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Melinda Scott - SLLA



Bud Shaver - SLLA



Charles Mims - SLLA

Scott, Shaver, & Mims take SLLA seats

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

Melinda Scott and Charles Mims were elected to the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors in elections finalized at the Sunday March 29 Annual Meeting, along with incumbent Director Bud Shaver, who will serve a second two-vear term.

An organizational meeting to elect officers for the upcoming fiscal year was scheduled for Thursday, April 1, at 10:00 am.

Scott, a current member of the Architectural Review Board [ARB], drew the highest number of votes at 295, followed by, Shaver [248], Mims [226], Bob Racine [156], Charles Hannel [119], and former SLLA President Don Truesdell [79].

A total of 380 landowners cast ballots in the election. That compares with 539 voting last year, when a dues increase was on the

Priority 1: New Management

Working through the decisionmaking and interview process to select new management was the top priority this past year,

President Randy Zielsdorf said, thanking his fellow directors for the extra time, attention, and effort that was required. He also thanked and recognized the SLLA staff for maintaining their focus and allowing the day-to-day operations of the Association to smoothly continue.

"After hours of discussion and many meetings, in the end, the Board was united in selecting Talis Management Group. They have only been on-the-ground running since February 1, and I am initially extremely impressed with [new Community Manager]

Alina Cochran and Talis," said Zielsdorf.

Looking ahead, Zielsdorf said priorities for the incoming Board will be to evaluate the new system of governance and also to look for ways to provide better continuity from one Board term to the next. Evaluating the community's aging infrastructure needs and developing appropriate reserve savings levels are also on the Board's to-do list.

"Roads should remain our top priority, but this is a thirty-five year old community: our pool is aging,

(See "SLLA," p. 31)

Westsiders reject, yet approve budget

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

An overwhelming majority of Westside voters have rejected the proposed Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] budget.

Unfortunately for budget opponents, their majority was not overwhelming enough to actually disapprove the budget, with its hefty increases in landown-

Reporting the results of balloting during the Association's Sunday, March 21 Annual Meeting, Secretary Ed Tuton reported that 690 landowners had voted against the budget, with only 300 voting to approve, a 70/30 margin.

But the North Carolina Planned Community Act [NCGS Chapter 47F), the state law under which Seven Lakes West is organized, deems a budget ified unless at that meeting a rejected only if a majority of landowners — not simply a majority of those landowners who happen to vote — vote against it.

The relevant text from the Act puts it like this: "The budget is rat-

majority of all the lot owners in the association or any larger vote specified in the declaration rejects the budget."

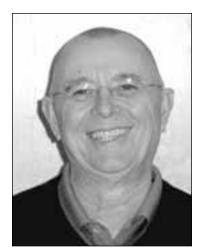
Tuton said 1,712 lots were eligible to vote (each Westside lot carries one vote, no matter how

many people own it or live on it.) That means it would have taken 857 votes against the budget for it to be disapproved. Budget opponents came up 167 votes short.

So the proposed FY2010-2011 (See "Westside," p. 30)



Mick Herdrich - SLWLA



Joe Sikes - SLWLA



Jane Sessler - SLWLA

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'Town of Seven Lakes' is bigger than expected

In the short time since *The Times* broke the story of the incorporates even lakes.com movement, there as been the outpouring of support from the public that the committee in charge had hoped for.

Over 120 citizens signed the petition in the first seven days, another 75 picked up information packages from Phoenix Fashions, and over 300 visited the informative web site.

The Forum page on the site, designed to let citizens with internet capability ask their pertinent questions or make their personal comments has started to draw postings. The give and take communication necessary to arrive at a satisfactory concept

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Oct. 29	Oct. 22
Nov. 12	Nov. 5
Nov. 23*	Nov. 18*
Dec. 10	Dec. 3
Dec. 22*	Dec. 16*

*Early publication or deadline due to holiday.

of what our town should be has begun.

The large map clearly showing the lots and streets which are to lie within the boundaries of the

> Town of Seven Lakes has been received and is

\$75,000 income. In keeping with the committee's stated goal of limiting the impact of incorporation on the pocketbooks of the citizens of Seven Lakes, a revised budget now appears online at www.incorporatesevenlakes.com which shows a large reduction in

duly elected officials to do our bidding any time an issue of importance to Seven Lakes comes before the county commissioners. An equal footing against views that are contrary to the best interest of Seven Lakes is all people are seeking. The scratch, but appear determined to get it right. Eight to ten miles per gallon patrol cars don't appear to be too popular with people that have expressed their views thus far.

The committee is still seeking volunteers that want to help explore the possibilities that incorporation has to offer, and design the systems and services that will make it a success.

The process of speaking to clubs and groups has begun and the commitment to speak with all groups, large or small, is still on the table.

All contact info is available online or by visiting one of the sites where petitions are available. Southern Grace Florist and Lee-Moore Insurance have been added to the original locations.

ncorporateSevenLakes.Com

by Darrell Marks

on display at Phoenix Fashions. A big, pleasant surprise arrived with the map, as the county assessed the value of property within the town's proposed borders at nearly \$1 Billion.

While perhaps making us a larger target for aggressive neighbors, this figure also means that the state mandated property tax of 5 cents per \$100 of property value will yield an additional

the Fire District tax charges to those who will live within the town limits.

As expected before going public, the number one issue on people's minds thus far has been the undesirability of any eventual expansion of control over any part of our community by another municipality.

Following a close second had been our citizens' desire to send

development of a locally focused and directed police force and the ability to control the types of businesses that can locate in the town while encouraging a wider selection of businesses and services have also been steady subjects of conversation. In these two areas, many people seem to relish the opportunity to create something from

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Westside Board will review budget April 6

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

For newly-elected Westside Treasurer Joe Sikes, his first couple of weeks in office may be more a baptism by fire than a honeymoon.

It falls to Sikes to review and make recommendations on a budget that was technically approved at the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Annual meeting, but so unpopular that it was rejected by seventy percent of those landowners who voted.

Officers elected

Sikes was elected Treasurer during a Friday, March 26 special organizational meeting of the SLWLA Board. Both the election of officers and committee appointments were handled in a single omnibus motion offered by Director Ed Silberhorn and approved by acclamation.

Ron Shepard will continue to serve as Westside President, with John Hoffmann continuing as Vice President and Ed Silberhorn serving as Vice President for legal affairs.

Returning director Karen Milligan was elected Secretary and will, in that role, oversee the work of the Area Representatives and the Communications Committee.

Other committee assignments remained largely the same as last year, aside from newly-elected Director Jane Sessler taking over Community Activities from Milligan. Other assignments include:

 Adam Wimberly: Architectural Review and Community Standards.

- John Goodman: Infrastructure.
- Mick Herdrich: Lake Committee, Dam Committee, and Human Resources Committee.
- Hoffmann: Safety & Security Committee and Neighborhood Watch.
- · Sikes: Finance Committee.

Budget Review Pending

SLWLA landowners have never turned down a budget approved by the board in the eight years since the Westside Associations merged in 2002, nor have a majority of those voting at the annual meeting ever rejected a budget. That left Legal Director Ed Silberhorn with no precedent to follow in advising the Board how to deal with the decisive rejection of the proposed FY2010-2011 budget.

The relevant clause in the bylaws, contained in the description of the Treasurer's duties, says simply: "in the event a majority of those Members voting reject the proposed budget,

the Treasurer and Directors shall immediately review the budget "

Spinning out the implications of that wording, Silberhorn in

for landowners dues could simply be reduced proportionately. That change, he added, could be made by the Board without returning a revised budget to

"The public voted it down, from a purely democratic point of view, so the public should have a right to comment before the review is set in stone."

- Westside Legal Director Ed Silberhorn

Friday's meeting recommended that Sikes immediately convene his Finance Committee to review the proposed budget and produce a set of recommendations to present to the Board. The Board, in turn, will review Sikes' recommendations, take public comment on the matter, and decide whether to accept, modify, or reject them.

Should the Board decide to reduce expenditures or the amount of money allocated to reserves in FY2010-2011, Silberhorn said, the monthly billing

the membership for another vote — which could be a time-consuming process.

Director John Hoffmann forcefully objected to the process Silberhorn laid out, nearly being ruled out of order not simply by the President but by a full vote of the Board. Hoffmann argued that the full Board should discuss the annual meeting vote and its implications before the Treasurer and Finance Committee began their review.

"I would have thought we would come back together as a body," Hoffmann said, "and Joe [Treasurer Sikes] would know what the others of us feel."

Sikes assured Hoffmann that he would discuss the budget with Board members individually: "I cannot imagine that I would proceed with some review process without touching base with every Board member," Sikes said, "Without asking 'What was your process? How do you feel about the vote?"

Silberhorn was adamant that the Treasurer's review should go forward before any deliberations by the Board as a group. "It's supposed to be a fresh review," he explained. "From an legal point of view, we can't be heard to have prejudged the result. After a public hearing, then we

(See "Budget," p. 29)

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NCDOT plans second hearing on RR crossings

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

Remember last year's blockbuster railroad crossing debate? Here's a quick plot refresher: The NC Department of Transportation [NCDOT] wanted to close two railroad crossings in West End and upgrade the crossing at Seven Lakes West. Some folks loved the idea; some folks hated the idea. The County dipped its toe in the water with an unfavorable letter to NCDOT. Scores of folks turned out for a public meeting at West End Elementary. The County rapidly pulled its toe out of the water. NCDOT said "It's our decision anyway," and "there's a 99.99 percent chance" that the project will move forward.

And that was that.

But, these days, every block-buster gets its sequel — and NCDOT's Transportation Improvement Plan No. Y-4808C, the West End-Seven Lakes Rail Corridor Safety Project, is apparently no different. The department will host a drop-in Citizen's Information Workshop on the project at West End Middle School on Monday, April 19, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

"It's very important for anyone with an interest in the project to come out," Engineer Nancy Horne, NCDOT's manager on the project, told *The Times*.

The last public information workshop on the crossing project attracted more than 200 residents to WEE on December 2, 2008. Proponents and opponents of the plan huddled around cafeteria tables, studying maps that showed which crossings were to be closed and which upgraded.

That strong degree of public interest helped convince NCDOT to move forward with the project, Horne told *The Times* at the time. It also made the second meeting planned for April almost inevitable.

The technical reason for meeting is the preparation of an environmental review required under the National Environmental Policy Act, because the project will be paid for with federal railway safety funds. But the NCDOT officials who will be in attendance want to hear about both environmental and community impacts of the proposed cross-

ing closings and upgrades, Horne

Design drawings for the project are not yet available, because the environmental documents must be filed before any federal monies can be spent on the project, but the basic plan is to close the crossings at Edgewood Terrace and Mode Road in West End, while upgrading the crossing at the Lakeway Drive entrance to Seven Lakes West with new signals and gate arms. Minor upgrades to crossings in between are also included in the project.

Larger trucks traveling east through West End on NC Highway 73 often use the Mode Road intersection — which has a traffic signal — as a shortcut, instead of attempting to make a left turn with no signal at the intersection of NC73W and NC211, and then a tight righthand turn at the intersection of NC211 and NC73E, at the stoplight. Closing the rail crossing on Mode Road means NCDOT will have to alter that intersection to accommodate big trucks after taking away their shortcut.

NCDOT has hired the engineering firm Moffat & Nichol to design the project, once the environmental documentation

is all in place.

NCDOT Environmental Engineer Marc Hámel sent a letter on March 12 seeking input from the Moore County Board of Commissioners — including any permits or approvals required by the county. He noted that Moore County is home to four species listed as endangered by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, including the red-cockaded woodpecker, the Cape Fear shiner, American chaffseed, and Michaux's sumac.

Chairman Tim Lea mentioned the letter during a March 18 Work Session, but made no comment about whether the county planned to weigh in on the matter

The April 19 session at WEE is expected to feature an informal, drop-in format that allows interested parties to stop by, review whatever maps and descriptions of the project are available, and speak one-on-one with NCDOT staff.

Those who can't attend — or who want to follow-up on questions or comments raised at the meeting — will be able to submit written input.

Horne said there will likely be a thirty-day window for public input following the meeting. Comments may be emailed to Marc Hámel at mhamel@ncdot.gov or sent via USPS to Marc Hamel, Project Engineer, 1553 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1553. Hamel's phone number is (919) 733-7245, extension 270.

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Serving the community – with love

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

To bring service and love out into the community...That is the simple but generous purpose of The Chapel in the Pines Outreach Ministry.

"The Chapel is an interdenominational community of worship and the Outreach Ministry is simply an extension of that mission," explained The Rev. Fran Stark, who oversees the program alongside coordinator Lucy Ingram.

Now in its third year, the program matches volunteers with resident needs. And with sixty volunteers ready to go, the Outreach Ministry is able to offer a plethora of services including emergency and general medical or grocery store transportation, pharmacy delivery, basic handyman functions, and trash and mail pick-up.

"We assist seniors and families – our services are for anyone who needs them no matter their religion or whether or not they go to church," said Stark.

"Many people are unaware of the many services we can offer, but one thing we've worked hard at is connecting adult children who live out of town with our senior residents," she explained.

Many area residents are choosing to stay in their homes for longer periods, but may not know where to go for assistance. Stark said this is where the Outreach Ministry is ready to step in.

"If the Outreach Ministry can-



Reverend Fran Stark

not help you, we will help find the telephone numbers and contacts of those who can," Stark said.

In addition to assisting residents, the Ministry also sponsors holiday parties and special events

for both volunteers and those served, and host a very successful Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group. Held the third Tuesday of each month at 3:00 pm in The Chapel, this hourlong support program provides time for sharing and education opportunities, plus respite care so caregivers may attend.

Additional volunteers are welcome and those in need of services are encouraged to call Fran Stark at 673-5493.

Concert benefits Noah Jones

Young Noah Jones has an amazing capacity to touch the hearts of those he encounters, and the latest such example is a big benefit concert coming up featuring recording artists Robin and Linda Williams on Saturday, April 10, at the Robert E. Lee Auditorium at Pinecrest High School.

The concert's proceeds will go to pay medical expenses incurred in young Noah's multiple treatments and surgeries.

Robin and Linda Williams are a husband-wife duo. They sing frequently on Garrison Keillor's Prairie Home Companion radio show on National Public Radio. Their music is a hearty blend of bluegrass, folk, old time and

acoustic country. They have crisscrossed the continent (and beyond) for more than three decades, and their music brings joy and smiles to those in the audience.

In addition, a local blue grass band, Blue Horizon, will kick off the April 10 concert with its own wonderful bluegrass talents.

The band includes Phillip Hearne on guitar and lead vocals, his brother Joel Hearne on bass and lead vocals, Rodney Haywood on the five-string banjo, Jeffery Greene on mandolin and tenor vocals, and fiddle player Tim Furr.

Tickets for the 7 pm concert are \$20 and can be purchased online on a special web site designed for the concert, Robinandlinda.net.

More information about the concert is available at the web site as well.

Tickets also can be purchased at the Sandhills Winery shop in Seven Lakes Plaza, near the entry to Seven Lakes West.

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Sponsored by the Seven Lakes Business Guild, this popular fundraising event will benefit village road maintenance projects. The Cook-Off will be held at the corner of Grant and Trade Streets

Tag Sale to benefit Moore Humane

Join Moore Humane Society on Saturday, April 17, 8 am - 12 pm noon, at First Casualty Insurance Group office parking lot, located 190-A Turner Street in Southern Pines. Please call 692-3463 for more information or for directions.

This is the third year that First Casualty Insurance Group (FCIG) has graciously hosted this event and they are hoping this will be the biggest and most successful one yet! They will have a little bit of everything for sale furniture, clothes, pet supplies and more!

Plus - everyone can register to win a \$50 gift certificate to PetSmart, courtesy of First Casualty Insurance Group!

All proceeds will benefit Moore Humane Society in "Saving Moore Animals!"

Moore Humane is looking for donations for the event. If you have gently used items you would like to donate, please drop them off at FCIG no later than Wednesday, April 14. For more information, please call 692-3463 or savingmooreanimals@embarqmail.

And be sure to spread the word to family and friends of about the Tag Sale!

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Business Guild recognizes charter members

The Seven Lakes Business Guild is celebrating its fifteenth year of service to the Seven Lakes area. To the surprise of no one in attendance at a recent meeting of the Guild, thirteen current members were recognized as also having been Charter members back in 1995.

Charter members are Boles Funeral Home, Beacon Ridge Country Club, Crouch Machinery, Evergreen Lawn Maintenance, First Bank, JuBilee Screen Printing, K.R. Mace Electric, Lee-Moore Insurance, Master Kleen, Phoenix Fashions, Seven Lakes Country Club, Seven Lakes Hardware, and Whelan Realty. These members, and several other businesses that joined within the first four years of the Guild's existence, were rewarded with new Business Guild stickers recognizing them with Gold Member status.

As the first initiative of a new Promotions Committee, each Guild member will receive yearly a colored emblem to signify the length of their service to the Guild and community. Members with five or less years of service are now designated as Bronze Members. Members with between 6 and 10 years of service are designated as Silver Members. Next year, those same thirteen Charter members will be eligible to become the first Platinum members.

Once all members have received and displayed their new emblems, a contest will be announced in The Times, with a

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The Promotions Committee is charged with the responsibility of making sure that the Guild not only works for

BIZ Beat

Darrell Marks Seven Lakes **Business Guild**

Phoenix Fashions.

In other news from the Guild, spring has come — and with it the opportunity to finally fix the potholes caused by the bru-

tal winter. Bill McNeill of JuBilee Screen Printing is coordinating the repair work, presently budgeted at over \$1000. Looking for a longer range solution to the sub par condition of the Village District roads, Phil Cook of Carolina Car Care is getting bids on the next stretch of roads to be oiled and graveled. Last year's project cost over \$11,000.

The Guild is actively seeking

lic are but a few of the areas of interest to the committee. The inaugural members of

this group are Sherri Adams of

CommunityOne, Chris Brady of

FirstBank, Serena Gonzalez of

BB&T, and Darrell Marks of

to expand its membership to help pay for such projects.

Businesses wanting to help in this effort, and benefit from the good works planned by the Promotions Committee, can contact Vann Joyce at Quality Care Pharmacy.

A special thanks from the Guild membership is directed to Greg Hankins at The Times for his generous offer to help promote the many local businesses of the Guild.

Biz Beat is a new column that we hope will become a monthly feature in The Times, helping our readers keep up with the goings-on in the Seven Lakes-West End business Community. To join the Guild call Vann Joyce at 910-673-3784.



Seven Lakes, but that the Guild also works for its members.

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Seven Lakes Emergency Medical Service, Inc. is a volunteer ambulance squad that serves the Greater Seven Lakes area including McLendon Hills and Carolina Equestrian Village. There are presently thirteen members, of which eight are Emergency Medical Technicians certified by the State of North Carolina, one is a state certified medical responder, one is a resource member and the remaining three are in various stages of training.

These members carry a pager with them all of the time which alerts them when they are needed. Their state certification is in effect for a four year period. They are required to take a minimum of thirty-six hours of continuing education each year and must pass a skills test to renew their certification. Some of the members teach first aid and CPR which also keeps their skills sharpened. Seven Lakes EMS is always seeking additional volunteers.

Governance

Seven Lakes EMS is a nonprofit 501(c)3 Corporation which is governed by a board of directors which are elected by the membership for a one year term. The present board members are President Tim Bouchelle, Vice President Jim Haggard, Treasurer Chuck Ridenour, and Secretary Jane Wetsel. The board of directors sets the poli-

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cies of the organization and is responsible for running the organization. Chief Bob Haan is also elected for a one year term and is responsible for the daily operations of the squad and reports to the board of directors.



Specializing in Patient Care & Transport

The demographics of the Seven Lakes Area is such that most of the calls are to the homes of residents. Seven Lakes EMS is unique in Moore County in that they are the only squad that specializes in patient care and transport. This is not to say that the other rescue squads do not provide patient care and transport service but they do not make it their primary function. Other rescue squads provide crash rescue at automobile accidents and they cut vehicles apart with the "Jaws of Life" and perform other rescue functions. Seven Lakes EMS takes over patient care after the patient is removed from the threatening environment. In the Seven Lakes area the rescue function is handled by the fire departments with their specialized equipment and training.

Moore County Emergency Services operates on a dual dispatch protocol. This means that when there is a medical emergency the volunteer rescue squad or emergency medical service responds along with a Moore County Advanced Life Support Unit

The Seven Lakes Volunteers perform two functions. They are "first responders". It is important

to get a trained EMT on the scene as quickly as possible to evaluate the patient's condition. EMTs will respond in their own personal vehicle and go

directly to the patient which may be only a few blocks from the EMT's home. Any EMT that passes the EMS Base enroute to the patient will bring the Seven Lakes Ambulance. EMTs are trained to handle "basic life support" which means that they can evaluate, resuscitate, do CPR and defibrillate the patient if necessary.

If the first responder determines that the patient's condition is appropriate for transport with EMT level care the Advanced Life Support Unit may be cancelled. There are situations where the first responders and the paramedics on the advanced life support unit arrive simultaneously. In all cases when the paramedics arrive, they take charge of the patient care and the Seven Lakes EMTs will assist them

The second function that Seven Lakes EMS provides is patient transport to the hospital. If the patient's condition is appropriate, Seven Lakes EMS will transport and the advanced life support will remain available for other calls within Moore County. If the patient requires advanced life support, the paramedics will transport and they are able to start interveinous treatment, run electrocardiograms, and administer medications, etc. enroute to the hospital. If the patient is in critical condition, EMT's will ride with the paramedics to assist them and to drive their ambulance to the hospital.

There are times when a Seven Lakes EMS member will remain with the spouse or family to assure that they are able to cope with the situation and may even drive them to the hospital to be with their loved one.

Typical Calls

In 2009, Seven Lakes EMS ran a total of 455 calls. Volunteers responded to all but four of those calls, however the paid paramedics did cover them. Some typical calls are:

- Citizen's assist where someone falls at their home and they are unable to get up.
- Falls.

- Diabetic problems where the paramedics can often treat and release thereby avoiding a trip to the hospital
- · Difficulty breathing.
- · Chest pains or heart attack.
- Motor vehicle accidents.
- · Water emergencies
- Standby at structure fires to protect the fire fighters including mutual aid to other depts.
- Gunshot wounds
- Sporting and athletic accidents.
- Psychiatric problems.
- · Stroke.
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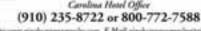
Not all of these calls required the patient to be hospitalized. Out of these calls, Seven Lakes EMS transported 53 patients to the hospital in 2009. The remaining patients that required hospitalization were transported by the Moore County Ambulance.

In addition to responding to emergencies, Seven Lakes EMS (See "EMS," p. 20)

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School Board approves FY2011 budget

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

Facing another year of significant budget cuts at the State level — including \$1.1 million in already approved reductions and the potential for \$1.7 million more — the Moore County Board of Education unanimously approved the \$105 million FY 2010-2011 Budget on Monday, March 29.

"We have looked at how we can move forward on our initiatives. We cannot allow a shortage of funds to stop the progress in our schools," said Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser, explaining her decision to pull money from the school's fund balance account to balance the budget. "We are trying to be as fiscally responsible as we can."

North Carolina is the largest funding source for Moore County Schools and the FY 2010-2011 budget includes \$57,938,131 in State funding, \$10,866,071 in Federal funding, \$4,834,000 in Child Nutrition, and \$30,842,000 in Local Funding including a county appropriation of \$27,422,145, which includes a \$1.3 million increase

over last year's request - a necessity Purser explained, to cover expenses incurred by opening the two new county school facilities and four building additions constructed this year [\$978,000], and to cover the local impact of State-approved benefit increas-

ing assistants of the early grades. Currently, Moore Schools employ 1,900 including fulltime and parttime staff.

This year those same cuts and rate increases remain, plus there is an additional \$1.1 million in new State cuts and still the

"We cannot allow a shortage of funds to stop the progress in our schools."

- MCS Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser

es; \$250,000 in retirement and \$125,000 in health insurance rates.

Last year, North Carolina cut \$6.9 million from the Moore County Schools budget; however, that burden was off-set by \$5.2 million in Federal stimulus funding — for a net State reduction of \$1.7 million. In addition, the schools budget had to absorb another \$773,000 into operating expenditures to cover the cost of increased utility, retirement, and health insurance rates. These combined financial shortfalls forced the elimination of fifty positions, including many teach-

potential for another three percent reduction – a final figure not built into the budget because, to do so, explained Purser, would require further reductions in staff.

"We have put together a very conservative budget but, at the same time, have kept our eyes on the prize. We have remained focused on what we need to do," said Purser.

Thus, technology improvements have been included in the budget, primarily replacement of teacher desktop computers with laptops and installation of wireless networking in all schools; however, no new

funding streams will be used. Instead, these initiatives will be accomplished using one-time State capital funds and earmarked Federal funds.

"We have to look at what we can fund and how we can do it. We are not able to move quite as rapidly with technology because we're looking at what is necessary and resources," said Purser.

Year-Round Schools Calendar Changes

Moore County students on the year-round calendar sched-

ule begin their academic year in July. Last year the Board approved a two-year calendar; however, later budget cuts at the State level forced a decision to reduce the Summer work week to four days: for a savings of \$8,000 each day.

"We were able to hold onto some positions with that money, but because of that change it forces an adjustment to our yearround calendar," said Purser.

The four 'lost' school days from July will be accounted for during the year, adding back in January 3-5, and March 17.

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> Mr. Campbell grew up in Akron and played semi-pro hockey for the Akron stars. He later served his country during the Korean

War as a Naval Seabee. He retired from Roadway Express after thirty-three years of service.

A Funeral Mass was held Saturday March 20, at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic

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tinue to honor SLLA decals and.

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Church, Southern Pines. Msgr. Frank J. Hendrick officiated A rite of committal will be held at later date

Mr. Campbell was preceded in death by his sister Patricia Campbell Mazzagatti.

Mr. Campbell is survived by his wife of 56 years, Barbara Pollock Campbell; sons, Michael Louis Campbell of Mooresville, James Douglas Campbell of Akron, OH, and Mark Allan Campbell of Phoenix, AZ; daughter, Judith Campbell Kantorowski of Essex Junction, VT; nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchil-

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made in memory of James Campbell to the Pope John Paul II Catholic School Building Fund, 320 North Ashe St., Southern Pines. NC 28387

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Westsiders need barcodes

by Joan Frost, Manager Seven Lakes West

Beginning May 1, Seven Lakes West's front window decals will no longer be a valid form of entrance into the West Side. To gain entry you will need to have a Bar Code.

To acquire a bar code, any Seven Lakes West Landowner will need to bring their vehicle and vehicle registration card to the office at West Side Park Community Center. The staff must place the bar code on the vehicle. The cost of a bar code is \$20 per vehicle, and this bar code is good for the entire time the owner owns this vehicle. A new bar code will need to be purchased anytime the owner replaces a vehicle, or buys an additional new or used vehicle.

Bar codes cannot be transferred.

The bar code system will allow a Seven Lakes West landowner access through the front and back gates. With the bar code, an owner will not need to stop at the gate house and obtain a "hang tag."

The bar codes are replacing all other past forms of entry into the community, such as the transponders, decals, etc. If you completed by May 1. still have a transponder, please bring it into the office and a bar code will be installed, at no charge, for that vehicle.

No other form of entry will be acknowledged after May 1.

Please come in and see the staff of West Side Park Community Center, so your entry into your community will run smoothly for you beginning May 1. The Office hours are: Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Entry to Seven Lakes North & South

For those of you who are concerned with entrance into Seven Lakes North and South, the office staff is working with the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] SLLA to see if there is any way to add Seven Lakes West bar codes to their system and Seven Lakes West can add their bar codes to our system. Each of person would then have access to both areas with a record kept of all those coming and going.

This is still in the planning stages and certainly will not be

NOTICE OF A CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF TWO RAILROAD CROSSINGS (EDGE-WOOD TERRACE DRIVE AND MODE ROAD) AND INSTALLATION OF CROSSING GATES AND SIGNALS AT THE LAKEWAY LANE RAIL-**ROAD CROSSING IN SEVEN LAKES**

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The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold the above Citizens Informational Workshop (CIW) on Monday, April 19, 2010, beginning at 5 p.m. and ending at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of West End Elementary School, 4483 NC Highway 211, West End, 27376.

This CIW will be held to gather public input in preparation of a federallyfunded project study, called a Categorical Exclusion (CE) that will document the impacts and benefits of closing several at-grade rail crossings along the NC 211 corridor. The public involvement and the CE are required under the National Environmental Policy Act, of NEPA, NCDOT representatives will be available in an informal setting to answer questions and receive comments about the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions also will be provided. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above mentioned hours. No formal presentation will be made.

NCDOT proposes to close two existing Aberdeen, Carolina & Western Raliroad crossings along the NC 211 corridor: Crossing No. 465 763W at State Road 1180 (Edgewood Terrace Drive), and Crossing No. 465 761H at State Road 1133 (Mode Road). The proposed closures are part of an effort to reduce the number of repititious and/or unsafe highway-rail at-grade crossings statewide. Improvements include installing crossing gates and signals at Crossing No. 465 751C at Lakeway Lane.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Marc Hamel, NCDOT Rail Division, Environmental and Planning Branch, at (919) 733-7245 x 270, or via email at mhamel@ncdot.gov or NCDOT Consultant Julie Timm of Moffatt & Nichol at (919) 781-4626, or via email at JTimm@moffattnichol.com.

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Gardeners have big Spring schedule lined up

by Brenda Yarish

Seven Lakes Garden Club

A well attended meeting of the Seven Lakes Garden Club was held on Thursday, February 11, at the North Clubhouse. President Vickie Bedders announced that the spring gateplanting would be on April 22 at the North & South side gates.

Pete Gulley, the featured speaker of the evening was introduced by Nancy Sherida. Gul-

You Can Learn to Sail!

The Seven Lakes Sailing Club is pleased to announce the opening of enrollment for the annual Learn-to-Sail Program. All residents of Seven Lakes, minimum age of seventeen (17), are eligible for enrollment.

The program is conducted annually for those persons who (1) would like to learn the basics of sailing, (2) wish to improve their current skills and/or (3) desire to use their sailing skills to race competitively on Lakes Auman or Sequoia.

No previous sailing experience is necessary as instruction will consider the needs and objectives of the individual student.

The program is scheduled to run Monday, June 14 through Friday, June 18, 8:30 am to noon. Instruction is conducted in a classroom setting located in a private residence on Lake Auman, and on the water in sailboats provided by the Club. The instructors are members of the Seven Lakes Sailing Club. Contact Bill Mamel (673-8970) or by email at wmamel@ nc.rr.com if interested in enrolling, or for further information.

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ley, owner of Gulley's Nurseries on Broad Street, Southern Pines, a graduate of Sandhills Community College Horticultural Dept., was offered employment at the White House but ultimately chose to stay in the Sandhills.

Gulley has observed that this has been an unusual winter - so cold for so long - but that doesn't seem to have done a lot of damage. He showed many living examples of plants and shrubs that have survived this winter some still blooming! Mr. Gulley advised the members on fertilizing and keeping pests and weeds at bay, as well as giving a pruning demonstration; he also shared a list of new varieties of plants that are now available. Handouts on planting and fertilizing in the Sandhills were provided.

Marisa Back gave an explanation of the Farm to Table program in Moore County. The initial cost is \$25, and then \$21 weekly for a carton of fresh fruits & vegetables. This program helps farmers keep their farms. We are asked to eat 10% locally, but it will more likely be 20% Sandhills produce.

Several events are planned for the Garden Club in the future and are available for members and nonmembers:

A tour, sponsored by the Sandhills Council of Garden Clubs, will be made to Pearls Topiary Garden in Bishopville, SC on Friday, April 16. Call Ann McAllister 295-7111 for details.

Laurie Odiorne has requested residents of Seven Lakes consider showing their gardens on this years Garden Tour which will be held Saturday, June 5. The Garden Club would like to see more participants from the North & South sides and are encouraged to join with residents from the West side in showing their gardens.

Nonmembers as well as Garden Club members are invited to

take part. Gardens do not have to be pristine, landscaped, design perfect, but interesting or unique. The tour is free and there will be a raffle. Volunteers are needed at each home and to put up signs. The goal would be to have ten or twelve gardens be on this years tour.

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Stites says she started seeing an increase in foreclosures in

Moore County early last year and the number of distressed property owners continues to grow in the area, which has not been hit as hard as many other areas of the country. Knowing how to help sellers maneuver the complexities of short sales as well as help buyers pursue short sale and foreclosure opportunities is essential to serving clients in the current market. The certification program includes training on how to qualify sellers for short sales, negotiate with lenders, protect buyers, and limit risk, and provides resources to help REALTORS stay current on national and state-specific information as the market for these distressed properties evolves.

Wikipedia defines a short sale as a sale of real estate in which the sale proceeds fall short of the

Shannon Stites

balance owed on the property's loan.[1] It often occurs when a borrower cannot pay the mortgage loan on their property, but the lender decides that selling the property at a moderate loss is better than pressing the borrower. Both parties consent to the short sale process, because it allows them to avoid foreclosure, which involves hefty fees for the bank and poorer credit report outcomes for the borrowers. This agreement, however, does not necessarily release the borrower from the obligation to pay the remaining balance of the loan, known as the defi-

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Shannon Stites resides in Seven Lakes with her husband, Chad, and their two children, Will and Alyson. She can be reached at 910-992-6231 or ShannonStites@gmail.com.

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Rev Balasko has a masters

degree in Exercise Physiology, and is currently working on her personal training certificate.

The six week Wellness Class will meet from 9:30 am - 11:30 am at the church and participants will learn nutritional information, exercise techniques, and hear a devotional.

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Staton is Vogue winner



Tara Staton, daughter of Alan and Beth Staton of Sorrento, FL and granddaughter of Vi Schlup of Seven Lakes North was featured in the March 2010 issue of Teen Vogue.

Tara won the Teen Vogue Snapshot contest. There were over 10,000 entries in the contest and voting was done on the Internet. She and her mother, received a three day trip to New York, for a photo shoot and some shopping.

Tara is a junior at Christian Home and Bible School in Mt. Dora, FL. She has participated in numerous school plays and local theater productions. She is a cheerleader and the Junior Class President.

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Seven Lakes Computer Club

At the third meeting of the Back to Basics topic, presented by Richard Kuehl of Sandhills Community College, the group learned how important it is to know the Computerese language. He handed out a self evaluation to test your skill level by answering questions.

To begin the presentation, he asked if anyone looked at the Internet Resources discussed at the last two meetings and if anyone had followed up on recommendations to backup important data. Kuehl explained the best way to handle Downloads

is by creating sub folders for Active, Installed and Hold.

He stated you should always say No to run when computer starts if asked. Microsoft Maintenance resources are located in the Start/All Programs/Accessories/System Tools. It is important to utilize them.

He gave a list of three free registry programs which he uses. It is recommended that you backup a registry before doing a cleaning. He encouraged everyone to learn more about computers, so they can use them for enjoyment, volunteer work and personal income. He highly recommended enrolling in some computer Continuing Education classes at Sandhills Community College. The courses cost \$65, but with a Senior waiver, you will only pay \$5.

The online courses Ed2go cost the same. What a deal, it's a great way to keep your minds sharp and also gain the ability to keep up with the grandchildren.

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West End Presbyterian is Farm2Table site

West End Presbyterian Church has agreed to become a distribution site for the newly developed Sandhills Farm to Table Cooperative and will be providing locally grown fruits and vegetables by subscription to all residents in the Seven Lakes/Foxfire/West End area. The mission of Sandhills Farm to Table Cooperative is to provide fresh, high quality produce to its members and to support local farmers by giving them a large, local market for their products. One mis-

sion of West End Presbyterian Church is to honor God by becoming better stewards of God's magnificent creation. The partnership between West End Presbyterian and Sandhills Farm to Table Co-op helps each a chieve those goals.

"As a church, we are thrilled to be a gathering site for the co-op," Larry Lyon, pastor of West End Presby-

terian, said. "Not only are we blessed with a great facility for it, but the whole project is in line with our commitment to caring for God's creation. Eating locally grown food is a needed movement throughout our country."

The Creation Caretakers Team of West End Presbyterian Church became aware of Sandhills Farm to Table Co-op last fall when Fenton Wilkinson, founder of SF2T spoke at an Adult Academy of Religious Studies seminar called "Faith and the Environment."

In his presentation Mr. Wilkinson spoke of how eating locally grown food saves on the use and the polluting byproducts of fossil fuels by transporting what we eat over shorter distances. He made it clear that one of the primary purposes of SF2T was to save family farms by giving local farmers an instant, local, and large market for their products.

One encouraging result of this would be to also strengthen our local economy by keeping our food dollars, the dollars that create local agricultural jobs, at home. Also, as the membership

of SF2T grows, farmers will be encouraged to grow their produce in more sustainable and creation friendly ways.

Folks like our local farmer, Billy Carter, are leading the way and having a local market for sustainable produce will encourage other farmers to follow his lead to use fewer pesticides and less chemical fertilizers.

West End Presbyterian Church believes that God can be honored through the enhancement of the environment and our own health

that results from eating locally grown food.

When you subscribe to SF2T your will be eating food with increased nutritional value, you will be protecting God's creation, and you will be saving family farmland by supporting local farmers.

The long-term hope of our community of faith is that more local farmers will be

encouraged to farm in more creation friendly ways. What we are most excited about is that all the residents of this part of Moore County will be able to access this fresh, locally grown produce right in their own neighborhood at West End Presbyterian Church.

Paul James, Co-chair of the Creation Caretakers Team at WEPC, encourages all local residents to learn about Sandhills Farm to Table Co-op at www.sandhillsfarm2table.com.

Over 550 neighbors have already enrolled in this initiative. The cost to join is \$25 and then participants may subscribe for a standard box [@\$21 week] or family-size box [@ \$38 week]. Shared boxes may also be available.Delivery options include

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erative is partnering with local food banks.

To enroll and place your subscription order, visit www.sandhillsfarm2table.com or send a \$25 registration check to: Sandhills Farm to Table Cooperative, 7 Dixie Drive, Whispering Pines, NC 28327

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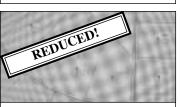
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Blake, Cummings talk China with Kiwanis

by Frank Krohn Seven Lakes Kiwanis

Seven Lakes Kiwanis had an interesting visit on Tuesday, March 16 from Senator Harris Blake and Dr. Robin Cummings.

The two men had been involved in the return of the remains of Lt. Robert Upchurch, MIA for 61 years in China. The Lt. had been a member of the renowned Flying Tigers during W.W.II, and the Chinese have created a memorial in his honor in China. His remains have been returned and are now buried in his home area of High Falls.

Senator Blake and Dr. Cummings made a return trip together in 2009 to attend the wedding of some personal friends. The sister of the bride, Sally Shao, and her fiancé Jeff Pan, attend Duke University where

the acquaintance originated. Sally's father, Mr. Shao is an extremely rich and respected businessman in China, and has actually been responsible for the creation of a new city called Garden City. Through Mr. Shao's contacts, Senator Blake and Dr. Cummings were able to visit many important establishments, especially some hospitals where Dr. Cummings had the opportunity to meet with many Chinese medical personnel. Dr. Cummings has a great interest in combining the merits of both Western and Eastern medicine. Herbs and acupuncture are widely used very successfully in China, and Dr. Cummings believes there are many merits to working with the Chinese to bring some of their practices to America. He talked about the

possibility of combining the efforts of a Chinese hospital with one here in the States, perhaps even FirstHealth Moore Regional.

Dr. Cummings also indicated that China has 1.3 billion people within an area about the same as the U.S. The people are leaving the farms, and cities are growing rapidly. They are new, modern, and spectacularly large in size.

China is definitely a force to be reckoned with in the future, and both Senator Blake and Dr. Cummings believe that it is most important for the US to have a good working relationship with their people and their Government.

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



Bruce Donaldson, Program Coordinator with Senator Harris Blake and Dr. Cummings

Get your EMS Chicken!

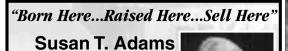
Seven Lakes Emergency Medical Services, Inc. will hold their annual chicken dinner fundraiser on Friday, April 23.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 am through 2:00 pm and dinner between 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm. The meal will consist of a choice of chicken breast or drumstick & thigh and include coleslaw, baked beans, roll, desert, and beverage.

building while visiting with your friends and neighbors or purchase take-out dinners.

The price is \$7.00 per dinner. Seven Lakes Emergency Medical Services, Inc. is a totally volunteer organization of emergency medical technicians that serves Seven Lakes and the surrounding area twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.





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Richard II: 'A Study of Brilliant Villany'

On Wednesday, April 14, at the Country Club of North Carolina Dr. J. Dennis Huston will speak. His topic will be Shakespeare's Richard II: A Study of Brilliant Villainy. The presentation will highlight Richard (II/III) as a

kind of hero/villain, someone who appeals at first to our sympathy and then by his acts of violence we find that we have been fooled and we feel betrayed and deceived. Richard is Shakespeare's first great evil character.

Dr. Huston is a professor of English at Rice University in Houston, Texas. Both his Master's and Ph.D. degrees were earned at Yale University. Yale awarded Dr. Huston the Wilber Cross Medal of the Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, this is the highest honor awarded for outstanding achievement in professional life.

His investigative areas are Shakespeare, drama and film. Dr. Huston is presently doing research in preparation for a new course in contemporary American drama. His teaching awards are numerous: several among many Nicholas Salgo Distinguished Teacher Award (three recognitions).

He has been invited to lecture many times in the past years and his a large listing of topics that include his expertise on: the teaching of writing and detective fiction. His books include Classics of the Renaissance Theater and Shakespeare's Comedies of Play.

The English Speaking Union is an organization whose mission is "drawing together the English-Speaking people of the world. It's commitment is promoting scholarship and the advancement of knowledge through the effective use of English in an expanding global com-

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Sandhills Pointing Breeds

The Sandhills Pointing Breeds Club meets at 10:00 am, the

approaches the mission with a timely monthly program of information and entertaining speakers on topics ranging from literary to the geo/political stage.

The event will be held at the Country Club of North Carolina. Cocktails served at 6:00 pm followed by dinner at 7:00 pm. The program follows. The English Speaking Union welcomes new members. For information please call Mrs. Martha O'Connor at 910-235-0635 or email Dr. Phillip Hinsley at phinsley@gmail.com.

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be — beat those summertime blues by getting in shape now! Join Goshin Dojo's 3rd 'Biggest Loser' contest beginning Saturday morning, April 10. Defending champions Jim Douglass and Rodney Godwin are ready for the challenge....are you?

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Goshin Dojo is located in the Seven Lakes Business Village and is owned by Sensei Frankie Tapia, a 3rd degree Black belt who serves as Chief Instructor. To register for The Biggest Loser or for more information, email goshindojo@embarqmail.com or call 673-5370.





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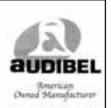
first Saturday of the month, at the Club's meeting house located at 3280 Jackson Springs Road in Jackson Springs. The SPBC is open to anyone interested in the pointing dog breeds. Dog ownership is not required. For more information about the club, contact Donna Boyce at dboyce@nc.rr.com or 246-0190. Shakespeare, film, drama, and NC License #277PW

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125 N Trade Street Seven Lakes Village 18 Seven Lakes Times April 2, 2010 WHAT'S WHEN

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

- Good Friday
- Artists League of the Sandhills - "Inks!" - an exhibit and sale in the gallery of art work done in colorful alcohol-based inks and the more traditional pen and ink, runs through April 28. Meet-the-artist days: Tommy McDonell (Wed., April 7), Betty McDaniel (Sat., April 10), Caroline Love (Sat., April 17), and Linda Drott (Wed., April 28). Gallery hours: noon-3 pm, Mon. - Sat. Classes & workshops avail. Information: 944-3979, 10 am - 4 pm (Mon. -Fri.), 129 Exchange St., Aberdeen.
- WEPC Good Friday Service 7pm, West End Presbyterian Church. The Church Choir led by James Brown will present "Tenebrae, A Service of Darkness" by Hal H. Hopson. The community is invited.
- West End United Methodist Church – 8 pm Good Friday Service.
- Faith Baptist Church 8 pm, see their Annual Outdoor Easter Drama. Held at Faith Baptist Church, 2180 Carthage Road, West End.

<u>Saturday, April 3</u>

- Weymouth Woods Bird Walk
 8 am Meet at the Visitor
- 8 am Meet at the Visitor Center parking area for a 2 mile hike to look for newly arrived summer and transient visitors from the tropics. Many of the birds we hope to see will have flown from as far away as Peru. Bring your binoculars and bug spray. Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve, Southern Pines, 910.692.2167

• Faith Baptist Church – 8 pm, see their Annual Outdoor Easter Drama. Held at Faith Baptist Church, 2180 Carthage Road, West End.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

- Easter Sunday
- Easter Sunrise
 Service at 6:45

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West End Cemetery. Dr. James Gibson, Interim Pastor of the First Baptist Church of West End will be the speaker. (In case of rain the service will be held at West End United Methodist Church.)

 Sandhills Circuit United **Methodist Church Easter** Services - 7:00 am Sunrise Worship/ Breakfast at Marcus; 8:30 am Easter Worship at Marcus; and 9:45 am Church School at Marcus. 7:30 am Sunrise Breakfast for Pleasant Hill/Eagle Springs at Pleasant Hill; 9:00 am Pleasant Hill Easter Worship. 10:00 am Eagle Springs Easter Worship at Eagle Springs. Eagle Springs UMC is located at 640 Eagle Branch Road in Eagle Springs. Pleasant Hill UMC is located at 732 Morganton Rd. Jackson Springs. Marcus UMC is located 2081 Windblow Road in Jackson Springs. Revs. Myron and Barbara Dice, Co-Pastors lead the Holy Week services.

Weymouth Woods Nature's
 Easter Eggs – 3 pm, Join in
 for an afternoon of oology – the
 study of eggs! Learn about
 their role in celebrating East er and how fascinating they are
 as a part of nature. Look at
 examples of wild bird eggs
 and nests. Weath

er permitting, the group will go outside for

some special activities as well. Meet in Visitor Center auditorium. Wey-

mouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve, Southern Pines, 910.692.2167

MONDAY, APRIL 5

- Women of Seven Lakes 10 am to 12 pm, Social Crafters: Decorate clothes w/Appliqués & Painting. How to make Bird House Cookie Boxes to Match your decor. Or come for coffee/cake/chatter. Seven Lakes North Clubhouse Game room.
- Moore Republican Women 11:30 am social time, lunch at noon. At Pinehurst Members Club. Cost is \$15 payable by cash or check. Checks payable to Pinehurst LLC. Call

Pauli Curl @ 215-9796 to make your reservation. Hosting the Republican Candidates Forum, and all primary candidates who want to attend and can make it, will present their objectives. Meet the candidates.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

- Special Meeting for Seven Lakes West Landowners Association – 9:00 am to review the current budget. West Side Community Center.
- Theology and Literature Class - 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Rev. Dr. Larry Lyon, pastor of West End Presbyterian Church, will lead a discussion on Theology and Literature. A four week (Tuesdays) course beginning April 6 and concluding on Tuesday, April 27. Based on writings by North Carolina authors. Minimal charge to cover the cost of the book. At West End Presbyterian Church; child care provided. 673-4341 to reserve your space. The public is invited to attend.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

 Moore County Republican Men's Club – 12 pm, Congressman Howard Coble will be the featured speaker at the meeting. Held at the Coun-

- try Club of North Carolina. Nonmembers welcome. Interested persons may call Miles Baldwin at 295-1577.
- Wine Tasting at Sandhills Winery 5 to 8 pm. Sample Six wines and food for \$10. Located in Seven Lakes Plaza next to Peking Wok.
- Belford Baptist Church Annual Youth Revival – 6:30 pm, Minister Darell Everette of Emmanuel Pentecostal Church, Candor will be the guest speaker. Revival will continue Friday, April 9. Located on Windblow Road, Jackson Springs.
- Seven Lakes Garden Club —
 Annual Seven Lakes Garden
 Club Plant Exchange 7:30
 pm, at the Seven Lakes North
 Side Clubhouse. Bring a plant
 to share with your fellow gardeners. A discussion will follow
 on the names, and growing conditions needed for each plant. You get to take a plant home with you. You do not have to bring a plant to receive one. Everyone is welcome.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

 Jackson Springs Community Club Indoor Yard and Bake Sale – 7 am to 1 pm, at the Jackson Springs Community Building, 471 Mill Road,

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- 2010 Urban Farm Tour -10am to 3pm, farmers across Cumberland and Moore Counties will open their homes and gardens in order to show everyone how they weave elements of rural life into their town and suburban lifestyles. See demonstrations. Tour is self quided, participants will pick up a Tour program at one of two Headquarters locations; the Cape Fear Botanical Gardens in Cumberland County and Aberdeen Elementary School. Purchase Tour button for only \$5/person. (Children 12 and under) admitted free! Heather Brown at brownh@ctc.com or 910-639-7024.
- Robin and Linda Williams Benefit Concert for Noah Jones – 7 pm, at the Robert E. Lee Auditorium at Pinecrest High School. Noah suffers from a severe neurological disorder called hemimegalencephaly. Recording artists Robin and Linda Williams sing frequently on Garrison Keillor's Prairie Home Companion

radio show on National Public Radio. Local musicians Blue Horizon, will kick off the concert with its own wonderful bluegrass talents. Tickets \$20, purchased online at Robinandlinda.net or at Sandhills Winery in Seven Lakes Plaza, near the entry to Seven Lakes West. All proceeds benefit expenses of Noah Jones.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

• Weymouth Woods Discovery Walk – 3 pm, The group will look at any flowers, shrubs, bugs, birds, frogs, toads, lizards, snakes, turtles and mammals that you encounter on a two mile hike. Bring binoculars, sunscreen and bug spray. Meet at the Visitor Center. Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve, Southern Pines, 910.692.2167

MONDAY, APRIL 12

- Mind, Body, and Spirit Wellness Class at West End United Methodist Church. Class will continue each Monday for six weeks until May 17. Taught by the Reverend Janet Balasko. Wellness Class will meet from 9:30 am 11:30 am at the church and participants will learn nutritional information, exercise techniques, and hear a devotional. Cost is \$30/person. Questions, call Rev. Balasko at 919-258-3743.
- Women of Seven Lakes 10 am to 12 pm, Social Crafters: Decorate clothes w/Appliqués & Painting. Come for coffee/cake/chatter. SL North Clubhouse Game room.

- National Active & Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Sandhills Chapter 1895 -10:30 am, monthly meeting, Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St., Southern Pines. Guest speaker, Teresa Reynolds, Senior Director of Community Education at Sandhills Community College, will outline programs available for senior citizens at Sandhills Community College. Information about NARFE available: Vilma Geisert (910) 215-5898 or George Sandoval (910) 246-9881.
- Bingo Night At Our Lady Of The Americas – 7 pm, Early Bird Bingo; and 7:30 pm, Regular Bingo. Located at 298 Farmers Market Road, off Hwy 211 (Exxon Station), just east of Hwy 220 near Candor. Minimum purchase \$15. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Everyone welcome. 910 974-3051.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

Seven Lakes Computer Club

 3 pm, meeting, at the Seven
 Lakes North Game room. Craig
 Castrogiovanni continues with
 the part 4 of the "Back to
 Basics". An in-depth discussion about the proper maintenance a computer's software, tools & hardware. Bring questions & suggestions.

• Afib Information Session -5:30 pm, Monroe Auditorium; FirstHealth Hospital, Pinehurst. Andy C. Kiser, M.D., heart surgeon and Mark Landers, M.D., cardiologist: Treatment Options for Atrial Fibrillation. What is it, why treat it and how? Medications, ablations, surgery - the menu of treatments for atrial fibrillation is as confusing as this troublesome condition. Treatment options. Free and open to the public. Register, call (910) 715-1478 or (800) 213-3284 or www.firsthealth.org under Classes and Events.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

 Shakespeare's Richard II: "A Study of Brilliant Villainy" - at the Country Club of North Carolina Dr. J. Dennis Huston will speak. His topic will be Shakespeare's Richard II: A Study of Brilliant Villainy. Cocktails served at 6:00 pm followed by dinner at 7:00 pm. The program follows. Martha O'Connor 910-235-0635 or phinsley@gmail.com.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 15

Seven Lakes Forum – 4 pm. Walter I. Jenkins, of Thigpen and Jenkins, LLC will present the topic "Guilty: How are the Consequences for Committing a Criminal Act Determined?" West Side Park Community Center. All women and men from Seven Lakes, and their guests, 673-8970.







EMS

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provides first aid stations for swimming competitions, horse shows, festivals, and other similar events. If your organization has an event where you could use our services, call us. We may be able to help. We have been able to accumulate enough reserve funds in order to purchase a pick-up truck to replace our old truck that we use for a first response vehicle and to carry equipment to these events and to structure fire standbys.

Who pays for all of this?

Volunteers work free. That keeps the labor cost down. The building was built in the mid 1980s and the community paid for it through donations, funeral memorials, and fund raisers. We are presently operating our third ambulance and the community has paid for these in the same way.

The operating expenses which include fuel, uniforms, medical supplies, office supplies, building and grounds maintenance and vehicle maintenance, etc. are paid through fund raisers, memorials, & contributions with assistance from a Moore County Grant. Our fundraisers are the Seven Lakes EMS Telephone Book, the Chicken Dinner which is held each April and the 911 house address signs.

Operating Budget

The tabulation below shows how we get our income and where we spend our money for operations. Capital expenditures

Seven Lakes EMS Revenues & Expenses

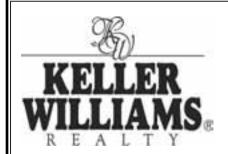
<u>Income</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Moore County	48%
Fundraising	25%
Incentive Stipend	11%
Contributions	11%
Interest	5%
Expenses	Percent

34% Salaries Vehicle Expense 16% Insurance 16% Training 9% Admin Expense 8% Building Maintenance 6% Medical Supplies 4% Community Projects 4% Uniforms 3% Radios 2%

which are supported by the community are not shown here.

The salaries category covers a daytime employee that does administrative work, checks out and maintains vehicles, building and grounds and is available for ambulance response. The incentive stipend is a reward program by Moore County for members who participate in medical calls. The Seven Lakes EMTs receive \$3.00 per call which helps them to cover the expense of using their personal vehicles.

Through the years, Seven Lakes EMS has been in partnership with the people of Seven (See "EMS," p. 22)



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Here's how it would work. First, establish and contribute to a non-deductible traditional IRA. Determine the maximum amount of annual contribution you would like to make (\$5,000 annual max/\$6,000 for age 50 and over) and fully fund the account. Then, immediately convert the nondeductible traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. Voila! A new Roth IRA account made up of new contributions. Because the contributions going into the nondeductible traditional IRA were made with 'after-tax dollars' there would be no tax generated by the soon-to-follow Roth IRA conversion, except to the extent that the value converted exceeded the amount of the total contribution to the account.

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could make two years of contributions between now and April 15, 2010, which is the deadline for IRA contributions for 2009, thereby, potentially sheltering \$24,000 and all future growth from federal and state income tax-

been

ation. Once a Roth IRA has



Financially Speaking

Geoff Gower

rates don't appear to be going anywhere but up, making Roth IRAs a powerful tool in most financial

plans.

and annual

deficits, tax

For additional information on the subject of Roth IRAs, investments or financial planning in general please feel free in calling my office on 673-5002. Initial consultations are always complimentary.

tax free and may be withdrawn

tax free. Given the national debt

Geoff Gower is a resident of Seven Lakes and offers feebased investment management services through GM Gower & Co., Ltd., a registered investment advisory firm. He can be reached on 673-5002 or 800-248-0639.

Clenny Creek Day

The fifth annual Clenny Creek Day will offer music, food, prizes, history, and just plain fun on Saturday, April 17, 11 am to 4 pm on the site of the historic Bryant House and McLendon Cabin near Carthage at 3361 Mt. Carmel Road.

Admission is free.

Visitors can wander around in the spring weather, listen to authentic Bluegrass music by local groups, and for lunch. enjoy Southern country-style food with all the trimmings and non-alcoholic beverages.

Vendors will be on hand and will offer items for sale, often made by themselves and appropriate to the rural and historic ambiance of the 1760sera cabin and the Bryant home, built in 1820.

To visit, take U.S. 15-501 north of the Traffic Circle at Pinehurst, turn west on N.C. 73, go to the intersection of Beaulah Hill Church Road and take a right. Go straight through two crossroads, the second being Harris Crossroads. The houses are located down a hill on the right at a State highway marker. For more information, call (910) 692-2051 or visit www.moorehistory.com.

established for 5 years and after attaining the age of 59 1/2, all withdrawals are totally income tax free. If you have not previously thought about a Roth in those terms, take a moment to consider this: Once the Roth IRA account reaches total tax free status, you have an account that regardless of earnings and gain, will remain tax free for life! That's the beauty of the Roth IRA, once the account has been established for 5 years, and once the owner reaches age 59 ?, the assets in the account continue to grow

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Billy Goat Cookies

I found this recipe in "Miss 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon Mary's Down Home Cooking" by Diana Dalsass. They're recipes from Miss Mary Bobo, who ran a boarding house in Lynchburg, Tennessee, the famous home of Jack Daniel's Whiskey.

I thought this one was interesting. The book says they got their name from billy goats, who are known for eating anything and everything, and these cookies have almost everything in them — but not Jack Daniels!.

Billy Goat Cookies Ingredients:

1/3 cup soft butter 1 teaspoon baking powder 2/3 cup sugar

1 egg

1/4 teaspoon cloves

1 Tablespoon milk

8 oz. Chopped dates

1 teaspoon vanilla 2/3 chopped nuts (your

choice) 1 1/3 cup flour

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Cream the butter and sugar. Beat in egg, milk and vanilla.

In a separate bowl, stir together the flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon and cloves. Beat into creamed mixture and stir in dates and nuts. Drop batter by teaspoonfuls onto greased baking sheet.

Bake in a 375 degree oven about 20 minutes or until lightly browned.



from Lucy's **Kitchen**

Lucy Ingram Seven Lakes South

EMS

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Lakes. The membership of Seven Lakes EMS is composed of people of Seven Lakes. Their services are greatly appreciated by the people that they serve. They are willing to respond at meal time, during the night and whenever someone needs help. This is what they do!

It is comforting for the patient to see a familiar face that they recognize. They continually receive words of thanks as they meet people at the grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants and other public places and they appreciate all of this. The people of Seven Lakes have returned the favor by supporting Seven

Lakes EMS with their thanks. contributions, attendance at the chicken dinner, and advertising in and purchase of the telephone books.

The members of Seven Lakes EMS look forward to continuing this relationship with the community to make "Seven Lakes a great place to live".

Spring Fashion Show



The Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon was held at Beacon Ridge Country Club, March 8. The models were Sandi Carl, Jan Thomas, Mary Price, Barbara Williams, Sandra Hollaway, Myra Taylor and Susan Killmeyer. Phoenix Fashions sponsored the fashion show.

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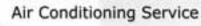


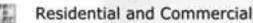
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Village Beautifiers Need Your Support

The Seven Lakes Beautification Committee is a volunteer group from the entire community whose mission is to help improve and maintain the village landscape. That means all of our efforts are in areas outside all of the gates.

In the last eight years, some of our projects have included the creation of the bedding areas near the railroad crossing, the plantings at the Dollar General Property, the stone garden at the east end of Seven Lakes Drive, and the St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church front plantings. Many local businesses have done a great job of landscaping their property and we try to assist with some trees or shrub contributions such as those at Seven Lakes Hardware, The Seven Lakes Times Building, and at Seven Lakes Pizza Kitchen. The Seven Lakes welcome signs on NC 211 were made and installed by our committee.

At this time, Seven Lakes has no local government to provide funding for landscaping projects and maintenance. All of our funding depends on contributions from the caring individuals and businesses in the area. Our last fundraiser was in 2007 and, even though times are tight for all of us, our resources are running low. We need your financial support to cover the cost of flowers, trees, mulch, tools, fertilizer, and mowing services. We would like to take on new projects in the village, and, with your help, we will be able to keep up our good work.

Please mail whatever donation you can make to the attention of Barb McElroy, 1249 Seven Lakes North, Seven Lakes, NC 27376. We also welcome gifts of your time.

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OPINION

Radar versus the Mommy-mobile. No contest.

Oops, I did it again: pulled over by the po-po for speeding, that is.

Cop: "Do you know how fast you were coming up that hill?"

Distracted and running late as usual, I'm thinking, "Hill? I drove up a hill?"

Me: "Uh No, sir."

Cop: "Do you know the speed limit on campus?"

Score! Mr. Po-Po is softening up a bit and that hill happens to be the mighty fortress of UNC-Chapel Hill. Ignorance seems my best choice here.

Me: "Uh No, sir." By now I'm fighting the urge to grab my watch like Alice's white rabbit and holler, "I'm late. I'm late. I'm late for a very important date."

Instead, I channel Rain Man. Me: "I'm an excellent driver. I've never had a ticket."

And there it is, folks. I've never had a ticket.

It's embarrassing to admit such a travesty — it's kind of like wearing a nerd's badge of honor. My brush with law enforcement last week was actually the second time I've been pulled over. Ever. The first time was . . . let's just say, it was a while

And in case you're wondering, Mr. Chapel Hill let me off with a stern warning. My geekstatus is secure.

Except in D.C.

Now here we're talking about a whole different story in the Book of Laura. Luck-

ily, my \$10,000 or so in unpaid parking tickets date back to Mayor Marion Barry's term. Clearly the local 5-0 had bigger fish to fry than a dead-broke college

student.

Pity I didn't know then what I know now.

Laura's -**Learning Curve**

Laura Douglass

You see, there is a reason I love my minivan, versus say, Darling Hubby's "hello officer" red-colored truck.

Statistically speaking, a non-

descript motor vehicle is less likely to incur a violation. And trust me: my dull, gray mommyvan fits that bill perfectly.

Unfortunately, when parking, that non-descript advantage can be a real hazard — a fact vividly illustrated two hours later when our heroine attempted to locate her pride-and-joy in the colossal UNC garage — amid a virtual sea of gray minivans, grayish sedans, and gray-like SUVs [Apparently I'm not the only who has seen this statistic.]

Me: "Dude, where's my car?"

Community needs a full-day Summer Camp

To current and future members of our Board of Directors and fellow Landowners:

Recently, I read with interest an article concerning our Youth Summer Camp Program which basically stated that the program was "a wash" financially.

What I find interesting is that, given that the program is no financial burden, it is still in jeopardy of being eliminated! I am told that consideration is being given to making it a half-day program so that it will be more "recreation and less day care."

I respectfully submit that the parents who utilize the program

that they can work and be able to afford to live in our "family friendly" community. What a joy their children are



involved in a program that offers them varied art activities, recreation opportunities, and swim-

need a full day of "recreation" so ming within their own safe and secure community. How wonderful to have the convenience of having their children so close it is for these parents to know that to home and spending time with children they know

> from school and the community. The program also allows some of our older teens the opportuni-

> > ty to be coun-

selors for the summer under the guidance of the program director.

A Board member raised the

issue of the program being considered daycare and requiring a license. The research to resolve that issue took less than five minutes. According to the North Carolina site dealing with North Carolina Licensing Standards for Day Care Centers: "Recreational programs operated for less than four consecutive months in a year" are exempt from licensure requirements.

To a further comment that "we are not in the day care business" I would note that we are also not in the horseback riding, dance, or swimming business, etc.. but that all these amenities are currently enjoyed within our

I am under the impression that we are in the business of maintaining our amenities and our home values for a myriad of

Another comment addressed the lack of enrollment from within Seven Lakes which forced us to admit "outsiders." My grandchild attended the program and knew most of the children from school. dance, etc. The only "outsiders" were from the West Side and/or friends or family of "insiders". Basically, that is the only way you would know about the program.

Let me close with a thought: On our [SLLA] web site the paragraph dealing with the demographics of our community states that we have a fifty-fifty mix of retires and younger families. It is these younger families who are the life's blood of our future community. Should we not be doing all we can to help them particularly in view of the fact that the program is "a wash?" I believe most of our other amenities do not come without an associated price. Truth be told I have a vest-

My granddaughter participated in the program and benefited greatly from all the varied activities. I also got to see first hand all her Summer Camp Friends doing the same. I hope I would come to the aid of this issue based strictly on the fact that I was once a working Mom and have a grandchild that might need this program or one similar to it in Ohio, Maine, California, or wherever our far-flung families call home

Please consider our young families and please support retaining this program. The email addresses for our Board Members can be found on the Seven Lakes Landowners web site.

On behalf of my granddaughter, the children participating in the program and their parents many thanks!

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Let's incorporate and control our destiny

Dear Editor:

Suppose you lived in an unincorporated group of communities worth a cool BILLION dollars

on the Moore County tax rolls. Further suppose this group of communities were to lie within five (5) miles of Pinehurst's recent forced annexation, i.e., Pinewild. If you guessed the location described to be Seven Lakes / McClendon Hills (SLMH), you

No reason to incorporate

Dear Editor:

As a homeowner here in Seven Lakes West of thirteen years, I see no reason for incorporation. When our economy is so bad and everyone or at least many of us are hit with rough financial issues - this is not the time

We pay enough in homeowner's fees that the Board of Directors just don't get the picture that raising fees this year is unacceptable. It is cut back and cut way back — time.

Now three wealthy business owners want us to "flush more money down the toilet" for someMayor of Seven Lakes, other officials on payroll, and rent for these people.

Seven Lakes North, South, and West are already controlled by the Board members. Besides this, an incorporated Seven Lakes will have no jurisdiction over our communities — we are privately owned! The county, our taxes do not benefit us behind the gates. And to toss out more money?

We have a great team as county commissioners and since Nick Picerno has come on board, so much has improved for Moore

one to have a cushy seat as County. We have a county manager, sheriff's department, a great school board, and more.

> We'll have a bigger voice, they say, on issues; just attend the meetings and voice your opinion the commissioners listen and follow-up.

Please, we do not need an ABC Store in Seven Lakes.

Seven Lakes is a quiet, family community. Let's keep it that way. And keep out incorpora-

> Diane Evans Seven Lakes West

win. If you further guessed SLMH to be perceived as a \$2,800,000 per tax year cash cow ripe for forced annexation by Pinehurst you would be right again.

That's how many tax dollars would flow annually from SLMH into the apparently insatiable Pinehurst tax coffers every year. How much fun would that be? Not sure? Ask any Pinewild resident. Also ask them about the increased services and benefits. The short answer is nearly none. Actually, that's the long answer as well.

There is an alternative available if we move quickly. For 5 cents per \$100 of assessed value per year, which would stay right here in SLMH, we can determine our own fate. We could elect our own representative government, fund our own municipal services, and be well rid of the avaricious beast to the east of us.

If your house is assessed at \$100,000 tax value then your

share would be \$0.05 X 1000 = \$50 per year. The forced annexation alternative would be \$280 per \$100,000 of assessed value. Do the math. If you don't think we have to act quickly, again, ask any Pinewild resident. One of them has posted a comment on the necessity of speed on http://www.incorporatesevenlakes.com.

How do we avoid becoming Pinewild II? Sign the incorporation petition at:

- · Seven Lakes Friendly Mart (Shell Station - Hwy 211)
- Phoenix Fashions (Seven Lakes Business Center)
- Quality Care Pharmacy (Seven Lakes Drive).

Bruce Macdonald Seven Lakes West

PS: If you think this isn't going to happen you better buy your ticket for Neverland and see if you can catch up with Peter Pan.

Thanks for the support

Dear Editor:

As chair of the 6th Annual Women of Seven Lakes 'Taste of the Town' and 'TOT Wine-Tasting.' I would like to thank the committee heads and the volunteers who made this year's event such a success.

Their generous gifts of time as well as the many donations of food from area restaurants, made

it possible for us to raise \$5,000 to benefit the West End UMC Food Pantry.

In particular, I would like to thank Sandhills Winery for sponsoring the Taste of the Town Wine Tasting, which raised an additional \$600 that will be used to benefit other local charities that the Women of Seven Lakes support.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank all who purchased tickets, attended, and made this event so special.

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Thanks for saving the July 4th fireworks

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As of today, Sunday, March 28, we have received \$5,611.00 in donations and sold raffle tickets. Joan Frost, from CAS has signed a contract with the previous fireworks vendor for a fireworks display on Sunday, July

and I welcome them, as we can amend the contract to make sure that all monies are spent on providing a wonderful and entertaining display.

I want to thank everyone who mailed a check, came to my house, came to the mail house, or dropped off a check at the Community Center for giving so generously. A little more than

4th. Donations are still coming in half of the money raised was Meeting at 7:00pm (you do not from donations. I also, want to thank people for coming out and buying raffle tickets. The drawing for the raffle will be Tuesday, April 13 at the Sportsman's Club

need to be present to win).

As everyone knows, this could not have been done by one person, so I want to thank Pam Harrell, Patti Cleary, and Marcia

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> Claire Czupryna Seven Lakes West

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Beauty

Most people regard beauty as something the eye beholds. But Webster's Dictionary encompasses the word with additional meanings.

For example, it can also mean an act or achievement or situation of superior quality. Such as:

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- · An optimistic bearing.
- An undefinable moment that spreads warmth throughout your being.

So, beauty can also be what the heart experiences, and acts upon.

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- · An eight-year old girl taking her chronically ailing grandmother by the hand and saying, "Come, Granny, let's go look a the lake."
- A 75-year old comforting an ailing 85-year old.
- Serenity amidst unrest or

Yes, beauty lies in paintings, sky, flowers, a person's face, or music. But also in a smile, and in the yearning for a kindred feeling among all the earth's inhabitants. It's a sometimes fragile quality to be thankfully observed and practiced for a lifetime.

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Morgan challenges Blake to debate

From: Richard Morgan Re: Republican Senatorial Debate

Dear Harris,

You and I haven't always seen eye to eye but we've stood together through a lot of political battles going back twenty years to the days when I stood with you during your first run for Congress.

So the email that Jamie Boles recently sent out on your behalf

expected this.

I have a simple question: I'm not Pollyanna but do you really believe it is appropriate for your campaign to say "the only difference between Richard Morgan and Al Capone is that Al Capone died in prison of syphilis?"

I'd like to say I'm sure your answer to that would be no but, then, if that were the case why would your campaign send

I reckon someone sitting in

caught me by surprise. I hadn't front of a computer sending email attacks like these sailing across the Internet is about as good an example as anyone could ask for of what's wrong with campaigns these days - so I hope you will consider a suggestion which may restore some of the common sense (and better still good manners) to politics.

> The Moore Republican Women meet on Monday, April 5th, 2010. Let's ask them to host a debate - then the two of us can go over there and you can explain why you think saying I'm the worst fellow since Al Capone is a legitimate political tactic and I'll try to convince folks we don't need any more of this kind of pol-

What do you say?

Yours truly, Richard Morgan [Senator Blake and former NC House Speaker Morgan are competing for Balke's Senate seat in the upcoming GOP Primary. -Ed.]

Attorney tackles crime & punishment at Forum

When a jury renders a verdict of guilty, many wonder about the process for determining the sentence, and how the judge arrives at the 'correct' sentence for the defendant. There are always those who feel that the sentence was 'too light', and those who are surprised by the severity or inappropriateness of the sentence.

And should the sentence focus on restitution or retribu-

Walter I. 'Butch' Jenkins, of the law firm of Thigpen and Jenkins, LLC will address this complex situation as he presents the topic entitled Guilty: How are the Consequences for Commiting a Criminal Act Determined?

at the next Seven Lakes Forum on Thursday, April 15, at 4:00pm, on the upper level of the West Side Park Community

All women and men from Seven Lakes, and their quests, are invited to attend.

Jenkins is a Moore County attorney who has dealt with cases ranging from improper operation of a motor vehicle to the crime of murder.

For further information, please contact Bill Mamel (673-

Next Forum: Thursday, May 20, at 4:00pm

Tentative title: Are we being overmedicated?

Another 'Yes' for incorporation

Dear Editor:

I attended a 7 Lakes Kiwanis meeting today (March 30) in which the three primary drivers of the incorporation effort spoke (Randy, Vann, and Darrell).

I was impressed with the time and dedication they've shown in moving the incorporation initiative forward. I thought incorporation of 7 Lakes was worth investigating three years ago, but was advised that it couldn't happen because the area didn't have sufficient "public" roads.

These gentlemen didn't accept the "public" road augment and came up with solid, justifiable arguments in favor of incorporation - read their comprehensive webpage — it's an eyeopener.

For all the reasons they have

identified in their talking points, I'm a strong supporter of the incorporation initiative; however, I also believe there is another reason to support incorpora-

We don't have a true sense of community in the Seven Lakes/West End area. Rather, we think of ourselves as belonging to one landowners association or another.

Wouldn't it be much better to belong to a "town" rather than an "association"—bearing in mind that incorporation won't interfere with the governance inside the "association gates?"

I for one would rather think of myself as a member of a "town"

> Jim Haggard Seven Lakes West

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Ask Westside Board to reconsider budget

Open letter to members of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Associaiton [SLWLA]

On March 21, at the SLWLA Annual Meeting, a uniquely democratic thing happened for the first time. The proposed FY2010-2011 budget was voted down by a majority of those who submitted ballots. Of the 998 landowners who cast a vote, 69 percent voted against the budget. That is 40 percent of the total membership.

In any democratic balloting, this would be sufficient to defeat a measure. Unfortunately, our community is governed under the NC Planned Community Act, which means that, to defeat a

budget, at least 50 percent of the total membership must vote "No." Hence the FY2010-2011 budget became an acceptable budget. More importantly, this made the 36 percent dues increase a potential fact. (This certainly creates the question as to why we are presently covered by the Act -- but that is for another time.)

With the election of new Board member, Joe Sikes, as Treasurer, the Board has asked him to review the FY 2010-2011 budget, develop recommendations, and report to them his findings at a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 6 at 9:00 am at the West Side Park Community Cen-

Please, if you have not already

done so, email (or call if email is not available) your Board members and ask them to:

- 1. Reduce the accepted FY2010-20011 budget.
- 2. Reduce the excessive 36 percent increase in annual dues for FY 2010-2011.
- 3. Use the next year to better identify future requirements.

The Act, while it stipulates the 50 percent vote to defeat a budget, does not have a specific provision to require a revote of an acceptable budget and annual dues if they are subsequently reduced.

Here is a list of the Board members email addresses and telephone numbers:

John Goodman, 400-5131, 7lakesgoodman@nc.rr.com

 John Hoffmann, 673-5059, johnh@7lakeswest.com

- Mick Herdrich, 400-5181, hherdrich@nc.rr.com
- Karen Milligan, 673-3304, kmilligan1@embarqmail.com
- Jane Sessler, 673-2311, janes@7lakeswest.com
- Ron Shepard, 673-2148, shepard7lakes@yahoo.com
- Joe Sikes, 673-3050, joes@7lakeswest.com

- Ed Silberhorn, 673-1659, edsilberhorn@aol.com
- Adam Wimberly, 673-5517, adamw@7lakeswest.com.

Please plan to attend the Tuesday, April 6 meeting.

Also, please send me a copy of your emails to the Board (jbarrett3@nc.rr.com.)

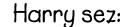
Thanks in advance,

Jim Barrett Seven Lakes West

Don't miss the WSL Bridge Awards Luncheon

The Women of Seven Lakes will host their Bridge Awards Luncheon on Friday, May 7 at Seven Lakes Country Club. Check-in will be at 11:30; lunch, at Noon.

Reservations for tables may be made by calling Ginger Finney at 673-1330 by April 30. The price will be \$14 per person; \$56 per table. After making your reservation, please send a check for \$56 to Ginger Finney, 4262 Seven Lakes West. Non-Bridge-players are welcome to attend!





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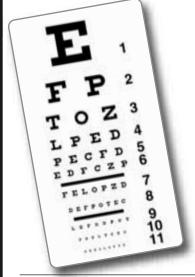


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make our substantive decisions."

Silberhorn later told *The Times* it is essential that the Treasurer have a chance to review the budget — and that the public have a right to comment on it — before the Board reaches any decision or even appears to reach any decision about what to do next.

"The public voted it down, from a purely democratic point of view, so the public should have a right to comment before the review is set in stone," Silberhorn wrote in an email. Silberhorn said the review process he advocated was outlined in a memo from one of the Association's outside attorneys and was aimed at preserving due process in order to ensure fairness.

The majority vote against the budget does not mean that the Board must change the budget, Silberhorn said, but does mean the Board has "a duty to ensure a fair unbiased review of the budget by the Treasurer and then by the Directors."

During the meeting, Hoffmann said he thought the process

would involve "us as a board, with each of us looking at each other in an official session, offering Joe these personal thoughts."

"With all due respect, I don't want that," Sikes replied. "I don't want to go through the whole process again. I don't think that is what is asked for nor required in the statutes or the bylaws . . . while I will be interested in the views of the members of the Board, as to what they think about the outcome of the budget process, I don't think that should be a collegial kind of thing. That is not what is asked for."

"If I can internalize the individual opinions and views and perspectives and views of the Board members and integrate that and bring it back to the Board as a set of recommendations," Sikes continued, "then the board and the public can pick that apart, or throw it away, or accept it, or whatever."

Noting that the need to build up road reserves was a primary rationale underlying the size of the proposed dues increase for the coming year, Hoffmann asked whether a revision of the road paving plan would be complete and available to the Finance Committee as it undertakes its review of the budget.

Infrastructure Director Goodman acknowledged the importance of that review, but did not confirm during the meeting whether the report would in fact be available, indicating he would discuss the matter with Hoffmann after the meeting.

Sikes will forward his review of the budget to Board members by Monday, April 5. The Board will meet at 9:00 am on Tuesday, April 6, to review his recommendations and hear comments from the public on the budget and any proposed revisions.

After the budget review is complete, the Board will hold its organizational retreat, during which new Board members are brought up to speed on a variety of pending issues.

Developer Suit Settlement Considered

Having settled on a process for the budget review, the Board entered an executive session to discuss a possible settlement of the lawsuit it filed against Westside developer Lakeside Development, alleging that Lakeside had failed to contribute its agreed-upon share of the cost of maintaining security guards at the front gate.

When it reconvened in open session, the Board passed a resolution offered by Director Herdrich authorizing President Shepard, Legal Director Silberhorn, Community Manager Joan Frost, and Gerhard Hergenhahn to continue negotiations on a settlement, which would include the acquisition of Lakeside's rights and obligations as developer by Black Point Development.

Black Point is a North Carolina limited liability company managed by James R. Kirkpatrick and his daughter, Tiffany M. Kirkpatrick. The company already owns several dozen lots on the West Side, most located in Carriage Park. The Kirkpatrick family owns a number of other real estate interests in Moore County, including the Seven Lakes Plaza shopping center and a

business park in Aberdeen.

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Any settlement agreement negotiated by the ad hoc committee will be subject to final ratification by the Board.

New email address

Folks who want to make sure members of the SLWLA Board received their questions and input no longer need to seek out all the email addresses of individual directors.

Thanks to the web-savvy of Director Adam Wimberly, emails sent to board @7lakeswest.com will be forwarded to each of the Board members.

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(Continued from front page) budget "is deemed approved," Tuton said.

Board will "review" budget

However, there is a provision in the SLWLA by-laws that requires the Treasurer and Directors to "immediately review the budget" in a case like the present, when a majority of voters disapprove of it. This is the first time the Board has faced a negative vote on the proposed budget since the merger of the Westside Associations in 2002.

Addressing the Board after the results were announced, resident Ed Jackson reminded the Board of its responsibility to review the budget and asked when the review would take place and whether the meeting would be open to the public.

Legal Director Ed Silberhorn confirmed that a budget review would take place, though it has not yet been scheduled, and also confirmed that the meeting would be a "public hearing," open to all Association members. [See story on page 3 for more details on the budget review.]

Herdrich, Sikes, & Sessler

Balloting for three open directors seats produced a tight cluster of results, with low vote-getter Don Freiert, a relatively new resident of the West Side, finishing only 71 votes behind the top vote-getter, incumbent Director Mick Herdrich.

Joe Sikes and Jane Sessler will join the Board as newly-elected

The Directors are expected to hold a special organizational meeting later this week to elect officers and begin to make committee assignments.

Record turnout

Perhaps because of the controversial dues increases built into the Board's proposed budget, the balloting attracted the most voters ever for a Westside annual meeting, with a total of 998 votes cast, compared to 655 last year.

A check of Times' back issues suggests the highest previous voter turnout was in 2006, when 796 landowners participated.

Volunteers, Directors recognized

The Association thanked the volunteers who had served the community during the past year -- a list that took up three pages in a handout provided to members at the meeting. President Ron Shepard said, without the efforts of volunteers, the community would not have many of the amenities members enjoy.

Without the work of volunteers, he said, "the library would be an empty room; our entrance

Westside **Election Results**

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way wouldn't be as beautiful; there wouldn't be classes at the community center; there wouldn't be any Friday night family concerts; there might not be any fish in Lake Auman; the Board of Directors wouldn't have the wise council of the Human Resources Committee, the Insurance Committee, the Long Range Planning Committee, the Finance Committee, or the Legal Affairs Committee. This names just a

Betty Milligan, representing the Beautification Committee, announced that a Gingko tree would be planted in Lakeway Mall to honor the four SLWLA Directors in the class of 2010: Ed Tuton, Kathy Kirst, Mick Herdrich, and Jim Haggard.

Shepard praised the work of Kirst, who is leaving the Board, as Treasurer, noting that she "kept our investment resources both safe and sound in a terrible economy." Shepard said departing Secretary Ed Tuton's "calm, astute, and well-thought-out comments" had often helped keep the Board on track.

Nominating Committee named

Karen Milligan, who will chair the Nominating Committee next vear, announced the names of her committee members during the Annual Meeting. They include: Ed Tuton, Ray McKay, Carolyn Mealing, Paula Hill, Robert Wagler, and Carmela Chase.

Year in Review -**Challenges Ahead**

President Shepard provided a review of projects the Board has started or completed in the past year. They included:

- The contract with Community Association Services was renegotiated and extended for another year.
- The Dam Remediation was completed and the Weighted Dam Filter was replaced.
- The Mandatory Septic Management Program has been implemented to ensure Lake Auman's integrity.
- New Rules & Regulations were drafted and implemented including improved and streamlined Judicial Proce-

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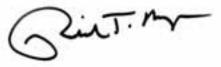
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our buildings our aging," Zielsdorf
said. "Let's continue to keep
Seven Lakes the best community in Moore County."

Finance

Summarizing the \$1.3 million Budget for FY 2010-2011 unanimously approved by the Board in February, Galford reported General Fund income at \$1,272,534, which includes \$128,000 in restricted reserves for road maintenance and statemandated dam repairs, leaving \$1,245,534 available for operations and capital needs. Operating expenditures were reported at \$1,100,534; with \$145,000 set aside for capital items in an unrestricted reserve account.

Projected financial reserves at the beginning of FY 2011 are \$284,111 in restricted funds and \$192,884 in unrestricted funds, for total reserves of \$476,995.

SLLA homeowner's dues for FY 2010-2011 are \$900; lot owner's dues are \$570; multiple lot owner's will pay \$397 for their additional lots; and renter's dues will be \$410 [which are charged in addition to homeowner's/land-

lord dues].

Responding to complaints by some members of a lack of transparency, Galford provided a voluminous amount of financial information at the meeting on a table labeled, "Financial Transparency Table." Documents included the audited financial report, income reports, invoices, committee meeting minutes, bill payments, inventory, a five/ten year cash flow budget projection, and five year capital budget.

"I was disappointed at Candidate's Night that the Finance Committee's accomplishments

were not adequately demonstrated to members. I am very proud of our procedures and reporting . . . We do not have weaknesses in our accounting system or financial reporting," said Galford.

He invited any member with questions to contact him or a member of the committee, whom he thanked individually: Jerry Grout, Gil Jones, Ed Sanchez, and George Temple.

Recreation

The annual Easter Egg Hunt & Party will be held Saturday, April 3, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Northside Park. Volunteers are needed! If you are interested in helping, please arrive at 10:00 am.

Director Bruce Keyser, Jr. thanked former Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane for his many years serving the recreational needs of the community. "Chad did a wonderful job and will be missed I look forward to the Easter Egg Hunt — and hopping where Chad once hopped."

This year's accomplishments included installation of a new modular playground at Northside Park, and formation of the

(See "SLLA," p. 32)

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SLLA Election Results

BOARD

Scott	295
Shaver	248
Mims	226
Racine	156
Hannel	119
Truesdell	79

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- Lien collections have been addressed and brought up to date.
- Many committees have been reconstituted and strengthened.
- Design work for the future of both the front and rear entrances has begun.
- Lightning protection at back gate is being enhanced.
- An Emergency Egress Plan was developed.
- A Security and Safety Committee was formed.
- The Security Guard Operating Procedures were rewritten.
- The Neighborhood Watch Program was established.
- The Community Activities Committee mounted a full schedule of events, among them Family Film Nights, Summer concerts at Johnson Point, tennis lessons, children's art lessons, financial seminars, Support the Troops Day, Christmas with Santa, the Halloween party, and the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Other projects included: the Johnson Point swing set has been cleaned up with a border to prevent sand migration, safety screening was installed at the radio tower, repairs were made to the Johnson Point boat road, and lighting was upgraded at Johnson Point.

Looking ahead to the coming year, Shepard said ongoing issues and challenges include:

 Certification of the Dam repairs by the State

- · Decision on the Dam road
- · Vandalism deterrence
- · Speed enforcement
- Expanding the Neighborhood Watch Program
- Working to construct a total inventory of community assets,

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- Resolving the Mail house/mail delivery issue.
- Future neighborhood annexations.



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Seven Lakes Ski Club. Keyser also reported buoys were moved — and moved back.

The Recreation Committee is continuing to discuss options for the SLLA Summer Camp program, Keyser said. "I'm not sure if the camp will be full-day or half-day. My children could benefit from a full-day, but I cannot place my needs above Seven Lakes," said Keyser. "Therefore I am looking to residents for feedback. Let us know what you prefer and give us ideas of the kind of activities you want to see."

"Summer Camp is not an amenity but a program that can help Seven Lakes families," Keyser said, explaining that the cost of the camp is not covered by dues but rather by a weekly fee charged to families who take advantage of the program.

Keyser said he is looking forward to the upcoming year and thanked Recreation Committee members, Alina Cochran, Laura Douglass, and Jana Snowball. New members are encouraged and welcome to join.

Community Standards

Director Kent Droppers said the Community Standards Committee made good progress this year but that much remains to be done.

He explained that standard procedures for resolving violations begin with a telephone call from the office, followed by a letter, and then referral to Judicial Panel if still unresolved.

Droppers said that using the Talis Management Group software system and database that allows for better tracking and reporting will provide the community with a more rigorous and fair enforcement of violations — in particular, against habitual offenders.

Architectural Review Board

"The purpose of ARB is simply to preserve property values in Seven Lakes," said Director Sally Kindsvatter, explaining that the committee works hard to ensure that new construction and home alterations fit into the existing neighborhood.

Though only three new houses were submitted for approval this year, the committee also oversaw eighty special projects.

"The ARB approves alterations and additions. These range from actual additions to docks, exterior painting, new siding and roofs, and fences. Almost any change one wants to make to the exterior of one's house must be approved by the ARB," said Kindsvatter.

She also reported the committee had concentrated on writing rules and regulations in more understandable language, worked with Talis to streamline the application process with new forms and better tracking of procedures, and studied and wrote recommended guidelines for maintaining home septic systems.

Kindsvatter thanked the four Board-appointed members for their valuable service to the community: Edie Starkey, Mike Cummins, Melinda Scott, and Don Fentzlaff.

Beautification

Kindsvatter also reported on the activities of the ad-hoc Beautification Committee, a group formed early last Spring to address the immediate needs of the common areas. Members are Deb Temple, Al and Linda Geiger, Joanne Guy, Jim Caudill, Frank Hayes, Marie Fulmar, Theresa Hessler, and Magda Sonderfan.

The committee cleaned up and then planted the garden bed areas both at the Northside pool and mail houses, and also added improvements to Sequoia Point. Kindsvatter said shade trees at Northside Park near the playground were a recommended, but thus far unrealized, addition.

"Unfortunately, that plan did not come to fruition — maybe next year," she said.

She also recommended that the many different garden and beautification groups throughout Seven Lakes should come and work together at the common areas, "That would provide the continuity our community needs."

Concluding her last report as a SLLA director, Kindsvatter said after just a few months "on the job," she realized her first priority was to bring about a change of management.

"There were many interviews and much discussion, and a lot of information, but when the final decision was made we were all nervous. After two months now of working with Alina, I know we did the right thing," said Kindsvatter. "If anyone can bring Seven Lakes up to speed it is Alina, and I want to thank Talis for sending her."

Security

Director Gary Caulk provided a very short but important summary of progress on the security front: "Seven Lakes in the past year has had less problems than ever before. Things are going well."

Caulk thanked the Moore County Sheriff's Office for their prompt and professional service to residents, retired Foxfire Police Chief Rick Ryan and current Chief Mike Campbell, and also Security Committee members: Lt. Mike Tew of Pinehurst Police, Detective Edwards of the Southern Pines Police, and retired Officer William Coffer.

Maintenance

In an effort to clarify the enormous regular workload and services provided by the in-house maintenance staff, Director Bud Shaver offered a lengthy report—stating he intended to continue touting their accomplishments until the Annual Meeting election votes had been tallied: he only made it half-way through his report, which is on file and can be viewed in entirety at the landowner's office.

"Two years ago, I set my goals and told the committee, 'The (See "SLLA," p. 33)



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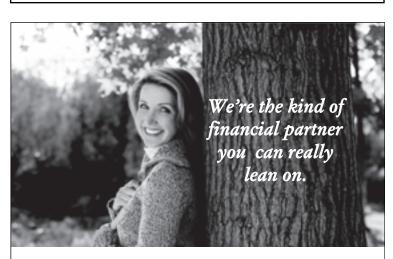
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SLLA Annual Meeting

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past cannot be changed. Let's look to the future and what we can do to enhance the community in a cost effective and timely manner," Shaver said.

He reported that the daily cost for in-house maintenance two years ago was 74 cents per household/per day and that after two years of major improvements and accomplishments, that cost had been reduced to 71 cents per day.

The maintenance department is responsible for maintaining the twenty-seven miles of interior roads and shoulders; routine dam inspection and maintenance; the pool, stables and other recreation facilities; and all Association buildings.

"Much has been accomplished these past two years, including completing construction of the new steel maintenance building; cleaning out the old building and conducting inventories; clearing and maintaining the yard debris site; placing Christmas trees in the lakes to serve as artificial fish reefs; repainting the gatehouses and installed new flooring; removing and discarding abandoned boats & trailers from the marina yard; painting stable fencing and installing a new bathroom; replacing front entrance sod and moving old sod to the dam faces; and ensuring road shoulders and pasture have an attractive appearance,"

He thanked the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club for their weekly trash and debris pick-up along Seven Lakes Drive and also Maintenance Committee members Jim Allen, Mike Cummins, Mike Pennington, Andy Smitly, George Stahl, Don Truesdell, and also former Maintenance Supervisor Bob Darr, for their service.

"Bob Darr did a marvelous job," said Shaver, and stated that moving forward he felt it would be uneconomical to hire outsourced maintenance for anything other than special proj-

Addressing two frequent questions, Shaver said that residents may hire in-house staff for special projects by submitting a request to the office. The SLLA employee will then contact the member to arrange service and fees for any after-hours work.

Shaver also explained that the Association is not responsible to correct natural drainage from roads or among lots. The Association is responsible to control damage from drainage from common areas and parks, catch basins; however, the Association has no liability or responsibility if the landowner accepts existing conditions when the home or lot is purchased. A copy of the drainage policy may be obtained at the SLLA office.

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