also distributed some detailed breakouts on usage of the pool by hour and day collected over this summer's swimming season.

The Board asked Herdrich and Frost to develop a firm recommendation — perhaps with one alternative — for pool operations next season. Herdrich said he would email that recommendation to Board members within a week.

Security

Director Hoffmann reported that his Security Committee recently met with Moore County Sheriff's Detective Sergeant Eric Galloway, a Northsider who has been assigned Seven Lakes as part of his primary area of focus.

The Emergency Egress Plan is in near-final form, Hoffmann reported, noting that he is working with Ray MacKay and Gerhard Hergenbahn to identify one or two additional outlets that could be used in the case of an emergency or natural disaster.

Hoffmann said he has a contract in place with Short's Electric to upgrade the lighting and motion sensors at Johnson Point.

Other Business

In other business during Tuesday's Work Session, the SLWLA Board:

- Unanimously approved a motion by Director Herdrich that rested budget and operational responsibility for West Side Park in the hands of the Community Manager. Herdrich, who had been asked by the Board earlier in the year to take on responsibility for West Side Park, said he

believed that job should be handled by the manager. "This goes along with going from the tactical to the strategic on the board," Director Silberhorn said, in response to Herdrich's recommendation. "The more than we can go to a strategic rather than tactical emphasis, the more easily we can attract people to serve on the Board and the more we can delegate operational responsibility to the manager."

- Heard from Herdrich that a "final sweep of the lake" had found fifteen boats with no stickers. All the boats, it turned out, were registered, but the

owners had not applied their SLWLA stickers. Herdrich said the ticketing system made available in the revised rules and regulations will make enforcement easier.

- Unanimously approved the appointment of Pete Chase as Deputy Chairman of the Compliance Committee. Director Wimberly asked the Board to approve the creation of the Deputy Chair position — as they had done for the Architectural Review Committee — in order to provide continuity of operations as the Board member in charge of that function changes from year to

year.

- Heard from Community Manager Frost that the hours of operation at the yard waste site will be cut back to 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm beginning December 5. The facility will be closed on the Saturdays after Thanksgiving and Christmas. Regular Saturday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm hours will resume on March 6.
- Heard from Frost that the company currently used for July 4 fireworks is projecting an increase in their price to \$14,500 for next summer. Frost said she has made contact

with the fireworks company used by the SLLA and hopes they will offer a better price.

- Heard from Community Activities Director Karen Milligan that the key date for the Seven Lakes West Christmas Kick-off is December 6. Activities for both children and adults will take place on that date, beginning at 1:00 pm.
- Heard from Director Goodman that work to address drainage issues on Longleaf Court is now complete, with Timber Ridge and Otter Drive next in line.

Churches host Community Thanksgiving Service

A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 22 at 7:00 pm at First Baptist Church of West End at 5205 NC Hwy. 211.

Dr. Won Namkoong, Pastor of West End United Methodist Church will deliver the sermon, and the West End Presbyterian Church Choir will provide music for the service.

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