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Setting Sail



Sailor Bob Fewkes, ready for a day of racing with the Seven Lakes Sailing Club. [See story on page 5.]

State waffles on opening of Lake Auman dam road

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

The State of North Carolina has at long-last placed its stamp of approval on repairs to the Lake Auman Dam completed in May of last year, Lake & Dam Director Mick Herdrich reported during the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors evening Work Session on Tues-

dav. May 25.

Herdrich said the Association received a final "approval to impound," the last step in the process. He noted that the state was particularly pleased with an Emergency Action Plan prepared by former SLWLA President Mary Anne Fewkes and planned to use it as a model for other North Carolina communities.

Though their satisfaction with the repairs is clear, the opinion of state engineers about the wisdom of reopening Longleaf Drive across the dam was couched in language that was anything but clear.

Referring to the advice given the Association by engineer Dr. Dam Marks, who designed the dam repairs, the state wrote: "In

(See "Westside," p. 31)

Another way to incorporate

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

Would you trade your community's gates for 24/7 police protection, lower landowners association dues, and the opportunity to control future development in the Greater Seven Lakes Area?

That's the question raised by a new proposal to incorporate Seven Lakes -- this one authored by the Seven Lakes Community Study Group.

The Study Group, which began in a series of brainstorming sessions organized by Westsider Fred Young, has undertaken over the past five months a concentrated study of the prospects for incorporating Seven Lakes. The results of that study are presented in a pamphlet inserted in this issue of *The Times*. Their more comprehensive full report is available in the incorporation section of *The Times*

website at www.sevenlakestimes.net.

The pamphlet and report make the case for an incorporated Seven Lakes — without gates.

The rationale for dropping the gates is simple: it creates an opportunity for the Town of Seven Lakes to lay claim to \$1.6 million a year in shared state tax revenue — money that will pay for 24-7 police patrols, a full-fledged planning office, and repairs to roads and streets — not just in the business district, but throughout Seven Lakes North, South, and West, as well as McLendon Hills.

A rival proposal presented over the past few weeks by IncorporateSevenLakes.com preserves the gates but can lay claim to only a fraction of that state money: \$100,000 in fuel tax funds that can only be used on streets in the business village or

(See "Incorporation," p. 29)

Incorporation Forum Tuesday

The Seven Lakes Community Study Group will hold a public forum in the Great Room of the West Side Park Community Center at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 1, to present and answer questions about it recomendations on incoporation.

Residents of Seven lakes North, South, and West; McLendon HIlls, and the surrounding area are encouraged to attend.

The group is seeking volunteers willing to host small gatherings to discuss incorporation and can provide a speaker to present the Study Group's proposal. Hosts need not be in favor of incorporation, just in favor for discussing it. Prospective hosts can call 910-687-6050 to sign up.

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NEWS Seven Lakes Times May 28, 2010

No pool for Memorial Day on North Side

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

The Northside Pool will not be open for Memorial Day weekend; however, necessary work to bring the pool into compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Act is anticipated to be complete next week.

The pool should be refilled, inspected, and open for business by the second week of June, President Randy Zielsdorf reported at the Wednesday, May 26 Open Meeting of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA].

All other significant repairs to the pool, including tiling work and painting have been completed by in-house maintenance staff at a great cost savings to members, explained Community Manager Alina Cochran.

"I'm hopeful we'll be able to

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open the pool soon. When we have a firm date, we will send out an email and information will also be posted on the [community bulletin] boards," Cochran

Accounting system conversion

From inception, SLLA used a cash basis system of accounting

in monthly financial statements.

However, the accrual basis is

the preferred method of report-

ing and is the system which Talis

Management Group will use this

On May 21, the auditing firm

used by SLLA provided a draft

accrual report for Fiscal Year

2010 and the office then con-

verted the Association state-

ments from a cash basis to an

accrual basis, Treasurer Denny

A detailed income statement

and explanation of the process

were distributed at the meeting,

along with copies of the April

2010 profit and loss report.

Revised operations and capital

budgets should be available for

Galford said that billing and col-

lections procedures have been

a learning process for SLLA

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Board review in July.

Galford said.

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5/26 Association Meeting

staff and Talis accounting staff based in Raleigh.

"It was not as smooth as everyone would like, but, overall, we've had some very good recommendations," said Galford, noting that he also requested a list of financial procedures for internal control from Raleigh.

"Here in Seven Lakes, we will hire an independent auditor so

> we need to have a very thorough understanding of their accounting procedures," he said.

The Finance Committee has

reviewed the proposed statement that will be distributed next month, directly from Raleigh.

Incorporation will members get to vote?

Northsider Phil Thingstad expressed concern about the proposed incorporation of Seven Lakes and recommended that a vote of Association members should be held before any legislation is drafted by state rep-

"Foxfire and Pinehurst looking to annex [Seven Lakes] is a red herring meant to scare us," Thingstad said, scoffing that a five cent tax rate would provide enough revenue to support police and other services as proposed in the incorporation plan. "I want

Zielsdorf responded that nothing will happen in a hurry and that the SLLA Board wants to remain neutral on the incorporation issue.

He recommended that residents review the incorporation (See "SLLA," p. 28)



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	Artichokes Dinner ♥	Pie Dinner	Tilapia Dinner	Dinner
7 Lentil Soup ♥	8 Creamy Chicken Florentine Soup	9 Gazpacho ♥	10 Mushroom & Wild Rice Soup	11 New England Clam Chowder
Turkey Meatloaf	Chicken Tettrazini	Pot Roast Dinner	Bourbon Salmon	Peachy Pork
Dinner ♥	Dinner		Dinner ♥	Dinner ♥
14	15	16	17	18
Split Pea with Barley	Summer Vegetable	Chicken & Dumpling	Asparagus	Manhattan Clam
Soup ♥	Soup ♥	Soup	Vichyssoise ♥	Chowder ♥
Baked Spaghetti	Chicken Piccata	Beef Enchiladas	Tilapia Scampi-Style	Pork Marsala Dinne
Dinner	Dinner ♥	Dinner ♥	Dinner ♥	
21	22	23	24	25
Spinach & Broccoli	Tomato & Chicken	Chilled Cucumber	Mexican Meatball	Vidalia Onion
Soup ♥	with Tortellini Soup	Soup	Soup	Chowder
Sausage & Cheese	Lemon Chicken with	Corned Beef &	Lemon Shrimp	Beef Burgundy
Manicotti Dinner	Orzo Dinner	Cabbage Dinner	Oriental Dinner	Dinner
28 Curried Chicken Soup	29 Potato & Bacon Soup	30 Gazpacho ♥	July 1 Cream of Zucchini Soup	July 2 Tomato Basil Soup ♥
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Public turns out to support school budget

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

Nearly twenty speakers students and their parents, business and community leaders, and members of and candidates for the Moore County Board of Education — recommended full support of the local schools budget before a packed room during a nearly two-hour Public Hearing held by the Moore County Board of Commissioners on Monday, May 17.

As recommended by County Manager Cary McSwain, the proposed \$26.3 million county contribution to Moore County Schools [MCS] FY 2010-2011 budget falls significantly short of the original \$27.4 million request — a cut that Pamela Thompson, Vice Chair of the Board of Education, said would force schools "to go back in time" by reverting to increased class sizes and reduced staff.

"Our student achievement is severely threatened once again," said Thompson.

Anticipating a five percent reduction in revenue, McSwain said he had no choice but to be conservative in budget planning. Education funding, which includes Moore County Schools [MCS] and Sandhills Community College [SCC], accounts for 45% of the proposed county budget and, if fully funded, the total projected decrease in the county's general fund spending would jump from 4.98% to 8.87%, said McSwain.

His proposed budget does includes an increase in MCS

funding over last year's request; however, the increase is directly related to new costs necessary to open two new schools and four additions in Fall 2010 — facilities constructed this year under a \$54 million school bond referendum approved by the voters.

Two speakers offered support of McSwain's budget and the proposed three percent education cuts, but the overwhelming majority in attendance came in support of the schools, including Pastor Jonathan Wallace of Bethesda Presbyterian Church, who argued that the health of a community can be measured by its commitment to education.

"Now is the time to prioritize our efforts," Wallace said. "There is no better way to promote our growth and standard of living than to educate our children. To do less would be to drop the baton of those who came before and did more with less," said Wallace.

Other speakers, including Lori Copper of Seven Lakes West, expressed concern over the loss of fifty school positions in 2009. and how future cuts will further stretch resources.

"Last year's cuts were devastating," said Copper. "Positions lost come at a price. There is less hands-on instruction and teachers cannot offer one-on-one attention. With one adult in a class of twenty-five children, behavior problems are going to arise."

While twenty-five students crowd elementary school classrooms, high school students face even greater challenges of concentrating and excelling in classrooms of thirty-five students.

"Frivolous spending is not what Moore County wants," said

Westsider Emily Gower, an Advanced Placement [AP] student at Pinecrest High. "Many classes at school are on the verge of overcrowding . . . losing teachers will only acerbate the

problem. With budget cuts you will see negative impacts."

Pinehurst resident Debbie Kelly, who presides over the Moore County Chapter of North

(See "Commissioners," p. 23)



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Seven Lakes Times May 28, 2010 **BUSINESS**

Casa Garcia offers authentic Tex-Mex fare

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

Enjoy the tastes, sounds, and decor of a traditional South of the Border fiesta without leaving Seven Lakes at Casa Garcia Mexican Restaurant.

Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner, Casa Garcia offers a casual atmosphere and an enormous menu of modestly priced favorites including fajitas, carnitas, Texas burritos, enchiladas, tostadas, chalupas, and many other exciting dishes

including vegetarian options and traditional desserts. The children's menu features popular Mexican fare and also more traditional foods for the less adventurous eater.

Lunch specials are served from 11am to 3 pm, with prices ranging from \$4.50 to \$6.25, with combination dinners starting at \$7.25. And a 10% senior citizen discount is offered upon request.

A family business, Casa Garcia opened three years ago with owners Rafael Ponce and Jesus Lugo. Located in the village next door to Phoenix Fashions, regular business hours are Monday to Thursday 11 am to 9 pm, Fridays until 10 pm, and Sunday from 12 pm to 9 pm.

On Saturday, June 19, come out and enjoy live music with a Mexican band. And every Thursday is two-for-one margaritas and wine, domestic and Mexican beers are also always available.

For more information, contact Casa Garcia at 673-1276.



Casa Garcia owner Rafael Ponce gets a helping hand from his son, Jose Manual.

Chamber Lunchinar: Effective customer service

The Moore County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will hold a Lunchinar on Tuesday, June 8, 12:00-1:30 at the Moore County Chamber of Commerce.

The program speaker will be Bob Moore, owner of Innovative Technology Services and Bob Moore. Seminars and Presentations. He will focus on how to make simple, yet effective customer service work for you. This program is \$12 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Preregistration and payment is required.

graduate of Fayetteville State University and also attended North Carolina State University. Moore has extensive experience in the field of business, working specifically in the area of customer service relations. He has worked for companies such as Getronics Corporation, QualxServ Corporation and Gilat Network Systems with over 29 years of experience.

In this program Moore will demonstrate that providing effec-

Presenter Robert Moore is a tive and rewarding service to your customers does not have to be complicated or expensive. You will learn how the first and last five minutes of every transaction are the most crucial. Additionally, Moore will illustrate both excellent and "less than perfect" customer service using "real" experiences encountered in his lifetime.

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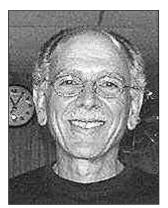
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The Fourth Annual Golf Tournament to benefit Back-Pack Pals, a program of Moore County Schools will be held on Friday, June 18, at Beacon Ridge Golf and Country Club, Lunch 11:30 am, Shotgun Start at 12:30 pm. Format is Captain's Choice using Handicap.

Entry Fee is \$65 per person. Corporate, Sponsor: \$300 for four includes name in program, Hole Sponsor is \$100.

For an entry form contact Ginger Finney, 673-1330, Jo Nicholas, 673-3604 or Linda Hubbard, Moore County Schools, 947-2342.



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Always room for another Seven Lakes Sailor

By Laura Douglass Times Reporter

Cruising into another Summer of fun, the Seven Lakes Sailing Club offers a seasonlong calendar of weekly races, introductory sail courses, and social events.

Chartered nearly two decades ago, the Sailing Club welcomes all residents with an interest in boating - both powered and non-powered. In fact, you don't even need to own a boat to join and participate.

"We have sailors from all over the United States — the Chesapeake area, Great Lakes, and

Ray Taylor, a Past Vice Commodore.

Alternating between Lake Seguoia on the Northside and Lake Auman in Seven Lakes West, weekly races are held rain or shine from April to October and include a beat, a reach, and a run. In layman's terms, that means an upwind leg, a sideways leg, and a downwind

With over sixty families involved and a fleet of thirty registered boats, races can be quite competitive - especially since the club uses a standard handicap

members from each coast," said rating system that gives everyone a fair chance — whether they sail a 13' Sunfish or a 22' sailboat.

> "Surprisingly, some boats that are supposed to be the fastest don't do as well because of the way the wind blows on the lakes," said Vice Commodore Bruce Keyser, Sr. "We have a lot of wind variation and it is much more difficult to sail on a lake than a bay."

> Races may be longer or shorter depending on available wind, but will generally last between thirty minutes to an hour. If it's a nice day and time allows, a second race will be run. Time is kept by volunteers on a committee boat and two safety boats are also deployed.

> "The races are a good reason to go out and sail. A reason to get out on the lake and enjoy it," said Keyser.

> In addition to racing events, the club also offers an annual "Learn to Sail" course, bi-monthly socials for members, and Spring picnic and a Fall banquet to rec-

ognize winners, the Turtle award for the most spectacular capsize, the Nickie award honors a behind-the-scenes volunteer, and the Rearview Mirror award for the most improved sailor.

Commodore Paul Kirst said, in particular, the club would like to get more young people involved in sailing and will offer a 'teens-only' sailing course, if there is enough interest.

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The Seven Lakes Sailing Club lines up in the starting gate before a race.



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Garden & kitchen goodies at Garden of Eatin'

Growing up around farming, Moore County native Lee Williams knows a thing or two about fresh produce.

A licensed contractor facing another slow building season, Williams looked to his roots for inspiration. With farmers on both sides of his family, he followed his grandmother's footsteps and opened a vegetable and fruit stand.

Garden of Eatin,' located on Hwy 211 between Seven Lakes and McLendon Hills is a fruit stand plus a whole lot more.

In addition to a cornucopia of in-season vegetables and fruits, homemade strawberry jam is available and customers can special order locally caught seafood from Little River, South Carolina.

Does your home or yard need a little color?

Garden of Eatin' has houseplants and landscape plants and trees, plus pine straw available along with planting and installation services, if needed. Whether you want one plant or fifty, Williams said he can help.

"There's not a lot of mark-up on my plants. I offer good prices. A pig gets fat, but a hog gets slaughtered," he joked. "So, I try to keep prices low."

By mid-June, Garden of Eatin' will have a broader selection of locally grown produce and Williams is also looking forward to offering fresh made sourdough bread and other baked goods.

Garden of Eatin' is open Tues-

day through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm, and Saturdays from 9 am to 3 pm.

They are located at 4039 NC Hwy 211, just west of the Seven

Lakes main business district. Only cash or checks are accepted.

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Garden of Eatin's Lee Williams

Don't miss Garden Tour

Seven Lakes Garden Club's 18th Annual Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, June 5, 9 am - 1:00 pm.

Seven homes on the North, South, and West side, with different landscapes and gardening ideas will be available to tour.

Some of the special sights are a fabulous koi pond with a waterfall, waterfront gardens, English style garden, hot tub deck with a triangle pergola, critter secure vegetable gardens, unique Colombian pottery, and many beautiful plants

and flowers.

The garden club is also holding a raffle of theme filled gift baskets which will be displayed at various homes on the tour. Participants on the garden tour will have the opportunity to win one of the six baskets available, that include, garden, wine, golf, tea & coffee and others.

Tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each and will benefit the garden club's sponsorship of guest speakers, flower plantings at the gates, and other projects.

Maps to the gardens can be picked up at each of the gates on

the North, South and West side during tour hours.

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GARDENING May 28, 2010 Seven Lakes Times

Some tips for wise watering in the garden

Finally, around the middle of May we received a significant amount of rainfall after a period of extended dry days. According to my measurements, we were graced with 2.5 inches of water within a period of three days. However, at this writing, the soil moisture is good hopefully we will have adequate rainfall throughout the growing season.

According to records, we are again below normal rainfall for the season. So let's conserve water: don't waste it. It's one of our most prized natural resources.

Most plants and grasses require one to two inches of moisture per week — from the soil, rainfall, or by supplementary watering. Early this year, abundant rainfall came and soil moisture was adequate, but April and early May were dry. Consequently, supplementary watering was required.

Here are a few tips on watering

Recently planted or transplanted shrubs, garden plants, flowerbeds, and trees should be thoroughly watered every two and not more than three days.

Newly seeded or sodded lawns should be watered daily.

Older, established shrubs, lawns, and trees should be watered thoroughly when needed, if rainfall is inadequate. One deep or thorough watering is more effective than two or more shallow watering, because deep watering allows roots to go down into the soil in search of additional

Water in the early morning or

anytime before nightfall, so that

plants become dry before the

evening dews. Watering at night

often causes problems because

humidity is higher at night, plus

wet plants may encourage cer-

tain insects and disease spores.

been as many ants as have

been observed this Spring. It

seems to be an invasion of ants

everywhere. Gardeners have

complained about large, red

ants, black ants, carpenter ants,

and fire ants.

I don't recall a time there has

moisture.

poses both good and bad. Ants are important in that they clean up dead organic matter. They are pests and nuisance to people, especially children, animals, and pets, and have been known to carry serious diseases.

Perhaps the most dangerous, dreaded, and harmful is the

Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

imported fire ant. They are a small ant that can be identified by their large colonies with numerous, numbers of punched

groupings of perforated holes. If undisturbed over time the mound may increase in size to 100 square feet or larger.

The control of fire ants has been the topic of conversation by farmers and golf course owners and managers for years. The U.S. Department of Agriculture was unsuccessful in trying to control and confine fire ants to restricted areas. Homeowners are now concerned about control measures.

According to the latest available information, the best control can be obtained by spreading bait chemicals over the mound and there are several recommended

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chemicals for this application. The ant worker carries the chemical bait into the queen. She is contaminated and dies, thereby destroying the colony. Most other chemicals only kill the ant workers by contract, warning the queen who moves to another area and produces more ants.

Control chemicals can be obtained from Cardinal Chemical Company in Aberdeen, from dealers, or possibly from your garden center.

Gardening reminders for May

 Pinch the bud tips of your chrysanthemums once they reach a height of four to six inches. By pruning them monthly until early July, they will produce bushier and better plants.

- If you haven't fertilized your rhododendrons and azaleas, feed them with a premium slowrelease acid plant food. Prune all spent flowers and do any other desired or necessary plant pruning as early as possible following blooming.
- Check your vegetable plantings regularly and if insects are present, use the proper control methods.
- Sow seeds of zinnias and other annuals in gardens, beds, and other desirable

(See "Gardening," p. 9)



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Seven Lakes Times May 28, 2010 **NEWS**

In memory of

died Sunday, May 23, at Manor Care Health Services, Pinehurst.

A memorial service was held Thursday, May 27, at Boles Funeral Home in Seven Lakes.

Mr. Wurster was born in New York City, the son of Ludwig and Louise Mutz Wurster. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force and retired from the telecommunications industry.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Carol; daughters Lee Wurster of Spring Lake, and Ellen Raco of Ripon, CA; two grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders Association, 3800 Shamrock Dr., Charlotte, NC 28215.

Grace C. Colegrove, 75, of Seven Lakes, died Saturday, May 22.

Mrs. Colegrove was born in Cortland, New York. She and her husband, Dick, retired to Seven Lakes in 1984 from Fulton, New York.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Richard Colegrove; two brothers, David and Dalphon Cranston, several nieces and nephews.

There will be no memorial services.

Memorial contributions may be made to Seven Lakes E.M.S., 969 Seven Lakes North, West End, NC 27376 or West End Presbyterian Church Music Fund, PO Box 13, West End, NC 27376

Mildred Greco Caltagirone, 78, of Seven Lakes, died on Saturday, May 15, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, May 19, at Boles Funeral Home in Seven Lakes.

Mrs. Caltagirone was born in Passaic, NJ; the daughter of the late Frank and Mary Buccola Greco

Mrs. Caltagirone and her husband Wallace lived in Oakland, NJ for 25 years. She worked for Meadox Medicals for twelve years before moving to North Carolina. She is known best in the Seven Lakes community as the manager of World of Children Daycare. Working as the manager of World of Children Daycare she raised many of the children

Richard Otto Wurster, 78, in Moore County. Mrs. Caltagirone was preceded in death by her sister Pamela Mayer.

> Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Wallace; two daughters; Jill Aleong of Charlotte; Janis Bullis of Central Valley, NY; three brothers; Daniel Greco of Severna Park, MD; Joseph Greco of Glen Burnie, MD; Kenneth Greco of Columbia, MD; and one grandson.

> Douglas (Doug) Gress, 59, of Seven Lakes, died Wednesday, May 12, at Sandhills Regional Medical Center, Hamlet.

> Mr. Gress was born in Tampa, Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents William Gress and Helen Gress and a brother, Nevin Gress.

> He retired from US Sprint, where he contributed to the construction of America's first Trans Continental, all digital fiber optic network.

> A memorial service was held Sunday, May 16 at Faith Baptist Church, West End. The Rev. Tony Connor officiated.

> He is survived by his wife, Marie, stepdaughter Sonja Jones and two step grandchildren; sisters Elvie Catalano, Brenda Gress and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

> Memorial donations may be made to Faith Baptist Church School.

> Joel David Leach, 28, of West Hollywood, CA, died May 1.

> He was born in Clearwater, FL, the son of Jim and Judy Leach of Pinehurst.

> Mr. Leach was a student in the electrician program at the East L.A. Occupational Center and a twelve-month resident of the Hope Program for Sober Living at Hope Church.

> A memorial service was held Tuesday, May 11, at First Christian Church in Clearwater, FL, Pastor Ed Carey of Hope International Bible Fellowship of West Hollywood, CA, officiated.

> He was preceded in death by grandparents, Al and Mickey Leach, of Clearwater, FL.

> Survivors include his parents, Jim and Judy Leach, brothers Michael Leach and T.J. Leach, all of Pinehurst; his grandparents, Dr. Henry and Alma Smoak, Jr. of Clearwater, FL, and four nephews and a niece.

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Sacred Heart Music Director entertains Kiwanis



David Wolff and Marty Matula, Program Chairman

by Frank Krohn Seven Lakes Kiwanis

At its Tuesday, May 18 meeting, the Seven Lakes Kiwanis was introduced to David Michael Wolff, and was treated to a truly eye-opening experience.

Wolff began playing the piano at the tender age of four years old, and made his orchestral debut as a piano soloist at the age of 12. He has since won several international competitions and has played extensively throughout Europe.

After establishing himself as a pianist, he studied conducting in Rome, and has conducted symphonies and operas throughout Europe and the United States.

Although he has established himself on the international scene, he and his family have settled down in the Sandhills, and have moved to Aberdeen.

He is now devoted to creating a musical center in Moore Country with the goal of making Pinehurst and Moore County renowned in the State for something other than golf. He is currently the Musical Director at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, but his efforts go far beyond that activity.

He has formed, and is still building, the Carolina Philharmonic, using talent only from the Sandhills. The orchestra has been performing in Pinehurst and Fayetteville, and Wolff has also taken the group to Carnegie Hall in NYC.

Local concerts are being per-

formed at Founders Hall at Sacred Heart and also at Sandhills Community College. Wolff and the Philharmonic's, reputation is growing, and Moore County will soon be proud to have its own orchestra.

And, if Wolff is successful with his efforts, the area will also have a reputation as a music center in NC.

Wolff closed the meeting by playing two piano pieces by Debussy and Wagner.

He hopes that the people of the Sandhills will take note of his activity and support the growth of the Philharmonic and Moore County as a cultural center for the musical arts.

Gardening

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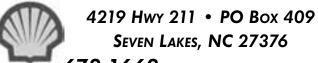


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AFLAC at Lions



Lion Will Gaynor & Lin Hutaff

The Seven Lakes Lions Club Third Vice President Will Gaynor welcomed Ms. Lin Hutaff, a representative of AFLAC, as their guest speaker for the Thursday, April 15 meeting.

Ms. Hutaff discussed how cancer is on the rise in North Carolina. Compared to eight other South Atlantic States, North Carolina is the highest in with a Cancer diagnosis. She discussed the cost of cancer and what people go through even though they have hospital insurance. Medical coverage will typically pay 33 to 35% of the insured total expense when someone is diagnosed with cancer.

Annual Lions Golf Tournament is June 6

The Seven Lakes Lions Club will hold their 13th Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Sunday, June 6 at Seven Lakes Country Club.

Shotgun start 1:30 pm, with Caption's Choice with 4 Person Teams (teams may be men, women or couples)

Hole-In-One prizes, \$10,000 cash, Taylor made Golf clubs, 5 day/4 night vacation package.

Raffle Prizes will include Golf equipment, free rounds of golf at area Golf Courses, meals at local restaurants, and many other prizes from local merchants.

Closest to the pine prize on a Par 3 Hole.

Cost for the tournament is \$70 per golfer, that includes a buffet dinner served at the conclusion of the tournament.

Proceeds from this tournament will support the Lions continuing programs for the Blind, Sight Impaired and Hearing Impaired.

Make checks payable to Seven Lakes Lions Club, PO Box 841, West End, NC 27376

Deadline for registration is June 1.

Want to play and don't have a foursome? Call Pro Roberts at 673-1092. Questions call Lion Bill Seldomridge 910-673-3083 or cell 910-690-9500.

Vision Van comes to 7 Lakes

Area residents will be offered toms. Early detection is the misfree eye screening when the North Carolina Lions' "See the 21st Century Van" will be in Seven Lakes on Saturday, June 5. This \$25,000 state of the art mobile screening unit will provide screening for visual acuity and a variety of eye diseases and disorders.

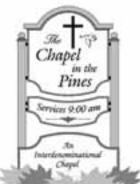
Some of these maladies can have serious consequences and often provide no warning sympsion of the van and may prevent the loss of sight.

The van will be in the Seven Lakes Food Lion parking lot from 9 am to 3 pm. Residents of all ages are welcome, persons under 18 must have a parent or guardian provide written consent for the screening.

The van is owned and operated by the Lions of North Carolina through the North Carolina Lion Foundation. It travels though out the state visiting communities at the request of local Lions Clubs. The Seven Lakes Lions Club is sponsoring this screening.

The van was purchased with funds raised by individual clubs and grants from Lions Clubs International and the Kate B. Reynolds Foundation. Assistance in equipping the van was provided by Duke Eye Center.

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Vets celebrate Armed Forces Day with Habitat

On Saturday, May 15, the John Boyd VFW Post 7318 did what it has been doing every third Saturday for the past nine years — they brought lunch to the volunteers at a local Habitat construction site.

However, this past Saturday was extra special. In honor of Armed Forces Day, Habitat greeted the VFW veterans with extra patriotic touches. The volunteers were encouraged to wear red, white and blue; the homeowners along Enroth Lane flew the American flag and Emmy McLean,

Miss Greater Sandhills 2010, shared lunch and sang the National Anthem for the volunteers, staff and members of the VFW

Emmy McLean said, "It was an honor and a privilege to perform our National Anthem at an event that represents the cooperation of two wonderful organizations. There are so many similarities between the two. Their fights might be different in nature, but both organizations fight for goodness, truth, and aid for their fellow man. And they do so

through a framework of service."

The VFW lunch is a favorite lunch sponsor among the construction volunteers, some even come out specifically for this event Saturday to ensure a good meal! The group typically delivers a hot meal to the construction folk. In the summer months, they often bring grills out and cook fresh hot dogs and hamburgers and in November, they bring out a traditional Thanksgiving feast.



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Emmy McLean sings the National Anthem before VFW lunch

Moore County Red Cross Blood Drive schedule

The Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross announces the following blood drives for the month of June:

Friday, June 11

Temple Beth Shalom – 1:30 - 6 pm, 131 Jackson Springs Rd. Foxfire. Sponsored by Foxfire Community. For appt. call 692-8571.

Tuesday, June 15

Moore County Ag Building – 9 am to 1 pm, 707 Pinehurst Ave., Carthage. Sponsored by Moore County Employees, Methodist Men's Club, and Carthage Women's Club. For appt. call 947-6362.

Monday, June 21
Southern Pines United
Methodist Church – 1:30 - 6
pm, 175 Midland Rd., Southern Pines. Sponsored by Southern Pines United Methodist
Church. For appt. call 692-8571.

Tuesday, June 22

Pinehurst Resort – 1:30 to 6 pm, St. Andrews Room, at Pinehurst Country Club. Sponsored by Pinehurst Rotary. For appt. call 692-8571.

Wednesday, June 23 FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital – 10 am to 3 pm,Con-

Hospital – 10 am to 3 pm,Conference Room, Page Rd., Pinehurst. Sponsored by FirstHealth Hospital. For appt. call 715-1478.

Thursday, June 24

Sandhills Community College – 10 am to 2:30 pm, Blue Hall, 3395 Airport Rd.Sign up online http://www.membersforlife.org/cbsr/schedule. Sponsor code is 1769.

There is no longer an upper age limit. Donor must be at least 16 yr. of age (with parent's permission) and weigh at least 110 lb.

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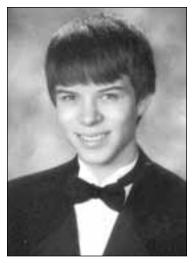
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Davis wins Modern Woodmen scholarship



Kyle Davis

Kyle T. Davis has been awarded a \$500 educational award in a national competition with other students who are members of Modern Woodmen of America. Modern Woodmen, a fraternal benefit society offering financial services, has local representatives and is based in Rock Island, III.

Davis, the son of Pam Davis and the late Tebe Davis of Carthage, plans to use the grant to attend Sandhills Community College, Pinehurst. Davis is one of 100 grant winners chosen this year.

During the past 40 years, Modern Woodmen has committed millions of dollars in financial assistance to hundreds of students through its Fraternal Scholarship Program.

Applications for the 2010-2011 Scholarship Program will be

taken in the fall of 2010. Founded in 1883 as fraternal benefit society, Modern Woodmen of America offers financial services and fraternal member benefits to individuals and families throughout the United States. Local Modern Woodmen repre-

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'Young Author' Ramsey Goodwin, a fifth grade student at West End Elementary, was one of fifteen students from West End Elementary and thirteen West Pine Middle students recently honored by the Moore County Reading Association for outstanding achievement in the 2010 Young Authors Writing Project. Pictured with WEE Principal Leigh Ann McClendon, Ramsey was also recognized as a state level 'Young Author' competition winner. She is the daughter of Jamie and Kristin Goodwin of Eagle Springs.

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Foxfire's Harsany bound for 'Down Under'

by Tim Lussier Moore County Schools

Amalia Harsany, a sixth grade student at West Pine Middle School, has been accepted into the People to People Student Ambassador Program, an educational travel program founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Amalia will explore Australia June 26-July 10 as a member of the Durham delegation.

Harsany will arrive in Brisbane, Australia, on the Sunshine Coast June 27 where she and other delegates will spend the afternoon with a variety of marine animals at Underwater World.

Throughout the trip, other activities will include a visit to the

CIS Golf Tournament

Meet Sean 'The Beast' Fister World Long Drive Champion as Communities In Schools supports and helps kids stay in school and prepare for life.

The tournament will be played on Pinehurst # 8, The Centennial Course, Monday, July 12. The game starts at 9 am with a Shot Gun – Texas Shamble.

All proceeds from the event support Moore County children including the Community In Schools COMPASS Mentoring Program, serving over 150 students.

The cost is \$200 per player and includes golf, lunch, beverages and a player reception after the tournament.

Sponsorships are available. Special events include: 'Meet the Beast' reception on Sunday, July 11 at Little River Golf Resort and also The 'Beast Challenge' on July 11 at Little River Golf Resort.

Five local pros will compete with the 'Beast' for the Longest Drive. The event will include a drawing for fabulous prizes, including Golf on the World-Renowned Pinehurst #8.

Communities In Schools is a local nonprofit organization helping kids stay in school and prepare for life. Contact Andi Korte at 910-295-1072 or andikorte@yahoo.com



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Acceptance into the Student Ambassador Program is an honor. After being invited to enroll, students submit letters of recommendation and successfully completed an interview process. Before departing they attend several orientation meetings with program leaders and fellow delegates to learn about the destination and prepare for the journey.

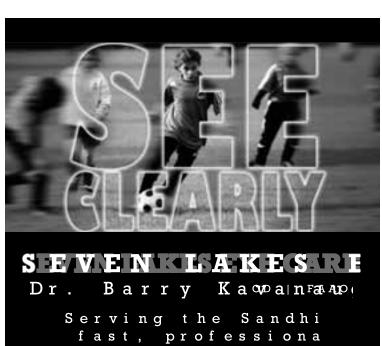
President Eisenhower founded People to People during his

presidency in 1956 with citizen leaders including entertainer Bob Hope, Olympic champion Jesse Owens, amusement entrepreneur Walt Disney and Hallmark Cards founder Joyce Hall.

Having served as a military commander, Eisenhower believed that ordinary citizens of different nations could make a difference where governments could not. People to People Student Ambassador Programs is based in Spokane, Washington, and has been coordinating educational travel for nearly 50 years.

Harsany is very active at school and outside of school. She recently received her Junior Black Belt after four and a half years of training, and is a Girl Scout, having been one of the top three sellers of Girl Scouts cookies for all of Moore County for the last five years. She is also involved with her church youth group and, at school, she is a member of the Beta Club, orchestra and chorus.

Harsany is the daughter of Susan Harsany of Foxfire.



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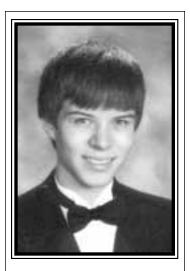
Congratulations to the Class of 2010!



Paige Marie Baker

Pinecrest High School Southern Pines, NC

Paige is the daughter of Ron and Sandy Baker of West End. She was a member of Pinecrest Chamber Ensemble, of West End Methodist Church, and is working toward her Girl Scout Gold Award. She will attend Sandhills Community College and transfer to Appalachian State.



Kyle T. Davis

Pinecrest High School Southern Pines, NC

Kyle is the son of Pam Davis and the late Tebe Davis of Carthage. He was an AP Scholar and received educational awards from Modern Woodmen of America & Sandhills Community College. He will attend Sandhills Community College and transfer to North Carolina State.

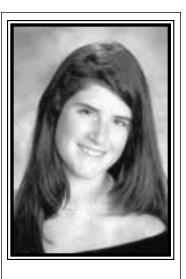


Arrielle Elizabeth Jones

Pinecrest High School Southern Pines, NC

Arrielle is the granddaughter of Betty Jones of Seven Lakes North.

Arrielle will pursue a degree in Special Education.



Katherine Ruth Kelly

The O'Neal School Southern Pines, NC

Katherine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Kelly.

The family resides in West End.

Katherine plans to attend Clemson University in Clemson, SC.

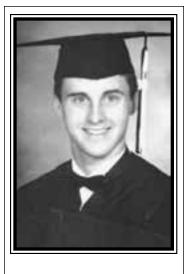


Brittany Charis Lowe

Carroll County High School Hillsville, VA

Brittany is the daughter of the late Michael A. Lowe of Galax, VA; the granddaughter of George & Linda Lowe of Galax, VA and the niece of Greg & Marcy Hankins of the Seven Lakes Times.

Brittany was an Honors Student, and a member of the National Society.



Seth McChesney

Westfield High School Chantilly, VA

Seth is the son of Susan and Seth McChesney of Centreville, VA and the grandson of Jan and Bob Mitchell of Seven Lakes. He was a member of the Senior Honor Society, he participated in both tennis and soccer. Seth will attend The University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

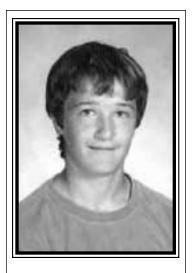


Jill Alyson McIlwain

Pinecrest High School Southern Pines, NC

Jill is the daughter of Kim McIlwain of Seven Lakes & Wayne McIlwain of Ellerbe, her grandparents are Paul & Brenda Bunce of Fayetteville, and Charles & Dorothy McIlwain of Kittanning, PA.

Jill will attend Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington.

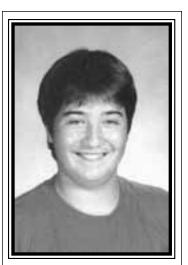


Alex Mitchell Keene High School

Keene High School Keene, NH

Alex is the son of Gwen and Bob Mitchell of Westmoreland, NH and the grandson of Jan and Bob Mitchell of Seven Lakes West.

He was a member of the Senior Honor Society, lacrosse, soccer, and ski teams. Alex will be attending Union College, NY.



Elliot Mitchell Keene High School

Keene, NH

Elliot is the son of Gwen and Bob Mitchell of Westmoreland, NH and the grandson of Jan and Bob Mitchell of Seven Lakes West.

He was a member of the Senior Honor Society, football, lacrosse, and ski teams.

Elliot will be attending the University of Vermont.



Lauren Elizabeth Proulx

The O'Neal School Southern Pines, NC

Lauren is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Proulx.

The family resides in West End.

Lauren will be attending Appalachian State University in Boone, NC.

Congratulations to the Class of 2010!



Leslie Ellen Proulx

The O'Neal School Southern Pines, NC

Leslie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Proulx.

The family resides in West End. Leslie will be attending North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC.



John Nicholas Schoemmell

The O'Neal School Southern Pines, NC

John Schoemmell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schoemmell. The family lives in Seven Lakes.

He will be attending High Point University, High Point, NC



Alexander Christopher Swearingen

Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School Raleigh, NC

Alex is the son of Brad and Susan Swearingen of Raleigh, and the grandson of Loren & Judy Swearingen of Seven Lakes North. Alex will be attending Wake Technical Community College, Raleigh, NC this fall.



Kelli Taylor

Old Mill High School Millersville, MD

Kelli is the granddaughter of Ray and Pauline Taylor of Seven Lakes West.

Kelli will be attending East Carolina University to study in the nursing program.



Leslie Marie Walters

Pinecrest High School Southern Pines, NC

Leslie is the daughter of Dee and Janice Walters of Seven Lakes. Her grandparents are Mack D. and Brenda Walters of Orrum. She was an AP Scholar of Honor, a member of Interact, National Honor Society, and French Club. Leslie will attend University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.



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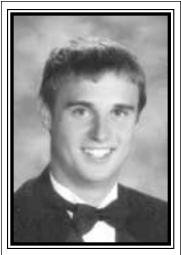
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Benjamin Patt Williams

Pinecrest High School Southern Pines, NC

Benjamin is the son of Jan and Art Williams of Eagle Springs.

He was the quarter back for the Pinecrest football team, was voted MVP of the year; and also played varsity baseball. Benjamin will attend Appalachian State University in Boone this fall. 16 Seven Lakes Times March 16, 2007 NEWS

Congratulations!



Aaron Thomas Fox

University of North Carolina Charlotte, NC

Aaron is the son of Cheryl and Ryan Fox of Seven Lakes West and the grandson of Frances Fox formerly of Seven Lakes West. He received a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering. Aaron has accepted job as a Design Engineer at Altec Incorporated, Burnsville, NC



Derrick Allen Holbrook

Wingate University Wingate, NC

Derrick is the son of Ralph and Sandy Holbrook of Seven Lakes South and the grandson of Robert & Peggie Crouch of Seven Lakes West and Irene Holbrook of Wilmington. He graduated Magna Cum Laude, with a Doctor of Pharmacy. He will be working in Charlotte, NC.



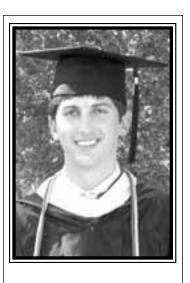
Bonnie Marie JonMoore

North Carolina State University Raleigh, NC

Bonnie is the daughter of Rob and Brenda JonMoore of Seven Lakes West.

She received a BA degree in Criminology. Bonnie completed an internship with the Federal Probations Dept., Raleigh, NC in April.

Bonnie will pursue a career in Criminal Justice.



Paul Kline

Furman University Greenville, SC

Paul Kline, son of Tim & Cindy Kline of Seven Lakes North. He graduated Magna Cum Laude, with a BS degree in Health and Exercise Science.

Paul is currently enrolled at East Carolina University's Doctor of Physical Therapy Program.



Maggie Anne McKinley

Campbell University Buies Creek, NC

Maggie is the daughter of Beckie Allen of Troy and the granddaughter of Jack & Mary Ann Allen of Seven Lakes. She received a BS degree in Biology with teaching licensure from Campbell University. Maggie is currently participating in biological research in Hawaii with Campbell.



David Christian Radford

University of Illinois Champaign, IL

David is the son of Rev. William and Tracy Radford of Crystal Lake, IL and the grandson of Loren and Judy Swearingen of Seven Lakes North.

David received a Bachelor of Music Education degree and will pursue a career in teaching.



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County's Medical Reserve Corps honored

The Office of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps and the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to the Moore County Medical Reserve Corps(MRC) for Service to the Community in Response to the 2009 H1N1 Influenza Pandemic

Moore County MRC volunteers were instrumental in helping the Health Department conduct H1N1 immunization clinics in Moore County public and private schools for children in grades K-12.

Strike teams composed of health department employees, Public Health Response and Surveillance Team Region 3 staff, FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital nurses and MRC volunteers, in partnership with school personnel worked together to vaccinate children.

By the conclusion of the School Vaccination Campaign in February, 2010, 6,457 vaccinations had been provided and 33.5% of Moore County school children had been vaccinated against H1N1 Influenza.

The Moore County MRC is a local branch of the national MRC and a partner program of the

Citizens Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to ensuring hometown security in emergency and non-emergency situations.

The Moore County MRC was initiated by MooreHealth, Inc. and is administered by the Health Department. For more information about the MRC, contact Matt Garner at 947-4512.



Robert Wittmann - Moore County MRC Director, Julia Jones, RN - Moore County MRC Volunteer, Matt Garner - Moore County MRC Coordinator and Beverly Blandford, RN – Moore County MRC Volunteer.

Memorial Day service planned

A Memorial Day ceremony will be held at 11 am on Saturday, May 29 at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Carthage to commemorate those killed or missing while serving in the armed forces. The service will be conducted by local Chapter 966 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, other veteran organizations will attend and participate.

Don Sass, Chapter President, will offer welcoming remarks and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The program will include the reading of a poem and a prayer of remembrance. The names of soldiers killed or missing in Vietnam will be read by a VVA member with a ship's bell tolling each name.

Pinecrest High School will provide the bugler to play Taps during the wreath laying ceremony and the Air Force ROTC Color Guard will present and retire the Colors.

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tion days throughout the year, Chapter 966 provides a wreath to be displayed at the Veteran's Memorial and conducts or participates in accompanying commemoration ceremonies.

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FRIDAY, MAY 28

- WEUMC Spaghetti Dinner 5 pm until 7 pm, men of West End United Methodist Church will be serving their famous Spaghetti. Dine in or take out. Tickets are \$7 each. The menu includes spaghetti, salad, a roll, drink, and a dessert. Proceeds will benefit the Ministries of the United Methodist Men. For tickets call Stu Chase at 673-2635.
- Moore OnStage 7:30 pm, presenting "On Bradway" Song and dance from your favorite Broadway shows will be the theme of this production. Always fun and upbeat! At Robert E. Lee Auditorium, Pinecrest High School, Southern Pines. For tickets, call 910-692-7118.

SATURDAY, MAY 29

• Memorial Day Ceremony – 11 am, at Veteran's Memorial Park in Carthage. This ceremony is to commemorate those killed or missing while serving in the armed forces. The ceremony will be conducted by local Chapter 966 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, other veteran organizations will be attending and participating. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend this event in honor of those who have served their country.

Broadway shows will be the theme of this production. Always fun and upbeat! At Robert E. Lee Auditorium, Pinecrest High School, Southern Pines. For tickets



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SUNDAY, MAY 30

- St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church 9:30 am, Sunday Eucharist. Rev. Robert Brown, Vicar. Trinity Sunday. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. All are Welcome.
- Moore OnStage 2:00 pm, presenting "On Bradway" Song and dance from your favorite Broadway shows will be the theme of this production. Always fun and upbeat! At Robert E. Lee Auditorium, Pinecrest High School, Southern Pines. For tickets, call 910-692-7118.
- Moore County Concert Band – 2 pm, Free. Cardinal Ballroom, Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst Resort, Village of Pinehurst. www.moorecountyband.com

• Moore OnStage – 7:30 pm, presenting "On Bradway" Song and dance from your favorite SANDHILLS LEADING HOME LIGHTING CENTER Incredible Lighting for Incredible Homes Specializing in Spec and Custom Homes Chambelers • Ouddoor Lighting • Home Lighting Packages • Ceiling Fams Lamp & Chambeler Report • Lamps • Merrors • Formitter • Accessories We have the most versatile fan display in the area! 114 W. Main St. 944-9100 Mon. - Fri., 8 am-5 pm & Sat. By Appointment

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bled, in harms way, traveling, or deceased. Carol Burgess, Deacon. This weeks

leader: Paula Hill. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. All are Welcome.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

 Art Anonymous II – 6 to 8 pm, Art Exhibit and Opening Reception. Exhibit is on display through July 16. Call for schedule. Campbell House Galleries, 482 E. Connecticut Ave., Southern Pines. Information: 910-692-2787 www.mooreart.org

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

• Seven Lakes Lions Offer Free Eye Screening – 9 am to 3 pm, in the Seven Lakes Food Lion parking lot. A state of the art mobile screening unit will provide screening for visual acuity and a variety of eye diseases and disorders. Early detection is the mission of the van and may prevent the

loss of sight. Residents of all ages are welcome, persons under 18 must have a parent or guardian provide written consent for the screening.

- Seven Lakes Garden Club's 18th Annual Garden Tour -9 am to 1 pm. Seven North, South, and West side local home gardens will be open for to visit. A variety of different gardens will be available to see. A raffle of theme filled baskets will be displayed at some homes on the tour. Participants on the tour will have the opportunity to win one of the six baskets available. Tickets will be sold for \$1 each. Directions to the gardens will be available at each of the gates.
- 7th Annual Blue Jean Ball –
 6:30 pm to 11 pm. In Support of the Cancer Care Fund. \$60 per person. County music bands, BBQ buffet and refreshments. At the Fair Barn, Pine-

hurst Harness Track, Route 5, Village of Pinehurst. For tickets call 910-695-7510. Sponsored by FirstHealth Hospice Foundation.

<u>SUNDAY, JUNE 6,</u>

- St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church 9:30 am, 30th Anniversary Celebration, Holy Eucharist. Rev. Fred L. Thompson, Priest Associate, & The Rev. Robert H. Brown officiating. Concelebrant The Rev. Carol J. Burgess, Deacon. Pentecost 2. Proper 5. Gospel: Luke 7: 11-17. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. All are Welcome.
- FirstHealth Annual Cancer Survivors Day – 2 - 4 pm, at the Fair Barn, Pinehurst, the event will feature a carnival venue and the opportunity for more participant interaction. There will be no speakers or set agenda. Participants will be treated to fun,

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interactive games and activities, including Bingo and a "prize walk," a cakewalk-like activity. A variety of prizes will be won. "Dunk the Doctor" booth. Craft, journaling, complimentary therapy and photo areas. Refreshments. Cancer survivors receive a National Cancer Survivors Day T-shirt. "Wellness Corner" will highlight services that complement cancer care. 11 million cancer survivors are expected to participate in observing the worldwide 23rd National Cancer Survivors Day. Free and open to cancer survivors, their families and friends, and to the physicians and other health-care personnel who treat cancer patients. Information (800) 213-3284.

- Winged Gems 3 pm, Learn to identify a few of the 90 species of butterflies that occur at Weymouth Woods. A short program held in the auditorium followed by a one mile hike to search for colorful critters. Bring binoculars and bug spray. Weymouth Woods, Sandhills Nature Preserve, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines (910) 692-2167 or weymouth.woods@ncdenr.gov
- **Summer on the Porch Music** Series - Postmaster's House. 204 E. South Street, Aberdeen. 910-944-7502 or www.theroosterswife.org

MONDAY, JUNE 7

June Luncheon of Moore Republican Women - Registration at 11:30 am. lunch at noon, at Pinehurst Members Club. Cost for luncheon \$15 payable by cash or check. Check may be made payable to Pinehurst Resort LLC. Program will feature Republican Judges on the ballot in November. Call Pauli Curl @ 215-9796 for reservations. Valet parking available.

<u>tuesday, June 8</u>

Healing Service - 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. Intercessory Prayers for those who are sick, troubled, in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive. Seven Lakes. All are Welcome.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

 American Red Cross Blood Drive - 1:30 to 6 pm, at Temple Beth Shalom, 131 Jackson Springs Rd. Foxfire. Sponsored by Foxfire Community. For appt. call 692-8571.

SATURDAY, <u>June 12</u>

 Weymouth Garden Tour – 10 am to 3 pm, Admission fee. Program booklet provides extensive about the gardens on the tour and a map showing locations. Weymouth Center, 155 E. Connecticut Ave., Southern Pines. 910-692-6261.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

- St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church - 9:30 am, Holy Eucharist. Rev. Father Robert Brown, Vicar. Pentecost 3, Proper 6. Gospel Luke 7:36 -8: 3. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. All are Welcome.
- **Paint Hill Discovery Hike** 3 pm, join a ranger for a one mile hike to see the Paint Hill Tract of Weymouth Woods. This satellite area is not developed yet. Ranger will discuss plants and animals. Group will carpool from Weymouth Woods to Paint Hill, approx. 1.5 mile drive. Weymouth Woods, Sandhills Nature Preserve, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines (910) 692-2167 weymouth.woods@ncdenr.gov
- **West End United Methodist** Church - Invites Families to Egypt: Joseph's Journey From Prison to Palace. A summer family event called Egypt will be hosted at West End United Methodist Church, the program will continue through Thursday, June 17, 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm each day. Families will step back in time at Egypt, exploring the life of Joseph. Kids and adults participate in a memorable Bible-times marketplace, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games,

dig into Egyptian eats. Call 673-1371 for information and to register for the program.

· Summer on the Porch Music Series - Postmaster's House. 204 E. South Street, Aberdeen. 910-944-7502 or www.theroosterswife.org. Support the Arts.

MONDAY, JUNE 14

- Flag Day
- SCC Jazz Band Outdoor Concert - 6:30 pm. Free. Bring a lawn chair and picnic if you wish. In the event of rain, the concert will be moved in doors to the Owens Auditorium on the SCC campus. Sandhills Community College, Airport Road, Southern Pines. 910-692-7966. Everyone is welcome.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

Healing Service - 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. Intercessory prayers for those who are sick, troubled, in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased. Carol Burgess, Deacon. Leader: Bette Hanham. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. All are welcome.

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American Red Cross Blood Drive - 9 am to 1 pm, at Ag Building, 707 Pinehurst Ave., Carthage. Sponsored by Moore County Employees, Methodist Men's Club, and Carthage Women's Club. For an appt. call 947-6362. Give the Gift of Life for those in need. The life you save may be a friend.





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Kerseys tell tales of the great North West

by Frank Krohn Seven lakes Kiwanis

Seven Lakes Kiwanis, on Tuesday, April 27, was treated to a beautiful trip to the Columbia River and environs via a Travelogue put together by its own member, Chuck Kersey, with the help of his wife, Jane.

With its headwaters in British Columbia, the Columbia River is fed by many tributaries, the two major ones being the Snake River from the South and the Kootenay River flowing South out of Canada. It joins the Pacific Ocean at Astoria, Washington.

Astoria, at one time, was called the Salmon Capitol Of the World because of the high concentration of salmon canning facilities

located there. Fourteen major dams, built to control water flow, have drastically changed the nature of the river since the days of Lewis and Clark, and dramatically contributed to the demise of the salmon canning industry in Astoria.

The country surrounding the Columbia River Gorge is breathtakingly beautiful, and Kersey's presentation of slides and video were a wonderful reminder of a Country in which we should all take great pride.

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

WEUMC Spaghetti Dinner

The men of West End United Methodist Church will be serving their famous Spaghetti on Friday, May 28, from 5 pm until 7 pm. Dine in or take out tickets are \$7 each.

The menu includes spaghetti, salad, a roll, drink, and a dessert. Proceeds from the dinner will be used to benefit the Ministries of the United Methodist Men. For tickets call Stu Chase at 673-2635.

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Grits casserole with cheese

This recipe calls for garlic. I will say it is optional, although I do not use it. This is good for breakfast, lunch or dinner. I believe it serves several more people than the recipe says.

Grits Casserole With Cheese

Ingredients:

4 cups water

2 Tablespoons butter

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 1/4 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (divided)

1/8 teaspoons pepper

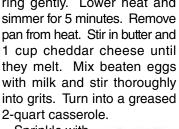
2 eggs beaten

1 cup quick grits (not instant) 1/2 cup milk

Bring water, salt and pepper to boil. Gradually add in grits, stirring gently. Lower heat and simmer for 5 minutes. Remove pan from heat. Stir in butter and 1 cup cheddar cheese until they melt. Mix beaten eggs with milk and stir thoroughly into grits. Turn into a greased

Sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup cheese. Bake at 350 for 1 hour. Serves

4-8.





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Correction

from Lucy's Kitchen

The recipe for Strawberry

Margarita Pie that appeared in

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had an error. As printed, it called

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Lucy Ingram Seven Lakes South



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More back to basics at SL Computer Club

by Irene Baumgartner

Seven Lakes Computer Club

Craig Castrogiovanni of G&D Computers, returned as the quest speaker. He started the meeting off with a quick review of PC maintenance discussed at the April meeting, then began this month's topic by asking everyone what their data was worth to them, what everyone is willing to risk and could the data be easily replaced, not if, but when your hard drive fails.

Most people backup only when they have a problem, but they should do backups on a regular basis. Everyone should check their backed up data to assure the backup is good.

Castrogiovanni gave everyone two options for the backup of data consisting of Long Term Storage and Short Term Storage. Long Term includes Magnetic Tape, CD/DVD Disks, Portable External Drives and Offsite Storage. Short Term Storage included creating a Restore Point, Backup to USB or Portable External Drives. He brought both an external hard drive and USB drive to the meeting and explained the differences and the longevity for both types.

Everyone should periodically create a Restore Point, so you can have a good system backup if you develop computer

Creating a Restore Point puts a snapshot in time of your PC and you name and save it. The restore process brings up a calendar and you select the restore point you named, which will take about 15-20 minutes for the restore to complete. Just remember, you will lose all the system information you have done including installed programs since that date and they will need to be reinstalled.

The first step, if having any computer issues, is to reboot your computer, as that may take care of the issue. If the issue is not resolved, do the restore at this point to a name and date you know the computer system was working without any problems.

It is important to remember that restore is only for your computer system and does not save any data such as documents, spreadsheets, photos, or music. You need to do a Backup in order to save that data.

At this meeting, everyone learned the importance of doing the backups to save all the data which is important, you can schedule the back up to run to making it an automatic process, and the Restore process, so you can provide your computer with a good working system in the event of a computer system problem.

Aging Gracefully Seminar at WEUMC

West End United Methodist Church will host a seminar on Aging Gracefully, Monday, June 21 at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

The 1.5 hour seminar will be conducted by Myron Dice, a United Methodist Church pastor and a professional in aging services.

Objectives of the seminar are to provide the opportunity for participants to get in touch with their own aging and their aging parent(s) and to provide

options for participants to plan ahead for losses in the aging process, avoid denial when loss occurs, and maintain important decision-making control to the end of one's life.

Adults of any age can benefit from this experience now and for the future. Children of aging parent(s) and the aging parent(s) will benefit most by participating together. For additional information contact the church office at 673-1371.



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West End Elementary Distinguished List

Leigh Ann McClendon, Principal and the faculty of West End Elementary School announce the following students have been named to the distinguished list and honor roll for the third nine weeks grading period.

Distinguished List

Third Grade: Larcie Britt, Leanna Grace Caddell, Mikey Clowser, Keeley Copper, Hank Credle, Tyler Holder, Colton Hoover, Amanda Jones, Connor Jones, Brooklyn Kuhn, Anna Lee, Matthew Lewis, Christopher Schaefer, Emma Wolf, Kaitlyn York.

Fourth Grade: Tanner Benton, Darryl Byrd, Anire Egbe, Jacob Freeman, Andrew Grgurevic, Brennan Hamilton, Justin Joyce, Macie Kavanaugh, Greg Lyne, Matthew Mabe, Alex Miller, Patrick Nieves, Jon Osteen, Charlize Quindara, David Ramchand, Haden Smith, Jenna Stockwell, Kayleigh Wachter.

Fifth Grade: Kaycie Atherton, Jordan Blake, Lauren Blakely, Erin Bridgman, Christina Cobos, Alicia Cox, Chris Cox, Alyssa Drake, Ramsey Goodwin, Layla Hash, Gabi Kinney, Dominique LeGrande, Nick Mabe, Abigail Martin, Ashleigh Mills, Sydney Shepherd, Sam Shutt.

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Fourth Grade: Nate Adams,

Claire Allen, Caroline Anderson, Nicole Barnes, Jake Benoit, Todd Berkheimer, Christopher Byrd, Rylee Campbell, Sophie Casey, Kelly Clark, Tynasha Collins, Garrett Cross, Brianna Edwards, Christopher Ehnes, Elizabeth Evans, Hayden Gentry, Alana Harned, Jada Harper, Kacie Horne, Courtney Jingle, Jayson Jones, Brendan Kivett, Rachel Lynn, Victoria Massey, Veronica Monroe, Dorien Morales, Savannah Morgan, Molly Niewald, Grayson Oldham, Courtney Olvey, Allyson

Patti, Nicole Pope, Haley Ratcliff, Adam Robins, Teasia Robinson, Hailey Scott, Lawson Skipper, Bridillia Spencer, Carson Thurow, Nolan Walling.

Fifth Grade: Alan Alvarez, Tyler Andreson, Seth Campbell, Kensie Coble, Patrick Cole, Elizabeth Cox, Johnathan Garner, Matthew Garner, Tristan Mabe, Michael Margolos, Kylie McLaughlin, Liam Nowicki, Conner Paszko, Maegan Pigg, Dylan Powers, Tristan Price, Ashley Reiter, Jaxon Richardson, Zoe Richardson, Caleb Robinson, Jordan Schrodt, Michael Shoemake, Cassidy Siebenhar, Hydia Smith, J.T. Smith, Mackenzie Smith, TreQuan Smith, Chris Stancil, Regan Styers, Rylee Styers, Allandra Wall, Abby Wallace, Morgan Williams, Trey Wood, Josh Woodcock.

Literacy Council training

The Moore County Literacy Council offers twelve hour workshops for volunteers who would like to become adult tutors. Volunteers are required to attend Orientation prior to a training session. All sessions will be at the Emmanuel Youth House, 385 E Indiana, Southern Pines.

Orientation: Tuesday, June 1, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Tutor Training: Monday, June 7 & Tuesday June 8, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Donations will be accepted to defray the cost of materials. Please bring a lunch. Register by the week prior to the session. Registrations may be made by phone, (910)692-5954 or e-mail or pammclc@nc.rr.com.

It's a 'Summer Fling' at SL Country Club

Everyone's invited to a "Summer Fling Dance" on Saturday, June 19, at the Seven Lakes Country Club.

Festivities begin with cocktails at 5:30 pm, a fabulous buffet at 6:30 pm, featuring Meatloaf, Sliced Turkey, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls/Butter Fruit, Ice Cream Bar, and Lemonade/Iced Tea station. Music & dancing at 7:00 pm by

Art Dearing of "Twin Spin" DJ Service.

The all- inclusive price for members is \$23 and non-members \$28 inclusive. Reservations may be made in person at the club or call 673-1100. You do not have to be a member to attend this fun event.

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Commissioners

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Carolina Association of Educators [NCAE], said that schools are not a mainstream business — and that their budgets should not be viewed in that light.

"We are talking about children. We are in the business of educating but we must deal with each individual: an individual is not a business deal," said Kelly. "At one point or another, we all went to school. This is a full circle, we have a responsibility."

Education funding cuts could hurt the local economy, argued John Venjohn, a Whispering Pines parent and the immediate past president of the Pinehurst-Southern Pines Association of Realtors.

"School systems absolutely affect value. People will pay more, and do pay more, to live here because of our school system. Our tax base is high because people are willing to pay more live in this school system. Cutting the budget will affect our economic vitality," said Venjohn. "There are no do-over's for a child. They go through that door one time."

The Board of Commissioners took no action; however, a special Work Session to discuss the proposed budget will be held Thursday, May 27 at 5:00 pm.

"We understand the importance of educating our children and the cost we have to bear to do that," Commissioners Chairman Tim Lea told the crowd in the Historic Courthouse. "We will do everything we possibly can, from a budget perspective, to address the needs of the schools. Not everybody will be happy, including us. We do have to make hard decisions – tough love decisions: that is what you elected us to do."

Location for Government Center called into question

With Commissioners Nick Picerno and Jimmy Melton unable to attend the May 17 meeting due to health issues, discussions on the proposed Public Safety building were deferred until the next meeting.

However, Lea seized the opportunity of presiding over a quorum of three to orchestrate a series of motions that reversed last year's decision to place the proposed Government Center building on the Grimm property

in downtown Carthage.

With support from Commissioner Cindy Morgan, Lea rescinded the previous 3-2 decision to put the administrative complex on the Grimm location, substituting a new 2-1 decision not to place the facility at the downtown site. A third motion from Lea, to not bid out construction of the Government Center at this time, was unanimous, with support from both Morgan and Commissioner Larry Caddell.

Lea and Morgan had originally opposed the price paid for of the Grimm property and, later, the placement of the Administration Building on that site, preferring a site adjacent to the old Carriage Oaks shopping center in east Carthage, which already houses a number of county offices.

Commissioners have learned over the past few months that inadequate space is also an issue at the existing courthouse. A courthouse committee and a consultant hired by the county found that additional courthouse facilities are needed, preferably within close proximity of the detention center.

Three new buildings — the Government Center, the Public Safety building, and a new Detention Center — is all the Grimm property can handle. Adding a courthouse to the other three would be impossible.

Other Business

In other business on Monday,

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May 17, the Moore County Board of Commissioners:

- Heard from Pinehurst Councilwoman Nancy Roy Fiorillo that the Village would like to purchase its own water system and supports the creation of a regional, interconnected water system. "We have the will and the desire to own our own water utility," said Fiorillo. "The Village wants to set the standard and to do the planning to make a system that will continue to grow. You want to cut spending and to cut taxes this is an opportunity. We would like to work together and would like to get start-
- Approved a request by District Attorney Maureen Krueger to submit a pre-application for

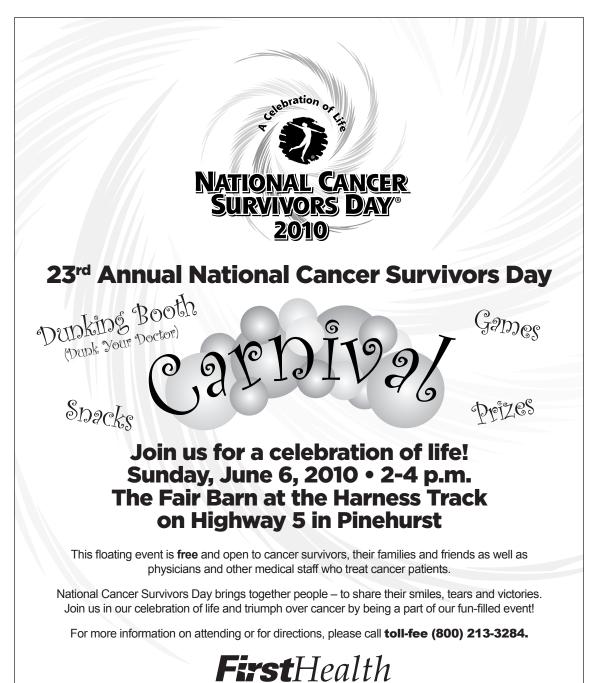
- a two-year grant that would fund two additional staff positions
- Passed a resolution in support of Susie's Law, named after a dog found beaten and burned in Greensboro last Summer. If approved by the NC General Assembly, Susie's Law would reclassify animal cruelty charges from a Class I felony to a Class F felony, which carries stiffer penalties, including active jail time, if convicted.
- Accepted a \$30,000 grant from RAFI-USA in support of the Sandhills Farm2Table Cooperative. With over 900 members and 400-500 box subscriptions in this first year of operations, the Cooperative has been very successful in

connecting local farmers and consumers.

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- Awarded a \$49,850 bid to D&A Complete Construction to rehabilitate a housing unit in Pinebluff under the 2006 Addor Community Development Block Grant.
- Appointed an Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction [ETJ] representative to the Town of Vass Planning Board.
- Assigned Laura Williams, the newly hired Clerk of the Board, to serve on the Budget Team, Website Committee, Government Center Committee, Awareness Team, Contract Review Committee, Health Insurance Committee, Courthouse Facilities Advisory Committee, and Major Capital Items

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Commissioners

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Task Force.

- Approved filling five county positions recently vacated, including: Nutritionist II, Lead Custodial, Lead Maintenance, Waste Pollution Control Operator, and Social Worker III.
- Approved the consolidation of the Circle V/Vass Fire

Department and Cameron Fire Department fire districts to a newly-formed, single fire district called Cypress Pointe.

- Approved an amendment to the personnel policy reflecting the Commissioner's motion on May 3 to adopt a revised longevity pay plan.
- Recognized the County Gov-

ernment 101 class participants. A free seven-week course, participants meet for two hours, twice a week, to meet with top executives to learn about the intricacies of the county government system. The class will next be offered in Fall 2010.

· Heard a quarterly fiscal report

from Sandhills Center, which provides mental health and substance abuse services.

 Recognized Kenan Fellows Program recipients, North Moore High science teacher Stefanie Phillips and Southern Pines Primary second grade teacher Jason Harris. The program provides training opportunities for selected educators to be paired with a business community mentor.

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Approved a voluntary rezoning request for a .39 acre tract on Murdocksville Road in West End, from Highway Commercial [B-2] to Residential-Agricultural [RA-20].

FirstHealth celebrates Cancer Survivors Day

Longtime participants in FirstHealth of the Carolinas' annual Cancer Survivors Day program will see a new and more celebratory focus in the 2010 event.

Scheduled for Sunday, June 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Fair Barn in Pinehurst, the event will feature a carnival venue and the opportunity for more participant interaction.

"We wanted to make it more dynamic, where patients and families can mingle with each other and with the people who take care of them," says Margie Thomas, clinical director of Radiation Oncology at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital and chair of the local Cancer Survivors Day Committee.

"We are there to celebrate our patients' survivorship over cancer," Thomas says. "We want to unite to show that life after a cancer diagnosis can be meaningful and productive. Despite the adversities, cancer survivors face each day with courage and dignity and serve as an inspiration to all of us."

According to Thomas, the idea behind the carnival focus is to "have everybody involved." As a result, there will be no speakers or set agenda. Instead, participants will be treated to fun, interactive games and activities, including Bingo and a "prize walk," a cakewalk-like activity.

There will be a variety of prizes

- including cakes - that can be won or chosen.

A highlight of the afternoon will likely be the "Dunk the Doctor" booth featuring several physicians who treat cancer patients. Refreshments will include cake and snacks, and door prizes will be awarded every half-hour.

Each cancer survivor will receive a National Cancer Survivors Day T-shirt as well as a marigold seed pack so "they can plant their own victory garden," Thomas says.

A "survivor" is anyone living

with a history of cancer – from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of life.

The Moore Regional Hospital National Cancer Survivors Day celebration is free and open to cancer survivors, their families and friends, and to the physicians and other health-care personnel who treat cancer patients. For more information, call (800) 213-3284 toll-free.

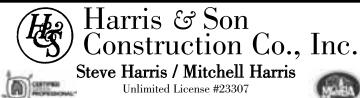


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OPINION

Better not cross the mob capo next door

We're told we should love our neighbor, but do you really know who lives next door?

Seven Lakes is different things to different people - most of us see it as the perfect place to retire or, perhaps, raise a family: a gated community that offers freedom to enjoy its incredible amenities or, at least occasionally, a neighborhood run thick with stifling rules and regulations.

A friend of mine was quoted this week, calling Seven Lakes a multi-million-dollar redheaded step-child to Moore County. A fair enough assessment, though my opinion is probably a bit biased since I resemble that remark.

However, I'll let you in on a little secret.

I know what Seven Lakes real-

ly is: a card-carrying official location for the Federal Witness Protection program.

Seriously. As an astute observer of human behavior [read: I have too much time on my hands], I have seen strong indi-



Laura Douglass

cators to support my contention that Seven Lakes is a secured hideout.

Let's see if you agree.

Red flag #1: You'll need both hands and all your toes to count the number of high level county officials, law enforcement officers, and Specials Operations soldiers that live "off the grid" and under-the-radar in our not so little non-municipality. Oh, and did I mention one international soc-

cer star who

just happens to also be on the U.S. Men's team playing in this Summer's World Cup?

Red flag

#2: Four words: New Jersey license plates. I'm convinced there are more Garden State tags cruising the tame streets of Seven Lakes than are left up North. And you Jersey-transplants, don't hate me for pointing this out; I've still got family there, too.

Red flag #3: Despite spotty fencing and gates guarded by, ahem, downspouts, our crime statistics are basically non-existent. For my money, I say skip the fencing and security patrols in favor of cacti plantings and fire ant mounds spaced along the perimeter. Nothing demands respect like the prospect of stings

Red flag #4: And, finally, what about all those folks wandering around their yards at all hours of the day with golf clubs or gardening tools? I know it's almost June and that kids will be out of school soon but, come on, doesn't someone in this town have a real job?

I know I don't.

But hey, what can you expect from a redheaded stepchild?

Praise for our very own Bombeck

Dear Editor,

With all of the negative letters you get, I just wanted to say how much I enjoy Laura's Learning Curve, by Laura Douglass.

I look forward to what has happened at her house each issue of The Seven Lakes Times. I don't personally relate to everything she writes, because I don't have children that age any more, but I do love the humor, especially about dogs.

She is equal to Erma Bombeck in my book, mostly because she writes about ordinary life and the humor of everyday living.

I hope other people get as good a laugh out of it as I do. We need more articles with humor and less negative ones, it makes for better reading.

Thanks Laura and keep up the good work.

> Marsha Swanson Seven Lakes North

Inform all the public!

Dear Editor,

All the people that are going to be affected by the Seven Lakes Incorporation have not been informed. Most of the people I have talked to that live in the West End area that will be affected have heard little or nothing of the incorporation.

Are Seven Lakers trying to keep this inside the gates? It is my understanding that there have been public meetings conwhere are the legal notices of the public meetings that should have been placed in the local newspapers?

I did find one such notice, or should I say statement buried in an article in The Seven Lakes Times. There are people in the outlying area that are going to be involved in the proceeding that only do not wish to be part of the Town of Seven Lakes, but are on fixed incomes and cannot afford cerning the incorporation, but to be faced with any more taxes,

fees, or dues.

It is my opinion and that of many others, that if Seven Lakes wishes to incorporate, then incorporate your gated communities and business district and leave the rest alone.

There is a petition to get this to a referendum and very soon there will be one for those of us who just say "No!"

Billy D. Rushing Lifetime West End Resident



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soprano? Or an award-winning

dessert "excellent" enough to

warrant a patent? Or the sharp

control of his pitches by a major

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dering sermon by a preacher?

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fall within a definition of excel-

Yes, there are lots of other tri-

Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

Wouldn't it be fine if we could just order a half-pound of "personal substance" per week at the local market, expecting it to

charmed life.

But substance can be an

evolutionary product, gradually building on itself over the years as we strive to be the best that's in us. The prize is two-fold: optimum self-respect and a radiation of personal qualities that can gently fall on others

Where does such substance come from? From the calm but resolute guiding hands of loving parents, the influence of devoted teachers, the assimilation of a lifetime of exposure to beauty and spiritual values, the grace of friends. All these and more have helped make us what we are.

The cumulative effect of these experiences is a bulwark for us, because we find ourselves sifting out the good from the bad as some of our cherished values are in danger of being overrun. As our tomorrows float to the surface, we have a challenge to hew to our time-honored moral and spiritual beliefs. Nothing should ever dissuade us.

One of the major certitudes of life is, of course, the silent accumulation of time. The longer we live, the less time for striving to earn the elusive, theoretical ribbon of excellence to tack on our bedroom wall.

But there's still time to be an even better "person of substance." Keep at it.

Auman Dam road unfit for anything

Dear Editor:

I went bike riding with my daughter last weekend and as always our target was crossing over the Lake Auman Dam to enjoy the view. I was appalled at the condition of the roadway crossing the dam!

There are weeds and grasses sprouting two feet high, ruts, large open gravel covered pot holes, and absolutely no clear passage over the dam.

In the past, I have seen families pushing baby strollers across the dam, people driving motorized wheelchairs across the

dam, and just plain bikers and hikers crossing over the dam to enjoy the view.

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It's not bad enough that automobiles can no longer cross over the dam, now everyone else is forbidden as well just because of the poor condition of the roadway?

Why didn't the contractor repair the dam's road surface as part of the package deal for the repair work done?

This needs to be rectified immediately!

LeAnne Purvis Seven Lakes West

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Gates: Big \$ - little benefit

Editor:

When discussing incorporation of Seven Lakes, I'm afraid I fail to understand the big concern over the gates.

They are a huge expense and certainly a false sense of security as evidenced by the criminal

acts and vandalism that have taken place over the years.

One only has to look at a place like Foxfire, (without gates) and very little trouble that I have heard of.

As a result, do we really need them?

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> Jimmie Hurd Seven Lakes West

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SLLA Meeting

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insert enclosed in The Times that reflects a second proposed plan.

"On incorporation, if there is interest, as a Board we will have to give it serious discussion but it will not be a Board decision one way or another," said Zielsdorf.

Rules will be enforced

Newly seated Security Director Chuck Mims said he is rewriting the Standard Operating Procedure manual for security with an emphasis on enforcement.

"We are going to enforce our rules and regulations for everybody," warned Mims.

In addition, Roving Security will soon include a bike patrol which will allow officers to reach a few previously inaccessible areas.

Road paving

Northsider Donna Fentzlaff inquired when road paving work was scheduled to commence. noting that crack sealing material applied to the roads last Winter is mushy on hot days and can be kicked off.

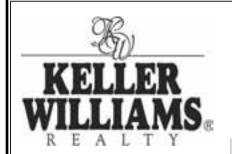
Director Bud Shaver said that four sections of road need extensive repair work that must be completed before the general repaving project can begin. In particular, an area at Firetree Lane and Echo Dam is eroding and repair work could cost \$75,000 and require state dam safety approval.

"Our intention was to start paving the later part of this year; however, the Board has recommended holding off paving for another year," said Shaver. "I would love to pave the roads, but we are going to repair these [damaged] sections right, instead of coming back in the next year."

The project is currently on hold, awaiting more information from the state. If the necessary repairs at Echo Dam are categorized as "regulated work," a longer bid process will be required, explained Cochran.

Zielsdorf said the Echo Dam area was a fundamental fix that must be done, but said he also hoped that the road reserve fund would still allow for improvements this year at the North and South gate entrances, and perhaps sections of Dogwood and Lancashire Lanes.

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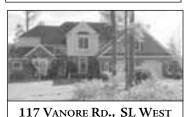
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Incorporation

(Continued from front page) saved for use in the residential areas should one or another of those decide to drop their gates.

Like IncorporateSeven-Lakes.com, the Study Group envisions a five cent per hundred local tax rate, the minimum required under state law, which they estimate will produce \$400,000 in annual town revenue. But the revenue from various other taxes (the largest being the sales tax) that the state shares with cities and towns more than quadruples that budget, to a total estimated to be just over \$2 million.

Here's the catch. A state law passed in 1999 says towns can share in all that money only if at least fifty-one percent of their streets are open to the public. That law was passed specifically to discourage gated communities from incorporating, and it has worked. Not a single gated community has applied for or been granted the right to incorporate in the state since 1999.

In order to get the \$1.6 million that the Study Group says Seven Lakes needs to be a full-fledged municipality, the three gated communities will have to agree to remove their gates and dedicate their roads to the new town. In return, the town would take

over the task of maintaining those roads — the largest single capital maintenance item in the budgets of the landowners associations.

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No gates was not the objective

The Study Group — which includes Westsiders Fred Young, Dudley Crawford, Carolyn Mealing, and Kathy Kirst, along with Northsider Don Welch and Joe Krallinger from McLendon Hills - did not come to the study of incorporation with any intention of proposing a gateless Seven Lakes. In fact the opposite was the case, Welch told The Times.

"The overwhelming sentiment was to find a way to incorporate and keep our gates," he said. But then the group discovered the high cost of keeping those gates — i.e., giving up

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SLLA Meeting

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"It is frustrating but when you have to deal with state bureaucracy, it can add months to the process," said Zielsdorf.

Architectural Review Board

With unanimous support from the Board, the Compliance Fee was doubled from \$1,500 to \$3,000.

As reported last month, Director Melinda Scott said a builder knew a home was non-compliant, but determined that it was less costly to lose the fee than to meet the standards of the rules. She recommended the fee should be increased to ensure better compliance in the future, noting that the fee is fully refundable if Architectural Review Board [ARB] rules are met.

The Board approved four amendments to the rules that reflected updated application forms, the revised Compliance Fee, and written notification that the builder received a copy of ARB rules and understands that non-compliance could lead to fines and a potential stop work

Continuing her report, Scott said that ARB approved several applications in May, including two screened-in porches, two docks, a new bulkhead, repaved driveway, change to a roof color, fence installation, and vinyl siding replacement, among oth-

ARB members will be following up on all ARB applications approved in the last six months to verify that completed work is in accordance with approved applications.

Scott reminded members that ARB rules includes time restrictions including, new home construction on the Northside must be complete within six months of permit, nine months are granted for Southside homes. Approved home additions must be complete within four months, and house alterations within two

"If you run into problem, call me or call the office. Let us know and

we will work with you to assist you in any way we can," said

Summer & Horse Camp

SLLA Summer Camp begins Monday, June 14, and will run for ten weeks to Friday, August 20, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Monday to Friday, for children aged five to fourteen years, reported Director Bruce Keyser, Jr.

Weather permitting, daily camp activities will include swimming, games and crafts. Lunch is not provided and the weekly fee is \$80 or \$20 for daily drop-in for SLLA members; non-members fee is \$100 per week or \$30 for daily drop-in. Payment is due on Mondays, by check only. For more information or to pre-register, please call the SLLA office at 673-4931.

Horse Camps will be offered for one week in June and two weeks in July, with priority given to first-time participants. Horse Camp is held at the SLLA Stables from 8:00 am to 10:00 am, Monday through Friday. The Horse Camp fee is \$50 for SLLA

members. To register, please call the Stables at 673-4738.

Other Business

In other business on Wednesday, May 26, the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board:

- Introduced new staff member Sally Grundy, who recently replaced Brenda Massimo in the SLLA front office.
- Heard from Director Kent Droppers that approximately eighty letters have been sent to residents for violations of Community Standards, with the great majority of cases resolved without further issue. A few longstanding violations will be heard by the Judicial Committee.
- · Heard from Shaver that a complete inventory of construction dates, and information on major repairs for all Association buildings has been compiled with assistance from former Manager Dalton Fulcher.
- · Heard from Keyser that the Recreation Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am. New members are welcome.



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(Continued from front page) and estimated \$1.6 million in shared state revenues.

Why incorporate? Welch enumerated the advantages the Study Group sees:

- Substituting a well-trained and equipped 24/7 police force for the inadequate security of the gates.
- Being able to control zoning —
 and therefore commercial and
 residential development —
 along the NC Hwy 211 corridor from NC 73 in West End
 to a mile past McLendon Hills.
 This is possible because the
 town would have an Extrateritorial Zoning Jurisdiction that
 stretches a mile past its borders on all sides.
- Recovering for local use sales taxes that residents pay any way but are not returned to the community.
- A greater voice at the county and other levels of government.
- The possibility that landowners dues could be reduced, since the associations will not have to pay for gate security or road maintenance.
- The opportunity to develop a united Seven Lakes Community.

Plan not carved in stone

Unlike IncorporateSeven-Lakes.com, the Study Group is not publishing a draft charter for the Town of Seven Lakes, or circulating a petition for those in favor of incorporation to sign.

Welch said the group believes it is premature to move forward until the community has had an opportunity to discuss the issue thoroughly.

So they have arranged with the League of Women Voters of Moore County for the League to sponsor a series of forums in the Fall that will allow a full vetting of the Group's proposal and the concept of incorporation.

They are actively seeking volunteers willing to host small gatherings in their home to discuss the subject.

"And you don't have to be for the idea of incorporating to host one of these," Young told *The Times*. "You just have to believe it is an idea that needs to be discussed."

"We want to see this studied by the community through the remainder of 2010," Welch said.

If the idea of incorporating Seven Lakes gains traction, the Study Group is looking to the Landowners Associations to form a joint committee to formally pursue incorporation, developing a charter and petition, and working with state legislators to draft the enabling legislation.

IncorporateSevenLakes.com is attempting to have its ducks in a row for incorporation legislation to be presented in the 2011 session of the General Assembly. It's not clear, at this point, whether the Study Group's plan — assuming it wins sufficient support — would move forward in 2012 or 2013.

Bigger police force?

As outlined in its report, the Study Group's proposed expense budget for the town includes \$471,000 for road maintenance,

\$423,000 for Administration, \$382,000 for Police, \$204,000 for planning and Zoning, and \$200,000 for improvements in the business district, along with a \$250,000 allocation for contingencies.

The fact that the Study Group's plan is more a place to begin the conversation than a final product is evidenced by the fact that they are already considering increasing the size of the police force. With the ink barely dry on the brochures describing their plan, they held two days of private meetings for the boards of the landowners associations, business guild members, and those who participated in Young's 2008 brainstorming sessions.

Among the attendees were some with police experience, who warned that the study group's plan to have one officer on duty at a time was inadequate. After some reflection, members of the Group decided that the police budget should be expanded to include two officers per shift — and the budget could absorb that extra cost because it already contained \$250,000 in a contingency fund.

Amenities still private

Though the gates would come down in the Study Group's proposed town, the lakes, tennis courts, playgrounds, and other amenities would all continue to be privately-owned and con-

trolled — the property of the respective landowners associations.

With the public free to enter the community at will, those amenities may need additional protection. Both Kirst and Mealing suggested that some additional access measures — card entry systems, for example — may need to be installed.

(See "Incorporation," p. 31)

Merritt: The time to incorporate is now

"I think they've got it backwards," Randy Merritt, one of the organizers of Incoporate-SeveLakes.com told *The Times* after attending a presentation of the Seven Lakes Study Group's plan for incorporating Seven Lakes.

"Why not create the town, then let the landowners associations decide whether they want to remove their gates in order to benefit from town maintenace of their roads.

"We're for incorporating sooner rather than later. That starts the flow of money, provides access to grants. Why not incoporate and do the educational process afterwards?"

"The time has come — waiting another two or three years to do this is unwise."

Depsite his concerns about their proposal, Merritt said he was pleased to see them put their ideas in front of the public.

"This is going to continue to spark debte about incorporation and keep people talking," he told *The Times*.



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(Continued from front page) addition, it is noted that the design engineer has recommended that that portion of Longleaf Drive that transverses the crest of the dam embankment remain closed to vehicular traffic in order to ensure the integrity of repairs to the dam. Though we do not consider road closure a requirement for continued operation of this dam, you as a dam owner may want to consider the design engineer's recommendation in this matter."

Noting that the statement was "less than definitive," Herdrich said he had asked the state for clarification and they have indicated that they will, "in the very near future, either give me a response or not give me a response." He has also asked Dan Marks to visit Seven Lakes in order to make a presentation to the community outlining his reasons for recommending that the road remain closed.

"It's a very, very serious issue to a lot of people in this community, and I think we all deserve to understand why he feels so strongly about this," Herdrich

The dam committee will be asking the state for specific guidance on what it would require for the Association to obtain a permit for the road. In addition, the committee will be developing some cost estimates on construction and maintenance of the roadway, as well as attempting to develop some estimates of the impact of reopening the road on the cost of possible future remediation to the dam. Finally, Herdrich said, the committee will explore the possibility of obtaining a second opinion from another engineer on the question of reopening the road.

"That's where we are," Herdrich concluded, "I will certainly keep all of you advised of everything that is going on."

No stop sign speed control

sprinkling stop signs at strategic locations around Longleaf Drive to control speeding, a suggestion first floated by Westsider Erik Stromberg, Assistant Chief at West End Fire and Rescue, in an April work session of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Direc-

Security Director John Hoffmann announced during Tuesday's meeting that research he had undertaken with the help of former Director Ray MacKay had convinced him that the use of stop signs to control speeding is not an allowable use under North Carolina law.

aware that the General Assembly in 2001 approved a local bill, offered at the request of Seven Lakes West, that makes Chapter 20 of the General Statutes applicable to Westside streets. The objective of the legislation was to make it possible for sheriff's deputies and other law enforcement officers to enforce traffic regulations on Seven Lakes West's private roads.

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As a result, Hoffmann said, state standards for the use of stop signs also apply, and those standards do not permit the use of stop signs to control speeding. Though President Ron Shepard suggested the matter needed more study, Hoffmann assured him he had thoroughly studied the relevant standards.

He said the Association would (See "Westside," p. 32)

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In its report, the Study Group notes that the Town of Seven Lakes police force will be available to enforce no trespassing laws, which can be used to control amenities access.

Mealing told The Times that she had spoken with officials in Pinehurst and Whispering Pines, both municipalities with public streets and private lakes and other amenities. Neither reported problems with access control.

The fact that the amenities will remain private means, of course, that no town money can be used to maintain them.

Impact on property values

The Times asked whether dropping the gates won't negatively impact property values in the residential communities behind them.

Mealing said she had contacted local Realtors® with that question, "and I got Yes, No, and Maybe." In other words, there was no unanimity of opinion from the real estate community.

Young argued that, in the long run, creating a vibrant, wellfunded, well-protected, wellmanaged town would enhance property values through the greater Seven Lakes area.

"This community is getting older, and showing its age," he said. "The business area is deteriorating. Without incorporation, we can look forward to continued deterioration — and that is not going to enhance anyone's property values."

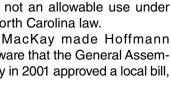
A community-building exercise

"Beyond the \$1.6 million in state funding, there is a higher matter here," Young said.

"We have to opportunity here to build a community. To pull together and elect a board that is responsible for creating a great Seven Lakes. The state money is just the means to enable us to mobilize all our resources to accomplish that."

"What we need now is an education program. If we can talk about this in small groups all over the community for six months, it will be a good community-building exercise — an experiment in democracy."

"We need to talk, and discuss, and disagree, and see if we can agree that this is the way forward for our community."

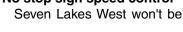


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(Continued from page 31) continue to rely on both on- and off-duty Sheriff's officers to enforce speed limits in the community

During public comment later in the meeting, Longleaf Drive resident Wendy Fisher, who asked the Board in February to install speed tables on the roadway to reduce speeds, asked Hoffman: "So we are right back where we were?"

"We are right back where we have been for the past 25 years," Hoffmann replied. "The only other option is to issue tickets on our own." The Board has the authority to issue its own speeding citations, but has thus far not approved the expenditures necessary to hire and equip security officers to handle that function.

Noting the common use of the terms "speed calming" and "traffic calming in discussion on the subject," President Ron Shepard said he'd like to see the use of the term ended.

"What we are trying to do is calm the residents by attacking the speeders," he said.

Library Expansion Tabled

Judy Pendleton, who organizes the volunteer crew that manages the lending library in the West Side park Community Center, to the Board that the library is bursting at the seams and needs more space. The library occupies a twelve by twelve foot space that is one end of a twelve by thirty-six foot arts and crafts room that is divided by movable partitions. Beyond the other end of that space is a twelve by twelve foot card room that Pendleton said is used primarily for the storage of blueprints and has never been used for card players.

She suggested taking out the non-load bearing wall that separates the card room from the arts and crafts room, which would allow both the arts and crafts functions and the library to occupy twelve by twenty-four foot rooms.

Director Hoffmann suggested having library Volunteers gather data on the number of residents who use the library before committing more space to the effort, but Pendleton indicated that would be impractical. Hoffman then made a motion to allow (See "Westside." p. 33) W W

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the library to expand into the card room — which would spread the library across two non-contiguous spaces — but not to spend any Association funds on renovations to accommodate the expansion.

Hoffmann's motion failed and the Board tabled the matter for at least thirty days, in order to allow Directors to familiarize themselves with the issues.

Legal Director Ed Silberhorn suggested that the Board appoint a liaison to work with the Library Committee, a function once undertaken by former Treasurer Kathy Kirst. However, no Board member stepped up to seize that opportunity, so Community Manager Joan Frost indicated she would work with Pendleton to plan some expansion options that could be included in next year's budget.

Security

The Neighborhood Watch security patrol has three new volunteers and is in need of more, Director Hoffmann reported.

Work will soon begin to repair electrical loops under the front gate residents' lanes that activate the gate arm mechanisms, he added.

Hoffmann made a point of reiterating that Westside gate guards will recognize both old and new Seven Lakes Landowners Association windshield decals for entry into Seven Lakes West. "There will be grace period on the old ones, but we will continue to recognize the new ones indefinitely," he added.

Treasurer Joe Sikes asked about the future of gate reciprocity in the other direction, noting that the West Side has moved to barcodes only and will no longer be issuing windshield decals. Hoffmann, who said he has a daughter who lives in Seven Lakes South, said he expected that, once his old windshield decal is no longer recognized at the Southside gates, he would be able to use his SLWLA membership card for entry.

Incorporation

The Board approved a motion by Director Herdrich to ask Secretary Karen Milligan and her Communications Committee to organize within the next three weeks public forums on incorporation featuring experts on the subject independent of the two community groups that are advocating making Seven Lakes a municipality. Herdrich said he had identified a Charlotte attorney experienced in municipal law who was willing to speak on the subject.

Mary Anne Fewkes, during the public comment segment of the meeting recommended inviting both Kara Millonzi, an incorporation expert form the UNC School of Government, and Betsy Williams, a NC Department of Transportation staffer who works with Powell Bill Funding.

Fewkes said her recent research on Powell Bill Funds revenue fuel taxes that the state shares with its cities and towns suggested these funds may be drying up as a local government revenue source. The state is now required by law to share these taxes with municipalities, but, Fewkes said, pending legislation would make that sharing optional. In addition, the state is considering devolving responsibility for maintenance of minor streets and roads onto the counties and towns, reserving only the major thoroughfares for state maintenance.

"We all need to learn more before jumping into this," Fewkes said.

Community Events

Director Jane Sessler said the first Summer concert at Johnson Point would take place the evening of Friday June 4, and would be followed by first Friday concerts throughout the Summer.

The recent Support Our Troops effort resulted in 300-350 cards being sent to active-duty service men and women, she reported, thanking Mike and Patty Patula, along with Patsy Thomas, for spearheading the effort.

Sessler said efforts aimed a drumming up interest among community teenagers in programs aimed at teaching them to sail and fish had failed to demonstrate sufficient interest. Despite spreading fliers around the community — and even handing them out at the school bus stop — only two families had expressed an interest, she said

Plans for the Fourth of July include a concert, two parades, and fireworks, with more to come, Sessler said.

Other Business

In other business during the Tuesday, May 25 SLWLA work session:

 Community Manager Frost said residents who plan to use the pool this Memorial Day weekend must obtain their membership cards from the office by Friday, because those without cards will not be admitted to the pool.

- Frost said a number of families have requested that the
 Association provide bike racks at
 the community center and back
 gate, so that children can ride
 their bikes to the bus stop. She
 is gathering data on options and
 costs for the Board and said
 she welcomed any input from the
 community.
- Director Herdrich said the process of getting out this year's boat stickers is well underway, with packets to be mailed out this week. He encouraged boat owners to put their stickers on as soon as they received them; the boat patrol will start issuing tickets for unstickered boats in mid-June.
- At the request of the website committee, the Board approved expenditures of \$200 for design and \$450 for hosting of a new SLWLA Website. Current webmaster Betsy Mikula, who won praise from the Board and applause from the crowd for her work, said she fully supported the transition to a new design and website software.

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• Director Silberhorn said the Lakeside Development, Inc. had filed a formal response to a SLWLA lawsuit that claims Lakeside has not paid its share of security costs. But Lakeside owner Peyton Gentry assured Silberhorn the response was filed only in order to meet a filing deadline and committed to continued negotiations with the Association to resolve the matter.





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