

## Board, committee air differences

by **Laura Douglass**  
Times Reporter

In response to repeated recent requests to reinstate the currently defunct Lakes & Dams Committee of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA], the Board of Directors held a lengthy and frank discussion with

Randy Zielsdorf. "One of the questions emphasized when we interviewed new management last year was that we were looking for someone with strong lakes and dam experience . . . [Community Manger] Alina [Cochran] is extremely proactive, and we will move forward and get something in place that will make everyone happy."

Zielsdorf acknowledged the significant accomplish-

ments of the committee during their short history of involvement, including developing a long-term dam maintenance schedule and many recommendations that improved boater and swimming safety. But he said he

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former committee members during a Work Session on Monday, August 9.

"We know we had problems in the past [with dam maintenance neglect], but let's not keep looking backwards and start looking forward," urged SLLA President

## Potters of choice



*The work of Sally Larson & Mo McKenzie of Fireshadow Pottery in Eagle Springs will be featured as the Chairman's Choice in FirstHealth Hospice Foundation's 15th Annual Pottery Plus Auction. [See story on page 14]*

## Eltschlager joins Council

by **Laura Douglass**  
Times Reporter

By acclamation, members of the Foxfire Village Council added John Eltschlager to their number on Tuesday, August 10, during their regular meeting. Eltschlager will serve the remaining three-year term of office left vacant by Page Coker's resignation.

An engineer with twenty-five years professional experience in the private and public sectors, Eltschlager is employed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Pope Air Force Base.

Mayor George Erickson introduced and recommended Eltschlager, noting

that his background will be helpful as the Stonehill Pines project moves forward over the next few years. The new councilman was tasked with overseeing Streets and Parks for the Village; Councilman Vic Koos will now handle Public Safety. Eltschlager and his family settled in Foxfire in 2009 but have been regular visitors to the area for nearly fifteen years. He and his wife have two teenaged children.

### Wilson Property ETJ Extension

The final hurdle to complete a voluntary annexation of the 750-acre Wilson property into the Foxfire Extra-Territorial Jurisdic-

tion was cleared following a Public Hearing and unanimous council vote.

Zoned agricultural-residential, the rural tract is located at the corner of NC Highway 211 and Hoffman Road. The rezoning request

(See "Foxfire," p. 31)

### Foxfire Council 8/10 Meeting



**John Eltschlager**

## Commissioners come to 7 Lakes

The Moore County Board of Commissioners will meet with the Greater Seven Lakes Community Council on Thursday, August 26 at 5:00 pm in the West Side Park Community Center.

The meeting, which is expected to become a semiannual event, was scheduled as an alternative to providing Seven Lakes with "a seat at the table" during the Board's regular meetings with county municipalities.

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# Healthy Life at All Ages

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The next sessions of the Forum will focus on Living a Healthy Life at All Ages.

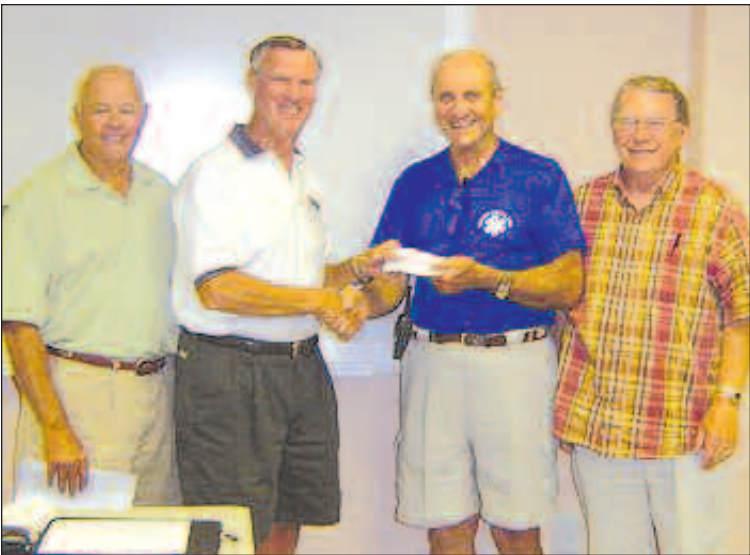
A series of four related sessions will be coordinated by Waters in the Great Room of the Westside Park Community Center. The schedule for the sessions beginning

- at 4 pm each day:
- Thursday, September 23**  
Healthy Eating, Healthy Life
  - Thursday, October 7**  
Weight loss. What you can do about it
  - Thursday, October 21**  
Cancer and the Immune system
  - Thursday, October 28**  
Importance of Detoxing and 'Gut' Health
- All women and men who are Seven Lakes/Seven Lakes

West association members are eligible to enroll in the four-part series.

However, due to the popularity of the topic and the need to have Trey Waters and the speakers commit time and resources, tuition for enrollment in this series is \$25 per household. Enrollment may be completed at the Seven Lakes Prescription Shoppe.

Contact Bill Mamel for further details or information (673-8970).



**Sports Club Donates** — On Tuesday, August 10 at the meeting of the Lake Auman Sports Club, President Don Smith presented EMS representative Chuck Ridenour with a check for \$1,000 dollars toward the new ambulance. Sponsoring members assisting were Ron Workman and Ron McGaughey.

# Man arrested on sex charges

A resident of Seven Lakes North was arrested for an alleged sex offense on Monday, August 16.

Sheriff's officers charges Gordon Earl Farron, 83, of 128 Shady Wood Court in Seven Lakes North with indecent liberties with a child, sexual battery,

and assault on a child under the age of twelve.

Farron's bond was set at \$50,000 unsecured, with a first appearance in Moore County Superior Court on September 7.

The arrest stems from a complaint received by the Sheriff's Office on July 7, involving indecent liberties with an eight year old.

The Sheriff's office reports that the alleged incident "occurred outside the West End area of Moore County."



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# Board says no to septic lot dues discount

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Westside lots used exclusively for septic fields will not get a break on their annual dues, based on a unanimous vote of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors during their Tuesday, August 10 Work Session.

Judy Streit, a former member of the SLWLA Board, told the Board that she and her husband Phil Streit (a former SLWLA President) had written to President Ron Shepard in January on the subject of septic lot dues. Hearing no response, they wrote again in March and had, as of August 10, had no reply — or even acknowledgement that the letters had been received. Shepard apologized to the delay, noting that he didn't recall receiving the Streit's letter.

Mrs. Streit's comments sparked a discussion of septic lots late in Tuesday's meeting that led to a motion by Adam Wimberly that septic lots not be treated differently than other undeveloped lots for the payment of dues. The motion won support from the full Board.

Some owners of second lots used exclusively for septic fields have asked that the Association either reduce or waive the payment of dues on those lots, because they do not generate extra demand on or expense for infrastructure or amenities. Wimberly noted

that the Association allows the combination of adjacent lots, after which the owner pays dues only on the one combined lot. Some septic lot owners have suggested their situation is similar, he said, but added that Moore

Wimberly agreed, noting that the Architectural Review Committee requires builders to submit plans for the lines that carry waste to septic lots, but does not require the submission of "as-built" plans once the work is complete.

"We've talked about putting together a whole subcommittee on this," he said. "This is the flea on the dog's tail in terms of all the septic issues and nuances and things that go on in this community."

Community Manager Joan Frost said she knew of at least two lots — currently identified as developer lots — that have five septic systems on them. "Eventually when the developer no longer has developer lots, who is going to pay the dues on those lots?"

Calling attention to a bright spot among the septic issues, Silberhorn said the mandatory septic management program aimed at protecting water quality in Lake Auman "is a huge success." He said "people are cooperating left and right," the approved inspectors are "swamped"

with work, and they report that "situation has never been better,"

## Speed up Mortgage Payoff?

Sikes said he had received a suggestion -- apparently from former Treasurer Kathy Kirst -- that one hundred percent of the Westside Park dues collected by the Association be applied to paying off the mortgage on West Wide Park. \$100 of the total dues bill paid by each Westside member is allocated to West Side Park, generating a total of approximately \$172,000 per year. Principle and interest on the Community Center mortgage amount of \$105,000 annually.

Sikes at first indicated he would simply implement that recommendation, which he said would result in paying off the mortgage in something less than six years. "Why that hasn't been done in the past, I'm not sure," he added.

That prompted a suggestion from Silberhorn that the Board should understand why the entire \$100 hadn't been applied to the mortgage in years past, before chang-

ing the policy. He said he understood that the portion not used on mortgage payments had been used for maintenance of the Community Center.

President Ron Shepard said the Board had voted last year to apply an additional \$50,000 to the mortgage. Director John Hoffmann said "There has been an evolving rational on the way it was to be paid off," suggesting that the Board may have been cautious because of its inability, under the North Carolina Planned Community Act, to pledge any assets to secure debt. Before revising the current payment schedule, Hoffmann said, "the Board should review why we have been doing this."

Director Goodman added that a number of significant capital projects are on the Association's agenda. "We have an requirement to maintain our infrastructure," Goodman said. "We are going to have to build a new entry, because we are required by our agreement with the developer to take out the existing entry. We need to address

(See "Westside," p. 33)

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County would likely not allow the combination of non-contiguous lots in order to achieve a reduction in property taxes. "They would still have to pay the taxes on the septic lot," he said.

Wimberly said he would prefer not to allow the recombination of adjacent lots for the purpose of reducing dues, since it permanently eliminates a source of Association revenue. Director John Goodman said the community benefits from more open space when lots are combined to create larger lots.

"But everyone else in the Association picks up the for that," Wimberly said.

Legal Director Ed Silberhorn noted that, by allowing non-adjacent septic lots, the Association permits septic lines to be placed in its right-of-way, which involves some liability for the Association — which may not even have good information on where all those lines are placed.

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# Sheriff's office sets up shop in 7 Lakes

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Gaining the two-fold benefit of an increased community presence and visibility plus a centrally-located meeting space, Corporal Mike Kan-

torowski of the Moore County Sheriff's Office recently set up quarters on Seven Lakes Drive through an informal agreement with the Seven Lakes EMS to share their building space.

Corporal Kantorowski is the primary contact and Community Deputy assigned to the Seven Lakes, West End and Eagle Springs areas. A twenty-five year police veteran, he is a former fire-

fighter and Emergency Medical Technician and often assists local EMS and fire calls as a First Responder.

"Seven Lakes has always had a Community Deputy assigned to the area – above and beyond regular patrol – because of the population center and the business village," said Kantorowski.

"Everything I need is in the car, including my computer and printer, but there are times when it is convenient to have another place to conduct business. The office gives us a place to interview witness-

es, hold community meetings and – if a major incident occurs in this part of the county – we can stage here."

While the EMS building serves as a base of operations for both the Seven Lakes EMS and the new Sheriff's office, residents should call 911 for help during an emergency.

For non-emergency contact, Seven Lakes EMS can be reached at 673-2960, the Moore County Sheriff's Office at 947-2931, and Corporal Kantorowski at [mkantowksi@moorecountync.gov](mailto:mkantowksi@moorecountync.gov)



Corporal Mike Kantorowski of the Moore County Sheriff's Department



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# Morganwood Raccoon was rabid, after all

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

A raccoon captured in the Morganwood section of Seven Lakes in late July tested positive for rabies – not negative, as was reported in the Friday, August 6 issue of *The Times*. *The Times* regrets the error.

Our initial report of negative test results was based on erroneous information provided by Moore County's Animal Operations Manager Al Carter.

Per standard procedure, the animal was sent to NC State Laboratory of Public Health - Virology for testing. Notification of a positive result is sent to the reporting officer within a day or two while a negative test result is generally not reported. In this particular case, notification to Moore County Animal Control was delayed, creating confusion.

According to Animal Control Officer Bryant Voss, over the last eight months, fifty-three suspected rabies cases have been sent by Moore County to Raleigh for testing. Of those, four have tested positive and one — a bat reported in Seven Lakes North — tested inconclusively.

In the last two months, five more suspected cases have been reported, but officers were unable to locate the animal, and nine more suspected cases were euthanized in the field.

"Unfortunately, if there is no contact with a person, family pet, or livestock, the State will not test the animal," explained Voss, noting that suspected cases from all 100 counties in North Carolina are tested at the state facility.

Residents are encouraged to vaccinate their pets and to report any wild animal behaving in a suspicious, sickly or aggressive manner. Moore County Animal Control can be reached at 947-2858.



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# Water, industry, & bonds on county agenda

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

A new ordinance for dealing with water shortages, a new "mega-site" to attract industry, and how to finance the county's new jail and public safety complex were all on the table for the Monday, August 16 meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Cindy Morgan added the financing issue to the agenda, after the Board heard from Libby Moody, Bert Patrick, and John Marcum, all of who urged the Commissioners to put the bonds that will be used to fund the construction of a new public safety complex and detention center to a vote of the people.

Morgan had tried once before to win approval for a bond referendum, with a motion that failed three-to-two, winning only the support of Chairman Tim Lea. Monday night's vote was a repeat performance, without comment from anyone save Morgan who noted she had confirmed with the State Board of Elections that, if the Board took action Monday night, a bond referendum could be placed on the November ballot.

"It seems reasonable to

involve the people when we are going to commit up to \$52 million," Morgan said. But, after a second from Lea, her motion went down to a three--to-two defeat, with Commissioners Nick Picerino, Larry Caddell, and Jimmy Melton opposed.

The Board previously voted to fund the construction of the jail and the new public safety complex, expected to cost approximately \$40 million, as well as \$10 million in public utilities projects, by issuing limited obligation tax exempt bonds, which will used the facilities themselves as collateral, much like a mortgage. No approval of the voters is required for the issuance of such bonds.

Voters are required to approve the issuance of General Obligation bonds, which are essentially secured by the taxing power of the county.

## New Water Shortage Ordinance

Public Works Director Dennis Brobst unveiled during Monday's meeting a new set of procedures the county will use to encourage water conservation during times of drought. Moore County put in place a water conservation ordinance in 2002, that

includes five water conservation stages, each more restrictive than the last, ranging from Stage 1 - Voluntary Conservation to Stage 5 - Rationing.

But that plan failed to meet the criteria laid out in a 2008 state requirement that all counties have a Water Shortage Response Plan. Brobst said the sticking point was that the Moore County ordinance was not explicit in detailing the triggers that would cause a move from one conservation level to the next.

The new plan involves very

specific triggers based on:

- A measurement of the water level in the subsurface aquifer that feeds the county's system of wells.
  - The county's classification by the NC Drought Monitor.
  - The seasonal drought outlook published by the National Weather Service.
  - Streamflow conditions in Drowning Creek, which supplies the Southern Pines Reservoir.
  - Variance of local precipitation from normal levels.
- The severity of each of those measures triggers a move from less aggressive to more

aggressive conservation levels. As with the current conservation plan, there are five levels, from voluntary conservation to rationing. Most of the conservation measures affect the outdoor use of water — for irrigation, washing cars, and so on.

But a new wrinkle in the new plan is an attempt to control in-home use of water by imposing a "drought surcharge" on the county's water customers. Those surcharges start at Stage 3 - Severe Mandatory Conservation, which will increase the water

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# Two new schools ready for students

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

When the bells ring in the new academic year on Wednesday, August 25, several hundred Moore County students will begin classes at two brand new facilities recently completed – both on schedule and under budget.

Designed for 550 students, Crain's Creek Middle has a core facility that can accommodate 850. Originally budgeted at \$14,181,600 million, the current total was reported at \$13,930,125.

West Pine Elementary is designed for 500 students with a core facility that can accommodate 650 students. Originally budgeted for \$9,919,050 million, the current total was reported at \$8,212,900.

Both schools were designed using a prototype base model and can be expanded for future classroom needs. Each has a primary entrance with administration, media center, cafeteria, and multi-purpose areas centrally-located, with flanking classroom wings. Sustainable energy features were incorporated, including thermally-efficient walls and floors, durable and low-maintenance materials, occupancy and daylight sensors on lighting, and sunshades over south-facing windows.

Built on land adjacent to the existing West Pine Middle along busy Hwy 211, traffic has been a high concern for West Pine Elementary. During a meeting of the Board of Education on Monday, August 9, Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser said the school's long entrance queue will help ensure vehicle flow during key drop-off and pick-up times. In addition, operational hours at West Pine

Middle and West Pine Elementary were staggered to accommodate a half-hour difference.

"We took traffic into account with the purchase of land and efforts were put in place early and consistently to enhance traffic flow," said Purser.

School Resource Officers [SRO] will direct traffic into the elementary school and, as traffic flow dies down, will move over to direct traffic into the middle school.

## School Testing

Moore County Schools met fifty-three out of sixty-six targets in Adequate Yearly Progress testing conducted last Spring, reported Drew Maerz, Director of Educational Data, Assessment, and Research.

West Pine Middle maintained ranking at the level, achieving a School of Excellence award, and while West End Elementary did not improve, the school maintained ranking as a School of Distinction. In total, fourteen schools showed improvement, seventeen made expected growth, eleven had high

growth, five were named a School of Distinction, and three ranked as a School of Excellence.

In addition, the graduation rate jumped nearly ten percent, from 71.5% to 80.2%.

## Finance

Several recommended amendments to the 2009-2010 Budget were approved, including \$14,500 in the State Fund, primarily for Exceptional Children [EC] programming, \$11,000 in the Local Fund for the Backpack Pals program through fundraising initiatives, and \$15,000 for ROTC, a \$3,042 increase in the Federal Fund for education grants for homeless children, and a \$237,000 increase in the Local Capital Outlay Fund to finance three leased activity buses.

There is no increase in the standard lunch fee for the 2010-2011 year. Elementary students [K-8] cost is \$1.75 and high school students [9-12] cost is \$2.00.

Chief Finance Officer Mike Griffin anticipated Moore County Schools will receive

between \$750,000 and \$1 million in state lottery funds this year. Monies can be used only for construction and renovation projects. Some funding can be used for personnel, but there are restrictions.

## United Way Pacesetter

West End Elementary was recognized for 100% participation in the United Way campaign last year.

As a pacesetter organization, Dr. Purser said she is very proud of Moore County Schools employees.

"Even though there was a funding deficit [in the school budget], our people reached into their pockets to serve our community," said Purser.

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# In memory of . . .

**Trudie Vaughn**, 77, of Foxfire Village, died Wednesday, August 18, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

She was born in Newberry, SC daughter of the late Homer H. Hunter and Ethel Nichols Hunter. She was a member of West End United Methodist Church, a former President of the United Methodist Women for many years, a member of the church choir and served on the nominating committee.

Funeral services were held Thursday, August 19, at West End United Methodist Church. Dr. Won S. Namkoong officiated.

She is survived by her husband LeRoy Vaughn Foxfire Village; four sons, Steven LeRoy Vaughn of Selma, NC; Thomas Hunter Vaughn of Apex; Benjamin Harvey Vaughn of Pinehurst; Michael Lewis Vaughn of Hickory; two daughters, Janet Beth Vaughn of Virginia Beach, VA; Jeanne Mayre Rogers of Apex; three sisters, Patsy Wise of Malden, SC; Judith H. Hamm of Prosperity, SC; and Cynthia H. Hamm of Newberry, SC; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to West End United Methodist Church, PO Box 276, West End, NC 27376.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

**Lawrence Heskall Nissan**, 84, of Seven Lakes, died Monday, August 16, at his residence. A graveside service was held Wednesday, August 18, at Pinelawn Memorial Park in Southern Pines.

Mr. Nissan was born in Bagdad, Iraq, the son of the late Farah Kattan and Heskall Nissan. He came to the United States in 1948 and later became a U.S. citizen.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-five years, Doris; a son, Robert Saul Nissan of Long Island, NY; a daughter, Claudette Nissan Conn of Whiteville; brother, Gil Nissan of New York; sister, Juliet Nissan of Israel, and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Memorial and Honor Program, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

**James Chapman Wise**, age 89 of Foxfire Village, died August 14.

Mr. Wise was born in Pittsburgh, PA the son of Alva C. and Sara Wise. He graduated from Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1942. He was elected to Pi Tau Sigma, an international mechanical engineering honor society.

He and his wife, Elvie Thames Wise moved to Philadelphia, and both

worked for the US Navy. Mr. Wise was employed by the Aeronautical Engine Laboratory of the Naval Aircraft Factory developing and testing aircraft engines and controls. He moved his family to Los Angeles where he worked for Marquis Aircraft Co., a leader in the development of ram jet engines and in 1954, he employed by Thompson Ramo Wooldridge (TRW), a leader in aerospace technology at the time. While at TRW, he took time away to attend Harvard's Advanced Management Program.

After 25 years in the aero-

nautics business, he joined the Sheridan Company, a division of Harris Intertype Corp, as Director and eventually Vice President of Engineering. He was awarded life membership in both the National Association for Printing Leadership and the Research and Engineering Council of the Graphic Arts Industry.

The family retired in Foxfire Village in 1981. Mr. Wise volunteered on Foxfire committees and served a term on the Zoning Board.

The family will remember and honor Mr. Wise in a pri-

vate service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at PO Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090 or to the Bryan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (on-line designate Bryan at [www.gifts.duke.edu](http://www.gifts.duke.edu))

He was preceded in death by his brother, Donald.

Survivors include his wife, Elvie Thames Wise; daughters Pam and Karen, and his grandchildren

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**Leon Heywood Mimms**, 96, of Pinehurst, North Carolina and formerly of Clearwater, FL, died Thursday, August 12.

Mr. Mimms was born in Columbia, South Carolina. He lived most of his adult life in Kalamazoo, Michigan and served as Superintendent of The Kalamazoo Paper Company specializing in Coated Paper Manufacturing and was an early guest faculty member of The Paper Technology School at Western Michigan University. He also served as President of The Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry (TAPPI). He and his wife were active members of Zion Lutheran Church in Kalamazoo for over 38 years prior to retiring to Florida.

A memorial service commemorating the life of Leon Mimms will be held at Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 144 Westgate Drive, Pinehurst, 12:00 noon, Saturday, August 21, followed by a reception.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorials be sent to: FirstHealth Hospice & Palliative Care 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

The Mimms family extends their deep appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to the staff

of the oncology floor at Moore Regional hospital, the dedicated and exceptional staff at Elmcroft Assisted Living.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Lillian Mimms.

He is survived by his daughter, Georgeana E. Mimms of Los Angeles, CA; two sons, Alan George Mimms and wife Christine of Pinehurst and Lee Stafford Mimms of Palos Verdes Estates, CA; two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Boles Funeral Homes of Seven Lakes is assisting the family.

**Rodger E. Sommers**, 45, of Valley Court, Town of Middleburgh, NY, died Tuesday, August 10, at St. Peter's Hospital after a long illness.

Mr. Sommers was the son of Leslie and Lorraine Trafton Sommers. He graduated from Queensbury High School and worked at Stiefel Labs in Oak Hill. He was a member of the Valley Bible Baptist Church, the Middleburgh Rod and Gun Club and NRA.

Survivors include his father Leslie E. (Beverly J.) Sommers of West End; two sisters Jennifer Sommers of Schoharie, NY and Nicole Sommers of Latham, NY; one

brother Stephen Sommers; his children Kevin Swart and David Rossi both of Clifton Park and Steven (Cori) Lownsbury of Schenectady, NY; stepsister Mary Beth (Jason) Gomez of Indian Trail, NC.

Mr. Sommers was preceded in death by his mother and grandparents.

Funeral services were held at Valley Bible Baptist Church, Route 30, Middleburgh, NY. Burial followed at the Sharon Cemetery in Leesville, NY.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Mr. Sommers to the Valley Bible Baptist Church for the Scripture Publication Ministry, 4648 St. Rte. #30, Middleburgh, NY 12122.

Langan Funeral Home of Schoharie, NY assisted the family.

**Joe A. Cline**, 76, of West End, died, Thursday, August 5.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 14, at West End United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his stepson, Mike Sharp.

He is survived by his wife, Lou Anne Cline; daughters, Jo Ann Allen, Sandra Brown, and Pat Martins de Sa'; a stepson, Thomas Sharp;

seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorials contributions may be directed to the West End Methodist Food Pantry, PO Box 276, West End, NC 27376, or FirstHealth Hospice Foundation, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374

Arrangements were handled by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home Inc. of Sanford.

**Thomas "Scott" Stack**, 52, died Sunday, August 1, in Florence, SC.

Scott was the son of Dodie Mulready of Seven Lakes, and the late Thomas Stack.

For most of his adult life, he worked as an electrician. He was a friend and member of the scuba and gun clubs in Florence, and a member of the men's group at Trinity

Presbyterian Church, Florence, SC. He loved being with people and offering a helping hand, was sensitive to others needs, and will be missed.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, August 4 in Florence, SC.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Stack.

Survivors include his mother, Dodie Mulready of Seven Lakes; a son, Scott Stack of Rock Hill, SC; brother, David Stack of Cherry Hill, NJ; sister, Elizabeth Thompson of Atlanta, GA; stepsisters, JoAnn Shick of Boston, MA; Kathleen Costanzo of Petersburg, NJ; and his stepmother, Nancy Stack of Bluffton, SC.

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With the evolution of technology, the bad guys have also evolved. Criminals and hackers can use vast computer networks that may install malicious software onto a victim's computer to glean personal information such as account log-ons and passwords. But, these crimes can also be some of the simplest to construct.

A criminal will contact a victim by phone or computer and say the victim has won a sweepstakes. However, a security deposit must be sent to insure delivery of the winnings. They may also have just enough tidbits of information about the victim to get them to lower their guard and gain their confidence.

The line may start like this: "This is the Canadian Mounted Police and your nephew Jim has been arrested. By law we can't let him talk to you, however, he requested we call you and ask that \$1000 be wired for his bail."

This may sound like a ridiculous request to most people. However, if a criminal makes 25 calls and just gets one taker, he has made pretty good money for one day.

Here are some basic tips

that hopefully will help you from becoming a fraud victim.

First and most importantly, never give out any personal information to persons making requests by phone or online. The banks and credit card companies already have all your information, and shouldn't ever be calling or e-mailing for further information or updates.

Never give out social security numbers, dates of birth, account numbers, computer log-ins or passwords. And if you ever receive such requests, don't respond or engage in any further interaction with the requester. Simply hang up or click delete.

At home you should always use antivirus software, and keep all your computer software up to date. Don't open e-mails, especially with attachments and links unless you are relatively sure who the sender is.

Shred or otherwise destroy any paperwork which leaves your home with your personal information, including all the junk credit card applications that we love to get in the mail.

Occasionally check the members of your household's credit history, including minors, from the three credit reporting bureaus Experian, TransUnion, and Equifax. Under Federal law, consumers are allowed one free credit report a year from these companies.

A growing trend is for a criminal to obtain the identity of a minor child. This situation can go unnoticed for years, until the young person applies for credit the first time, only to find that their name and social security

a utility provider, package delivery service, or sales person, never be afraid to ask for some type of ID. This should be more than a simple business card. Remember, it is your property, and a person must leave when asked.

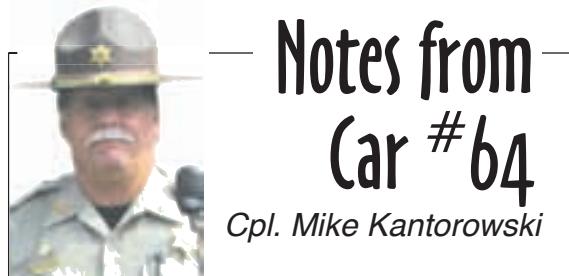
Also, report any suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Office for further investigation by a patrol deputy.

In protecting yourself from any type of crime, today the main key word is — diligence. Unfortunately, in today's world we have criminals trying to find victims not only in public,

but also by coming into our homes via phone and computer.

Don't be afraid to ask questions, be skeptical, and above all, trust your instincts. And if you feel that you may have been a victim, immediately contact your bank and credit card companies.

Deputy Mike is the MCSO Community Resource Deputy for Seven Lakes. He can be reached at 947-2931, or e-mail [mkantorowski@moore-countync.gov](mailto:mkantorowski@moore-countync.gov)



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# Scouts build new bridge at Camp Reaves

On Saturday, July 31, seven Scouts from the West End Pack 98 Webelos II den traveled to Camp Reaves in Eagle Springs to spend a workday replacing a trail bridge.

Three months earlier they hiked a three mile trail that

circled the lakes at Camp Durant and Camp Reaves, accompanied by trail guide Dwayne Parsons (former Scoutmaster) and his son Aaron Parsons. They encountered an old bridge, badly in need of replacement, that spanned a small creek.

As the boys were carefully trying to cross the old bridge, Aaron was reminiscing that his webelos den had built the bridge years earlier. Aaron challenged this Webelos group to carry on the tradition and rebuild the bridge. The boys incorporated the

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recipients are appointed by SLFC. The Scholarship fund is \$200.

This year SLFC has appointed one recipient, Jessica Erin Nurnberg.

Nurnberg began working at Seven Lakes Fitness Center as a baby-sitter in the Fall of 2006, eventually working into the Senior Support Staff position.

She graduated from Pinecrest High School this past Spring in the top ten percent of her class, and will attend Sandhills Community College in the Fall focusing on the College Transfer Curriculum with an emphasis in the Arts. Nurnberg presents herself responsibly and has brought humor and energy to her many friends and fans at the Fitness Center.

The scholarship honors the memory of Don Everhart, one of Seven Lakes and Seven Lakes Fitness Centers' founding members.



Jess Nurnberg

## Aviator's view of Afghanistan

Join Temple Beth Shalom for a slide show presentation and discussion led by Major Matthew Weinshel, Friday, August 20, 7 pm.

Weinshel recently returned from a one year deployment to Kandahar, Afghanistan. He will discuss his experiences, the state of the tactical expeditionary of the Army and answer questions.

Shabbat Services begin at 7:00 pm, and the presentation at 7:30 pm, followed by a dessert reception.

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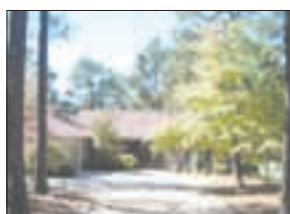
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# Fireshadow potters are Chairman's Choice

There are no "his," "hers" or "ours" labels on the pottery wheels at Fireshadow Pottery, but there might just as well be.

The three wheels in the Fireshadow studio, filled from floor to ceiling with pots waiting to be glazed and fired, indicate both the independent thought and mutual respect that characterize the shared life and work of Sally Larson and Mo McKenzie.

Theirs is a partnership in every aspect of the word.

"We use each other to say 'Does this look good?'" Larson says.

"We respect the opinion, but we don't have to react to it," McKenzie counters.

As the Chairman's Choice potters for the 15th Annual Pottery Plus Auction, Larson and McKenzie have created a stunning green pot especially for the Oct. 2 FirstHealth Hospice Foundation fundraiser. The piece is only one in a long list of personal and professional collaborations for this unusual couple.

"It's part of our relationship," says Larson, "working on projects."

For several years, one of those projects has involved the FirstHealth Hospice Foundation and the Pottery Plus Auction.

## Fireshadow Pottery

A rutted dirt road leads the visitor to the 244 Falls Drive address of Fireshadow Pottery in Eagle Springs. Although only 15 minutes outside of Pinehurst, the place might as well be on the far side of the moon from the bustle and business of the world-renowned golf village.

Larson and McKenzie have made their home and operated their pottery here since 1999, two years after they decided to go into the pottery business.

They sold pots from their front porch until they added a showroom to the pastoral commune they have since built on 31 acres of Moore County farmland.

Neither Larson nor McKenzie had ever had anything to do with the pottery business

until they became a couple, but they shared a creative drive that they wanted to develop.

McKenzie had previously been a woodworker and commercial photographer while Larson, a Connecticut native who has lived in the area for 20 years, tended toward the more homespun pursuits of wool-spinning and -dyeing, weaving, gardening and sewing.

"We both came from creative backgrounds," she says, "and we wanted to work together."

Once they decided to direct their creative instincts toward pottery, they signed up for classes at Montgomery Community College, but quickly "felt restricted" by the demands of traditional production pottery. Striking out on their own and recognizing the seeming limitlessness of clay, they adopted an "exploratory process" to come up with "new ideas and shapes."

They use local clay, from STARworks in Montgomery County, for their "distinctive ceramic art," and have developed all of their glazes, including their signature Fireshadow Red, from scratch. They are fascinated by the inherent potential of clay.

"There are unlimited things you can do with clay," says Larson. "It's a matter of developing your skills."

"Primitive elegance"

Although they share studio space, and occasionally the same pottery wheel, Larson and McKenzie work independently and silently except for the background drone of a book on tape.

The result is a product they characterize as "primitive elegance."

Prospective collectors of Fireshadow's "primitive elegance" can visit the showroom Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Larson and McKenzie hold a kiln opening the third week of each April, and they also participate in events held in neighboring Seagrove.

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# Crape Myrtle is a Sandhills garden favorite

The weather in the Sandhills has been scorching hot during August, too warm, with temperatures well above ninety degrees, for us senior citizens. To get out and attend to our normal gardening activities, we must work early in the morning or wait until sundown to do chores.

Evening thunderstorms have produced adequate rainfall and moisture for rejuvenating plant growth along with numerous weeds and grasses, insects and disease pests. The evening showers have diminished during the past few days, however, the hot humid, dry weather remains.

Every year after July 4th, comments are made about the beauty of the crape myrtle. It's one of the most popular landscape plants in the Sandhills. The crape myrtle [*Lagerstroemia indicia*] has been the subject for several horticulturalists and botanists in writings and books, but having dealt with the plant for more than sixty years, here are a few comments I'll add:

In addition to beautiful flowers, from July until frost, it's Fall-colored leaves are yellow, rust, or red depending on the variety. The Winter bark is exceptionally decorative. It ranges in size from a small to medium-sized deciduous tree or you can annually cut or trim it to the ground. In fact, the size ranges from a height of two feet to thirty feet.

There are four classified plant types of crape myrtle; small tree, intermediate-sized shrub, dwarf shrub, and miniature seedling. Colors range from white, pink, coral pink, purple, red, variegated, red-white, purple-coral, and rarely striped.

As the name *indicia* implies, it came from India.

One thing to remember, though not be alarmed about, is the seeds and flower parts are considered poisonous and kept away from children. They should not be eaten.

The crape myrtle is a vigorous plant. Planting practices include good soil preparation and always plant in

a full-sunny location or spot of well-drained fertile soil.

A few of the most popular named variations that do well in the Sandhills, most of which are American Indian Tribe names:

Tuscarora is usually a large,

15/501.

Muskogee is usually a tree type or large shrub, ten to twenty feet tall with a spread of eight to fifteen feet. The flower colors are light lavender to pink. It is resistant to powdery mildew but susceptible to aphids [plant lice].

Seminole is a semi-dwarf variety that grows up to ten feet tall with a four to five foot

spread. It's blossoms color is bright red and it has moderate resistance to mildew but little resistance to aphids.

Tonto is another dwarf variety that grows up to ten feet and spreads four to four and a half feet. The color is red and it is highly resistant to mildew but susceptible to aphids.

Pecos will grow from five to ten feet and is a considered semi-dwarf. Flowers are pink, and it is mildew resistant and susceptible to aphids.

Mandi is a small or miniature variety which has a dark

red, almost rose-colored flower. It rarely reaches taller than three feet. It has a weeping characteristic and looks broader than three feet. It has little or no resistance to powdery mildew but will do well if planted in full sun. It's susceptible to aphids.

Petite Pink is a small plant that rarely reaches taller than two feet. Its flowers are pink and it is susceptible to both mildew and plant lice.

Petite Plum is also a small size with dark purple flowers, but it is fairly hardy. It is susceptible to mildew and aphids.

Final recommendations for crape myrtles of all varieties:

Water plants periodically, especially during dry weather.

Fertilize and feed them properly, dead-head, prune, and cut-off spent flowers to help prolong blooming until frost.

## Other August reminders

With frequent showers in July and early August, insects, grasses and weeds, and disease have increased tremendously. Use a lawn and garden chemical only when necessary and safely apply according to labeled instructions. Keep them out of our lakes.

With all the rainfall in the past month, another small application of plant food might be necessary to replace some of the leached and eroded fertilizer from your Bermuda and zoysia lawns. In the absence of a soil test, use a premium 16-4-8, 15-0-14, 18-3-11, or 34-0-0 slow-release fertilizer. One forty to fifty pound bag should cover six to ten thousand square feet of lawn.

Recommended garden vegetable plantings for August:

Plants – collard, cauliflower, (See "Garden," p. 16)



## Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

coral pink shrub that will grow to ten to twenty feet tall with a spread of ten to fifteen feet. It has a large, dark pink coral flower. The plant has some resistance to powdery, mildew but must be sprayed for aphids.

Natchez is a tall shrub or small tree that grows twenty-five to thirty feet tall and the flower color is white. The tree spread is ten to fifteen feet and is one of the most popular cultivators. It can be observed south of the traffic circle going toward Southern Pines-Aberdeen on Hwy

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# Commissioners

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rate by fifty percent. At Stage 4, water rates double. At Stage 5 - Rationing, water rates are five times the normal rate.

Brobst noted that a Stage 5 drought would be far worse than anything the county has experienced in recent memory, including more than twelve months of below normal rainfall and conditions of extreme drought that are expected to persist.

Brobst presented nearly identical versions of the new regulations for each of the water systems the county owns, including the Seven Lakes system. [A copy of the proposed regulations for the Seven Lakes system are available on *The Times'* website.]

Only the East Moore Water District's proposed conservation plan differed substantially, because that system relies on water purchased from Harnett County. As a result, the triggers for its conservations stages will follow those implemented by Harnett County.

The conservation plans will be made available to the public for comment and will likely be the subject of a public hearing before the Commissioners before they are approved.

Moore County's water system is currently capable of delivering 5.6 million gallons of water per day, Brobst told the Board in answer to a question from Chairman Lea. The record one-day consumption was 4.3 million gallons. Wells 5A & 9, which will add another 495,000 gallons per day to the total available production, are expected to be brought online before

the end of the year.

In other water-related business the Commissioners approved a water-purchase agreement with the town of Aberdeen that reduces the cost of water the county buys from the town from \$2.40 per thousand gallons to \$2.10 per thousand. Public Utilities Director Brobst explained that the contract allows the county to purchase up to 600,000 gallons per day from this source, and requires that it purchase a minimum of 230,000 gallons per day.

## Industrial Mega-Site

The Board approved a resolution Monday night in support of the exploration of creating an industrial mega-site on 3,000 acres that straddles the Moore-Montgomery County line west of Robbins.

Partners in Progress Director Ray Ogden briefed the Commissioners on the concept, a joint project with the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation.

A resolution of support for the project was requested by the landowners, Robert Jordan and Bobby Myrick, who will fund the expenses associated with having the state of North Carolina designate the area as a mega-site, as well as the legal, marketing, and master-planning expenses associated with seeking companies interested in the location.

Ogden explained that the site has many advantages

as an industrial location, including its proximity to the Aberdeen Carolina and Western Railway and Interstate 73-74, as well as the availability of a substantial trained workforce in Moore, Montgomery, and the surrounding counties.

One advantage of the property is that enough of it lies within Montgomery County that it should qualify a company that locates there for the state's Tier 1 tax credit of \$12,000 per job created. By contrast, Moore County's Tier 3 classification only offers a \$750 tax credit, Ogden said.

He explained that the NC Department Commerce is very interested in seeing the project proceed and in helping to market it to possible industrial occupants. It will be the largest site of its kind in the state, he noted.

## Other Business

In other business during their Monday, August 16 meeting, the Moore County Board of Commissioners:

- Approved a contract with the State Division of Forest Resources under which the state pays forty percent of Forester and Forest Ranger salaries in the county.

- Granted an easement for a meter vault necessary to serve Westmoore Elementary School. The water piped to the school will come from Montgomery County via a pipeline carrying water to the Town of Robbins that the county partially funded.

- On the advice of Tax Administrator Wayne Vest, tabled a requested review of the valuation of the Sandhills Value Inn hotel which was submitted after the Board of Equalization and Review had already adjourned for the year. Vest indicated the property owner had a good case for a reduction in valuation, but recommended deferring the matter until his department could develop

guidelines for handling such late-filed cases, which, he noted, are extremely rare.

- Heard from Commissioner Jimmy Melton that the NC Department of Transportation, after months of delay, will be meeting with the County's Transportation Committee to begin work on a Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Moore County.

## Sunfish Sailboat Races

The second race in the Seven Lakes Sailing Club's Sunfish Open Series will be held Saturday, September 11, at 1 pm on Lake Auman.

All members of the Club, and other owners of Sunfish, are invited to participate. Current non-members are invited to join the Club and may also race upon becoming members. Membership information is available on the Club's website, [sail7lakes.com](http://sail7lakes.com), or by contacting Bill Mamel, 673-8970 or email [wmamel@nc.rr.com](mailto:wmamel@nc.rr.com).

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## Garden

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broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, onions and Chinese cabbage, and tomato plants if available.

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Per mile driven, teen drivers ages 16 to 19 are four times more likely than older drivers to crash. Fortunately, teen motor vehicle accidents are preventable, and proven strategies can improve the safety of young drivers on the road.

In 2009, Sandhills Com-

munity College, in partnership with Moore County District Attorney Maureen Krueger and the National Safety Council, began offering "Alive at 25," an accredited defensive driving course designed specifically for those aged 16 to 21 who received a traffic violation in Moore County. Since January 2009, 1,148 students have taken the "Alive at 25" defensive driving course at Sandhills Community College.

By the end of 2009, 691 students had taken the course, and, as a result, the

college recently received the Best Performance Award for outstanding vision, dedication and commitment to excellence in providing defensive driving courses to the community by the National Safety Council. The award is given to the highest performing college focused on offering "Alive at 25."

Sandhills Community College is a National Safety Council Public Training Agency accredited to offer defensive driving courses to the public. The four-hour "Alive at 25" course enhances

skills that young drivers learn in drivers education, while emphasizing the attitude of making safe choices that is necessary to enjoying a lifetime of injury-free driving.

"Alive at 25" classes are held on Saturdays on the college campus from 8:30 am to 1 pm.

To enroll, students must first be referred to the "Alive at 25" course through the court system. Students will receive a numbered certificate to present at their assigned

court date. For more information call (910) 246-4943.

Revenues from the program are used to support community enrichment programs no longer funded by the State of North Carolina. Offenders are still required to pay court costs and fines.

Susan Hicks of the Moore County Clerk of Courts Office confirmed that all revenue generated from court ordered fines are used to support the Moore County School System.

## Chicken Waldorf Salad

I had this recipe from when Amy worked at the Country Club, then I saw it recently with a couple of changes

### Chicken Waldorf Salad Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 3 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 1 cup red grapes, halved (the old recipe called for 1/2 cup dried cranberries instead)
- 1 large apple, diced
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup honey mustard dressing (this was added in new recipe)

Bake your walnuts in oven at 350 degree oven for 6 to 8 minutes. Mix in all of the other ingredients.

Salt and pepper to taste.

If you like, you may use grapes and cranberries.

I feel that the honey mustard added a lot of flavor to the salad. Refrigerate before eating for about a half hour.

I made half of the recipe, and there was enough for about four people.



from Lucy's  
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## Memory Loss Support Group

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- **“An Army Aviator's Look at Afghanistan”** – 7 pm, join Temple Beth Shalom for a slide show presentation and discussion led by Major Matthew Weinshel. He recently returned from a one year deployment to Kandahar, Afghanistan and will discuss his experiences, the state of the tactical expeditionary of the Army and answer questions. Services begin at 7 pm, and the presentation at 7:30 pm followed by a dessert reception. Temple Beth Shalom corner of Jackson Springs Road and Hoffman Road, Foxfire Village or contact Sandhills Jewish Congregation at 910-673-5224. Free and open to the public.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 21**

- **North, South & West Open Golf Tournament** – Seven Lakes Country Club, 8:30 am Shotgun start. Cost for tournament \$35 per member (\$70 per team), \$50 for nonmembers (\$100 per team). Entry fee includes cart fee, range balls, lunch and prizes. Format is Fourball Competition - “Better Ball of Partners”- Men or Women with official USGA Handicap. Players must reside in the same geographic development to qualify for this event (Seven Lakes North, Seven Lakes South or Seven Lakes West). Register at Seven Lakes Country Club Golf Shop or contact Gene Roberts if you have any questions, 673-1092 ext. 2, or slccgolf@nc.rr.com

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 22**

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am,

1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Holy Eucharist. The Rev. Robert Brown, Vicar. Pentecost 13 Proper 16. Gospel Luke 13: 10-17. All are welcome.

## What's When Calendar



- **Bats in the Sandhills** – 3 pm. “Blind as a bat” is just one of the myths that the ranger will dispel about these flying mammals during the program. Learn about the different bats found in the Sandhills. Ranger will also share some secrets for keeping bats out of your home. Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 23**

- **Sandhills Natural History Society** – 7 pm meeting at Weymouth Woods Auditorium, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd.,

Southern Pines. Join the group for a viewing of the movie “Dirt!” Watch the trailer at: [www.dirtthemovie.org/](http://www.dirtthemovie.org/) Visitors are always welcome. 910-

692-2167 for more information or [www.sandhillsnature.org](http://www.sandhillsnature.org)

- **Bingo Night At Our Lady Of The Americas** – 7 pm, Early Bird Bingo; and 7:30 pm, Regular Bingo. 298 Farmers Market Road, off Hwy 211 (Exxon Station), Candor. Minimum purchase \$15. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. 910 974-3051.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 24**

- **Chamber Lunchinar On Media Relations** – 12:00-1:30 pm, Moore County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will hold a Lunchinar at the Moore County Chamber of Commerce, 10677 Hwy 15-501, Southern Pines. The speaker will be George Harrison, assistant professor in the Department of Mass Com-

munication at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Speaking about media relations and how to use this resource to publicize your business. \$12 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Preregistration and payment is required. Register [www.moorecountychamber.com](http://www.moorecountychamber.com), (910) 692-3926.

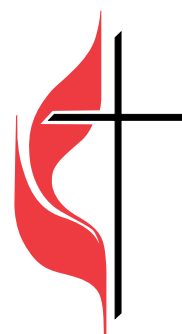
- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association** – 7 pm, work session. West Side Park Community Center. Open to all landowners.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25**

- **Project Linus at Phoenix Fashions Fabric Department** – 10 am to 3 pm, volunteers will be making blankets, inspecting blankets and sewing on labels. Drop in, see what Project

Linus is all about and learn how easy it is to help a child in need in Moore County. To celebrate the event, Phoenix Fashions is offering a 10% discount for Project Linus attendees on the 25. Just one more reason to join the group! Call Pat Weber, 673-1457, if you have any questions.

- **Hormones and Your Health** – 6 pm - 8 pm. Are you experiencing any of the these symptoms? Skin, hair and/or nail problems. Weight gain, Fatigue or low energy, Headaches, Depression, Constipation, Emotionally overwhelmed. It could be you just need your hormones balanced! Join Jim Paoletti, RPh for an information session, Paoletti is the Director of Provider Education at ZRT Labora-



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• **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 7:30 pm, monthly meeting. Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Open to all landowners.

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

• **Wine Tasting** – at Sandhills Winery 5:30 to 8:30 pm. \$10 for six wines and food from Goldie's. Located at 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949.

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

• **Casual Fridays** – Everyone welcome to "Casual Fridays" at the Seven Lakes Country Club. A night of socializing and/or game playing. Feel free to bring your own games or you can join in with others playing games that will be provided. Buffet is also offered for \$8.15 +tax & gratuity. Reservations suggested but not required. This is the place to be on Friday nights, 673-1100.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

• **SLCC Beach Party** – Everyone's invited to a "Beach Party" at the Seven Lakes Country Club. Cocktails at 5:30 pm, buffet at 6:30 pm. Dancing and entertainment at 7:00 pm. w/DJ, Chad Sain with music that will take you back through the days of Ocean Drive, the pad and cruising the strip. All-inclusive price for members \$25, nonmembers \$30. Call 673-1100. Cool & Casual dress is recommended.

#### SUNDAY AUGUST 29

• **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Holy Eucharist. The Rev. Fred Brown, Priest Associate. Pentecost 14, Proper 17. Gospel Luke 14: 7-14. All are welcome.

• **Sandhills Invaders** – 3 pm. The ranger will talk about some of the invasive non-native species that have been introduced to the Sandhills area, why or how they came to this region, and what problems are associated with them being here. The ranger will also discuss what native plants are good alternatives to put in your yard. Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167.

• **Belford Baptist Church** –

4 pm, will have a Building Fund Program. The guest speaker will be Pastor Anthony Pankey of Touched by Faith Ministries, Fayetteville. Church is located at 925 Windblow Rd, Jackson Springs. (910) 974-4938.

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

• **West End Cub Scout Pack 98 Open House** – 6:30 pm - 8 pm, West End UMC. Interested boys in First to Fifth grades and their families are invited to drop by and learn more about joining scouting. Boys develop character and confidence while having fun at weekly meetings, camping, Pinewood Derby racing, and other unique learning opportunities. For more information, Cubmaster Jim Douglass at 673-1817 or [jdouglass2@nc.rr.com](mailto:jdouglass2@nc.rr.com)

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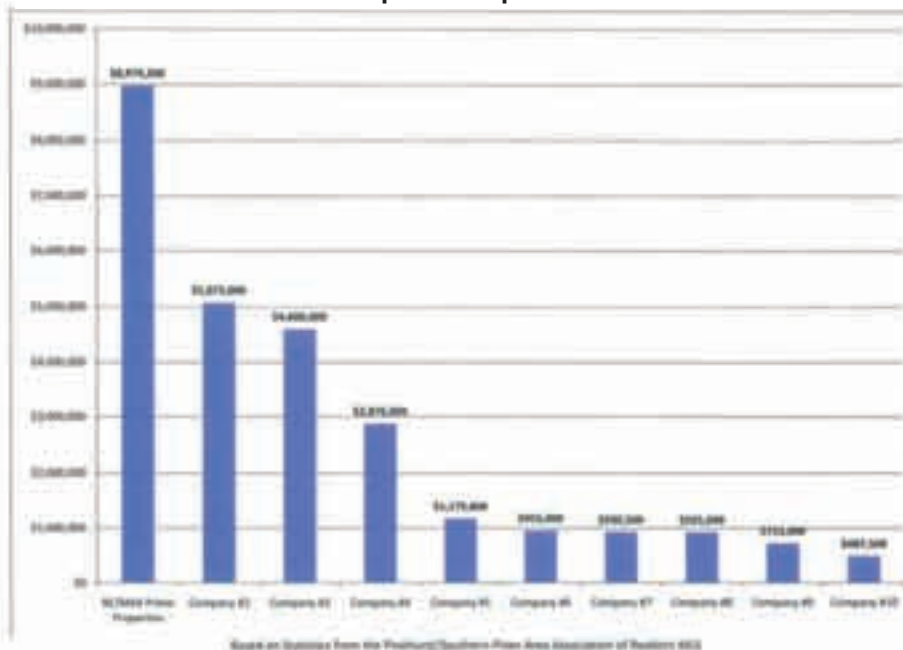
My family has lived in Seven Lakes since the mid-80's. We love our house, our neighbors and our community and we are deeply appreciative of the trust and confidence that so many of you have placed in us over the years.

The purpose of this letter is to counter any suggestion that has been made that the closing of our office here has in any way lessened our commitment to the Seven Lakes community. It has not. We remain completely committed to serving our sellers with excellence and integrity.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I look forward to hearing from you in the future for any of your real estate needs!

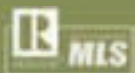
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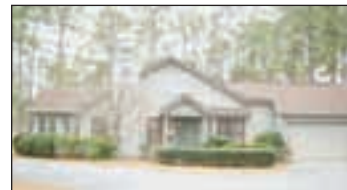
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## Editorial

## Looking for the facts?

**"Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not to his own facts."**

— Daniel Patrick Moynihan

A fact is a curious thing.

It's kind of like a brick. You can gather it together in an orderly fashion with others of its kind and build a pretty sturdy structure of knowledge on a given subject.

Or you can pick it up and hurl it at your opponent, figuring that's the quickest way to win a debate.

Folks inclined toward the second use of facts start out with a preconceived conclusion and gather up only the facts that support it, hoarding them like brickbats, ready to hurl them when the right opportunity presents itself.

They leave all those other inconvenient facts lying around on the ground — or, if they can get away with it, distract you while they hide them someplace safe, out of sight.

The debate about incorporating Seven Lakes has entered the facts as brickbats stage. We've got plenty of folks gathering up plenty of facts, but few of them seem to be building anything out of them. And we've seen more than a few hurled already.

That's natural and inevitable, because folks are human and humans like to win. But it's not really going to help us better understand the implications of turning this place into a town. And, if we don't understand it, it's going to be real hard to make a good decision about it.

At *The Times*, we like to use facts to build good solid foundations. And we'd like to invite you to help us — and the community — build a good solid foundation of knowledge that can help folks think more clearly about the proposed incorporation of Seven Lakes.

We're neither for nor against incorporation. But we do think it needs to be discussed in an intelligent, civil manner.

So we've come up with a new way to accomplish that. We've created a Wiki on incorpora-

tion. No, a Wiki is not a large, hairy Star Wars character. It is a community-created repository of knowledge that lives on the Internet. The most famous wiki is Wikipedia, an encyclopedia written and edited by volunteers. If you've Googled anything, you've probably wound up in Wikipedia at some point.

Our wiki, which lives at [incwiki.sevenlakes-times.net](http://incwiki.sevenlakes-times.net), is a place where we all can bring together the facts we've unearthed about incorporation, combine them with the facts other folks have unearthed, and work through the process of agreeing about how they fit into the puzzle. It's not a place to discuss our opinions about incorporation. It is a place to bring your documented knowledge of any aspect of the subject.

You can become a member of the wiki and add your facts to any of its pages, help edit the material others have brought, or make new pages that deal with any aspect of the incorporation question.

The wiki includes forums where you can discuss with your fellow members various aspects of the page you are creating together — separating opinion from fact and figuring out how the facts fit together. You can have the page you are working on send you an email whenever someone changes it, so you can go see what they have done and fix it, if it needs fixing.

It's a community project, a way of thinking together, a tool for learning together.

Using facts as brickbats, in the end, isn't just bad manners. It's intellectually dishonest. Unethical. Evil.

Using facts to build a common understanding — even if, in the end, we continue to disagree about incorporation — is more than just good manners. It's honest. Virtuous. Good.

It's time to put down the brickbat and pick up your trowel.

Go to [incwiki.sevenlakestimes.net](http://incwiki.sevenlakestimes.net), sign up, and let's get to work.

## Sometimes it's all about showing up

Whether its business, politics, or family, much of our contact with other folks these days is mediated by one electronic device or another.

We use cell phones and email and Facebook to communicate with friends and family. Google alerts, *New York Times* emails, and AP newsflashes on our

iPhone keep us up to date on the latest news. And, for many businesses, email and voicemail

have replaced the old-fashioned business lunch.

We use all this electronica because it makes sense — it's easier and more efficient.

If I have a moment's worry late one night about the safety or health of my small daughter living alone in the big city of New York, I don't have to repeatedly to call her apartment in hopes of catching her there. Checking her Facebook newsfeed will generally let me know what she's been up to in the last twelve hours. And, if that doesn't calm the parental nerves, I can text her iPhone for a quick check-in.

When I first started selling advertising in *The Seven Lakes Times*, the process was all notecards and telephones and faxes — and lots of repeated attempts to get in touch. Now I have twice as many customers and, for almost all of them, email is a much more efficient way to communicate.

Though I have considerable nostalgia for reading the daily newspaper over morning coffee (but live far enough

out in the country that no daily delivery is available), it's hard to beat the ability to quickly check the top stories in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Raleigh News and Observer*, and *Charlotte Observer* using the Internet. By the time my morning cof-

## Digging Deeper

Greg Hankins



ready, emails from each of those organizations are waiting in my inbox, providing a quick index of the day's news. I pick out those I'm interested in and use a little internet magic to port them over to my iPhone, so I can read them during my forty-five minutes on the stationary bike.

The great science fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke once said that "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."

All these electronic methods of staying in touch are great. But they don't work for everything. For some things you have to show up.

A few months ago, my brother, who's having a little heart trouble, was scheduled for a heart catheterization. The time was indefinite: sometime between 7:00 am and Noon, barring the need to slip more pressing cases in between. His wife was outfitted with a cellphone and promised to keep us updated electronically.

But that wasn't quite (See "Showing up," p. 28)

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# Cline was major force in building 7 Lakes

Dear Editor:

Thursday August 5, was a sad day in the history of our community. Most people that live in Seven Lakes will not recognize the name Joe Cline. Joe died Thursday, August 5, from a long illness that

robbed him of the ability to be the active person that he was during the construction of our community.

Joe Cline was a major force in the development of Seven Lakes. He supervised the construction of everything

that was built by the development company from the start in 1971 until the late 1980's. There was no time clock for Joe; he simply was here as long as something was going on that needed his attention.

There were so many things that Joe did. One example involves Lake Sequoia. It took almost eight years to fill. Joe was an important part of saving the lake from draining when a pipe in the lake bottom failed. As the communi-

ty grew, Joe provided solid stable guidance during some very difficult times.

Seven Lakes would not be the same had it not been for the impact that Joe Cline's presence made. He was instrumental in the development of this community and was one of the principle founders. He never sought public recognition for his involvement, but he should be recognized for his important contributions.

Joe was a partner, coworker, and friend. He was more than a very decent person. He was old school with integrity and honesty. Nothing better can be said about anyone.

D. Alan Shaw  
Seven Lakes South

## Board shouldn't speak for members

Dear Editor:

Perhaps it would be a good idea to encourage landowner associations to add a line item "Member's Input" to their annual budget and set aside a few dollars each year to poll its members on issues of importance to the community-at-large.

A case in point is the Seven Lakes West's board contemplating a letter to our elected state representatives asking that they ignore a perfectly legitimate petition to incorporate a town, a petition signed by members of three different gated communities--not just their own. Whatever the position an individual takes "for or against" incorporation, my plaudits to

Karen Milligan for stating, in opposition to her eight other fellow board members, that "I will not approve sending that letter to my state representative because I don't know for certain that that is what a majority of our members would want us to do."

A long time member of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association, I recall several occasions when board members have refused to poll their membership on issues affecting us all. They seem to forget that they are elected to represent us; and we expect that they will communicate, ask, poll us if necessary and not simply dictate the direction to be taken on matters of import. The key is "if in

doubt." Milligan had sufficient doubt about the wants of her constituents, was not afraid to admit it and wouldn't act without it. How refreshing is that?

I signed the petition in question in the hope that I would have an opportunity to vote on incorporation while keeping our gates, and it's difficult to believe that eight board members in another

community would attempt to deny me that right. To those who are "on the fence" why not step forward and sign the petition? It doesn't commit you in any way whatsoever. You are simply providing yourself and others the opportunity to discuss this issue in greater detail prior to voting on it.

Ron Erskine  
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# Board's incorporation study is appropriate

As a member of the Seven Lakes West Board of Directors, I felt it was necessary for me to respond to two of the editorials in the last edition.

It seems as though the process of studying incorporation has some people up in arms, although what they are concerned about or afraid of is not well defined. Mr. Merritt's venomous article accusing the SLW Board of arrogance, condescension

and pursuing our own political agenda is in response to the Board's request to Mr. Blake and Mr. Boles to delay any decision until we have finished the incorporation study in December. As elected leaders in our community the Board has a responsibility and obligation to ensure that the members have all the information necessary to make an informed decision on an issue that

could so dramatically impact their lives. Studying incorporation takes time and effort. The Board and their committees (made up of volunteer residents) are putting in hundreds of additional man-hours to help answer questions for the community. This study isn't being done for a single outcome or to satisfy some ulterior motive. It's being done to independently verify findings

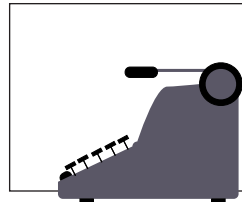
of the two groups proposing incorporation. Since these groups did not review the issue with any Seven Lakes Boards until immediately prior to launching

is in it." Incorporation is a complicated issue and not one to be rushed into, as some would like. If incorporation is a good idea for the community, the

facts will show it as such. If incorporation is a good idea today, it will be a good idea tomorrow, and it

## Your Turn

Mick Herdrich  
Seven Lakes West  
Landowners Assoc.



## Will we get to vote?

Dear Editor:

A recent letter to the editor encouraged one to sign the incorporation petition. The writer also stated that "a referendum on incorporation will be required that will allow Seven Lakes residents to vote for or against incorporation."

UNC Professor Kara Milonzi was asked do we get to vote on whether we want to incorporate? Her answer was "If the General Assembly indicates through the Charter that you only become a municipality with a referendum, then you vote. If the General Assembly doesn't include it, then there is no vote. They can automatically incorporate you." (Re: *The Seven Lakes Times*, July 9, 2010, page 18.)

Once the petition and supporting documents are submitted to the General Assembly, we the residents, have no control whether or not the Charter will include the requirement to vote. The Proposed Charter on the incorporation proponent's web site, as of August 12, 2010, doesn't have the requirement for a referendum. Even if the requirement for a referendum

vote is included when it is submitted to the General Assembly, it could be removed by the process in the General Assembly.

The proponents for incorporation have invested time and money to incorporate Seven Lakes. Should they believe that, if left to a referendum, the residents would reject incorporation, I believe they would spend addition-

al resources lobbying the General Assembly to exclude a referendum requirement and we could be automatically incorporated.

Those who signed the petition thinking they would later get to vote for or against incorporation may want to reconsider and remove their names from the petition.

Eddie J. Jackson  
Seven Lakes West

their campaigns, it seems reasonable that this Board take some time to thoroughly investigate the matter.

Mr. Haggard feels that the Seven Lakes community should just move ahead, sign the petition offered by the Incorporate with Gates group and then use the 3-4 months to study incorporation before voting on a referendum. I'm sorry, but this sounds a lot like Speaker Nancy Pelosi saying "We have to pass the bill, so you can find out what

will be a good idea six months from now.

Take the time to become informed on the issue. Read the documents on line and question items you are unsure of. Provide input (and your questions) to the Seven Lakes West Board Study Groups to ensure your concerns are addressed. Finally, register to vote. It will be vitally important for this local issue and will provide you a voice at all levels of government.

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# Spare us the cluster boxes, please!

Dear Editor:

In the July 23 edition of *The Seven Lakes Times*, Seven Lakes West President Ron Shepard said we now have four options for mail delivery:

1. Construction of a new mail house at the Westside Park.

2. Construction of two new

mail houses.

3. Using neighborhood cluster mail boxes sprinkled around the community, or

4. Having everyone rent PO boxes from the West End Post Office.

"Cluster mail boxes sprinkled around the community?" Are you kidding me?

How trashy will that look

and how many safety issues will that produce? What about the preoccupied drivers who just remembered they need to pick up their mail and slam on brakes while passing their "cluster" and get rear ended by the person driving behind them? What about young children playing in yards located near

a "cluster" and the steady and unpredictable traffic flow picking up mail?

And how attractive trailer park style clusters of mailboxes will look sprinkled throughout the neighborhood obscuring the views of nature and invading the privacy of landowners. Wouldn't you love to be one of the lucky homeowners who gets a cluster of mailboxes placed right in front of your yard?

What about Option 5? We are all US citizens who pay our fair share of local, state and federal taxes. Why can't we qualify for curbside delivery of our mail in approved mailboxes? How is it different than the rural customers getting delivery in Robbins, Eagle Springs, or West End?

If some residents prefer

locked PO boxes then they can rent a PO box at West End or any other post office. Mail delivery does not have to be a one-size-fits-all issue.

If you want all the mailboxes to look exactly alike, we can purchase them through the West Side community association and even pay to have them installed uniformly. Please do not sprinkle cluster mail boxes around this gorgeous community.

By the way, Option 5 removes the need for construction of any new mail house and I think it is the best option by far to honor individual choices on this matter. We just need to renegotiate with the USPS and get this done.

LeAnne Purvis  
Seven Lakes West

## I love the gates!

Dear Editor:

I came to Seven Lakes for the first time in July, 1975 for the weekend, and I loved it!

A few weeks later Clint and I bought a lot. About two years after that, we built a vacation home. Five years

later we built a permanent home and moved here. We have loved it since the day we set eyes on it, and above all, *I Love The Gates*.

I know they're not going to keep all the wrongdoers out, but they give me peace

of mind. The present situation makes me wonder why some residents moved to Seven Lakes in the first place.

The ones of you who feel the same way should E-Mail the group which is working on keeping Seven Lakes just as it is. For information, or to become part of that group, send your name and E-Mail address to [Save7Lakes@gmail.com](mailto:Save7Lakes@gmail.com). Hundreds already have!

Lucy Ingram  
Seven Lakes South

## Feeling safer with the gates

Editor:

Ok, so some people "Hate the Gates" but others love having them. I am in the last group. I would hope that a vote would be taken by the residents of the community to decide if we want the gates or not.

I also agree with Mike Shapiro — what is the big rush? Do you really think Pinehurst wants to annex us? Like many other widowed women living in Seven Lakes, I feel a lot safer with gates. I know that this may be a false sense of security, but it still feels good.

Marilyn Quintana  
Seven Lakes South

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tein to your salads, such as nuts, seeds, beans, tofu, fish or poultry. Pick up a light and healthy dressing at your local health food store, or mix up something easy, like lemon juice, black pepper and olive oil.

This is a great opportunity to try a new vegetable from your market. What are some creative flavors you've never tried before? Fennel and mint? Daikon radish and arugula? Summer squash with watercress? Whatever you choose, have fun with your food and stay cool. Happy summer!

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# On serenity

The hospice volunteer spoke tenderly and affectionately about her visits with a little lady in her 90s, sharing the preciousness of her long life and marveling at the steadfast gratitude continuing to be expressed for the

'blessed' to be able to live so long, 'blessed' to be able to have had a fine family, 'blessed' to be able to enjoy the beautiful gifts of nature, 'blessed' to be given the chance to live honorably, sensitively and constructively."

"Why can't we all be that way?" was the question on the volunteers mind as she returned from her tour of duty and told her friend: "That lady has shown me a perfect example of steadfast faith, lived with quiet and deep conviction."

It's a trait greatly to be

admired, regardless of one's own beliefs. There's a deep serenity that carries believers to and through seemingly impenetrable barriers to happiness. It's positively heart-warming to see someone work through the twists and turns that setbacks in life can bring.

That old lady has trusted her serenity to help carry her through life. She has smelled the roses, sensed the feeling of others, rejoiced, shed tears, comforted, mused, and taken Christ's words to heart, within the ebb and flow of her time on Earth.

A beacon. One to be remembered fondly, as well as emulated.

A shining example for the world-at-large.



## Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

remaining time afforded her. "She is the finest Christian I ever met," said the volunteer. "She said she was

# Who's being arrogant?

Dear Editor:

I have some questions for Randy Merritt in regard to his letter "Thinking for Us" in *The Times*, August 6.

First you say "the persistent arrogance of the Seven Lakes West Board in their thinking that residents can't figure out for themselves the benefits or detriments of incorporation."

Let me get this straight, your group has studied incorporation for months (perhaps years), you sprung it on the community with force and only one view (that of incorporation) and then you call the board arrogant for wanting to look at the issue, as an unbiased entity, from both sides. The board is elected to look after the concerns of the community.

Why is that wrong, and why should the community be forced to accept your view without question?

Second you say "the board doesn't necessarily speak for the majority of the residents when they request of Representative Boles and Senator Blake to be unresponsive to a future request to pursue an incorporation bill." Quoting from the editor in his

article "Board asks Boles, Blake to delay incorporation," "The West Side Board will ask State Representative Jamie Boles and Senator Harris Blake to delay any attempt to incorporate Seven Lakes as a town until the Associations study of incorporation is complete"

What is it you are afraid of? It seems "persistently arrogant" to me that you want the community to take your advice and incorporate now.

If incorporation is a good

thing and you feel that any study will conclude that, then why do you worry?

Seems to me that a harmonious community is most important, and that you, by your very own arrogance are trying to shove incorporation down our throats and create factions among us.

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Sarah M Grantham  
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# Dam meeting - The Ultimate Dog & Pony Show

Dear Editor:

When moving to Seven Lakes West, I thought the community, the neighbors, and the neighborhoods were near perfect. After living in three other gated communities around the country, I must say, I have never seen such a cliquish division as here at Seven Lakes West. This is not the American way.

Whether the subject to be discussed is the dam, bike tri-

als, or speed bumps, there is always a specific group that portrays an air of entitlement or feel they deserve special treatment.

Moreover, regarding the dam, this group should understand they live in a community of good people that make good neighbors, and have the same concerns while paying their own way. The rest of the community is not here to provide for them.

Many people moved here to live on the lake, and many people moved here to enjoy it's beauty and the ability to drive across the dam.

I found the August 3 evening meeting on the dam road to be a farce, a cover up, and an attempt to pacify the rest of the community — and I am not alone.

I later learned that the Lake & Dam committee had a "pre-meeting" with Dr. Dan Marks,

in which they planned how the evening meeting would be conducted and with what intended results. It was apparent that the plan included extensive rhetoric regarding the fine service that Dr. Marks has extended to our community. This service of Dr. Marks leaves many open questions and requires facts, and as long as our current Lake and Dam committee remain in office these will doubtfully be addressed.

This is an ongoing, exorbitant expense with extremely poor results for the general community.

At the general meeting, or Dog & Pony show, logical questions went either unanswered or were answered with assertions that seemed evasive or pure scare tactics. It was a genuine waste of time and I am surprised

more people did not walk out.

I respect the value and required integrity of the dam and lake, but will not tolerate the cover up that is being presented. No one in this community has the right of entitlement just because they live on the lake.

It was insulting that night when I was told I shouldn't be worried about a "little inconvenience" by using only the front gate. Wonder where he lived?

We must work as a community, with open eyes and have open minded discussions.

There are other solutions, and *we do need another opinion* other than that of Dr. Marks.

Bob Campbell  
Seven Lakes West

## Our influence with the county

Dear Editor:

Among the excellent points brought up by Mike Thomas in the previous issue of *The Times*, was that "... we are the third largest voting group in Moore County whether we incorporate or not." We have, in fact, been able to protect the interests of individual associations before the County Planning Board when the residents involved have participated in their meetings in Carthage.

Frequently, however, we are inclined to think "inside the gates" and not to seri-

ously consider the issues of our neighboring entities. That doesn't mean that the gates are unnecessary.

Indeed, I personally think our gates are critical to security (such as it is), to management and retention of our amenities, and to local control of our living conditions. Thinking outside the gates does mean that we need to step up our efforts toward creative planning and cooperative action between our sub-communities. We need to develop a coherent approach to zoning and development

that is more broadly based, less dangerous, and less rushed than the options being pursued by the two pro-incorporation groups.

Hasty incorporation would be irreversible. Incorporation will not solve any differences in opinion or local objectives that currently exist. It will only facilitate arbitrary loss of the resources that make life in Seven Lakes beautiful ... and there is no way it will be cheaper for anyone.

Dr. Robert Fewkes  
Seven Lakes West

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# Seven Lakes is no field of dreams

Dear Editor:

Field of Dreams?

Not in the case of the Seven Lakes Village. Beautifying it won't make anyone come.

I have lived here two years and three of the stores I patronized have closed. The truth is that new tax dollars derived as a result of incorporation might improve appearances here and there, but it won't change the com-

mercial dynamics in Seven Lakes.

We do not have the tourists that Pinehurst has and they are struggling. Look at Olmstead Village — the owners filed for bankruptcy in March after six years of vacancies.

Look what Sen. Byrd did in West Virginia. He poured billions of pork dollars into his state. They have beautiful freeways to nowhere, at tax-

payer expense, and no one is on them.

And, according to the *Wall Street Journal*, the state is poorer for it.

It is beyond me why we need to dump our money into the village, until we have a much bigger consumer base to serve, nor should we do so until the business owners have made real progress on their own, without taxing the

adjacent residential communities, you and I, to enhance the value of their properties.

Seven Lakes is no Field of Dreams.

Mandy Goodman  
Seven Lakes West

## Showing up

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enough for a concerned elder brother. So I made the early morning trek to High Point to sit around in the hospital and provide whatever comfort and encouragement I could to them both. I showed up — because it was the only way to really accomplish that.

Some of what we do as reporters is much the same. We show up, so that you don't have to. We go to every meeting of the County Commissioners, Planning Board, Foxfire Village Council, Seven Lakes and Seven Lakes West Landowners Associations. We show up, because there's no other practical way to get the story. You have to be there to know what hap-

pened.

The Board of Commissioners has begun posting audio of their meetings on the county website, with a day or so delay. One of these days, that will probably be a live video feed. One of these days, the landowners associations may do the same.

That's great service to their constituents, and I'm all for it. But I doubt it's going to take the place of the reporter who shows up at every meeting, gets to know the players and the issues over time, and boils it all down into digestible prose that highlights the really important stuff, while not ignoring the rest.

As for my brother, I showed

up, he went in for the cath, and thirty-minutes later we were all gathered around him, lying on a table under very high tech monitors, while a cardiac surgeon explained why he needed bypass surgery right now.

They wheeled him off to the operating room; and, in a few hours, everything was fine.

Both he and I were glad that, on that particular day, I had decided to rely a little less on my arsenal of electronic marvels and just show up.

Sometimes, the best magic is just showing up.

## What about boats?

Dear Editor:

I find it curious why Dan Marks chose not to comment on the harmful forces of water wake against the dam as caused by the multitude of boats that cruise back and forth across the dam?

I believe those water/wave forces are as harmful as vehicle traffic across the top of the

dam roadway.

Could this whole issue be nothing more than dam-side lakers not wanting to be bothered by noisy, congestive vehicle traffic, or lakers not wanting to lose their boating privileges near the dam?

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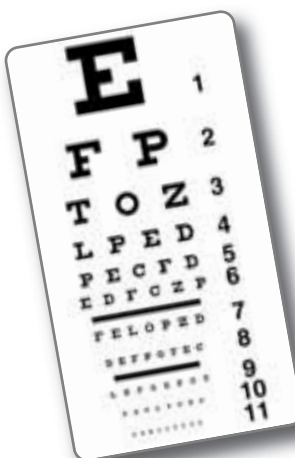
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## SLLA Work Session

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had dismissed the committee after learning that a former SLLA Director serving on the committee had signed off on work with a contractor.

"One of the concerns I have is the committee has been too active. The committee overreached and was acting like an elective body. That

puts us in bad situation, it puts the Association in a bad situation," said Zielsdorf. "That individual was acting totally inappropriately, and I made the decision that Lakes & Dams needed a time out."

Instead of focusing on the dams, which Zielsdorf argued are in good shape now, he said his primary thrust mov-

ing forward will be addressing the road repaving project. The Reserve Study -- a long term planning and budgeting tool currently being developed -- will also provide significant information that will assist in defining and creating effective committees.

While stopping short of reinstating the Lakes & Dams Committee, Zielsdorf did recommend taking some steps to help resolve the concerns of its former members. He asked Cochran to include more dam maintenance information on the website, including piezometer readings and other reports. And he invited three former Lakes & Dams Committee members to meet with himself, Cochran, Vice President Kent Droppers, and Treasurer Denny Galford, who will bring to that meeting a five-year history of all expenditures on the dams.

"I want to see where the expenditures are," Zielsdorf said. "Beyond the state-man-

(See "SLLA," p. 30)

## Debbie Caulk resigns

Debbie Caulk, a Northside resident and longtime member of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] office staff, has resigned her position.

"The Board was notified earlier this month that Debbie Caulk had tendered her resignation," SLLA President Randy Zielsdorf told *The Times* in a telephone interview. "[Community Manager] Alina [Cochran] will be addressing this issue at the Open Meeting and will make a statement."

"While the Board regrets Debbie's departure," he

added, "we are looking forward to management's recommendation on future staffing needs."

Caulk began her career with the SLLA as the front office assistant, oversaw Association finances after the departure of Vicky Strider, and was recently named Operations Assistant for Talis Management.

"Debbie has been a loyal employee of the Association," Zielsdorf said, "and has served the community very well for many years. We wish her well."

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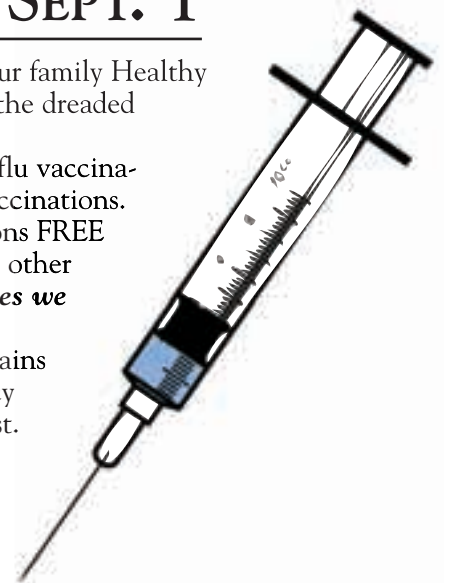
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# SLLA Work Session

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dated repairs to Echo Dam, I know there were a lot of Emergency Action Plans, but I don't know about the others. I don't have a warm fuzzy feeling that we spent money where we had to."

Northsider JoAn Moses, who has served as the primary spokesperson for the former Lakes & Dams Committee members, said that, while she'd prefer a different resolution to their request, they would accept Zielsdorf's offer.

"Our main concern, as a committee, is that there need to be watchdogs for all seven dams and lakes. We don't feel that is being done or that the Board or management can fulfill that role as effectively a group of dedicated volunteers. We are asking for proactive care," said Moses.

## Echo Dam Road Repairs

Bids for a major road repair project on Firetree Lane at the Echo Dam spillway are due August 31, reported Community Manager Cochran. The proposal includes a request for the company to review repair plans that were developed by Southsider Mike Cummins, a retired civil engineer and longtime member of the Maintenance and Capital Infrastructure Committees.

In a related discussion, Zielsdorf distributed for Board

review an amortization chart detailing the payout of a \$600,000 loan at eight percent interest.

"I propose we get aggressive with repaving," he said. "In addition to the \$400,000 held in reserve, if we borrow \$600,000, the loan would be paid off after ten years and we could repave as a \$1 million project."

Zielsdorf asked Cochran to begin researching options with Talis-based connections in Raleigh; and Director Bud Shaver recommended the Finance Committee also look at opportunities with local banks in Moore County.

## Vehicle Parking at Sequoia Point

During the warmer months, weekend picnickers and boaters quickly overwhelm the small parking area at Sequoia Point and vehicles frequently spill out along both sides of Firetree Lane - creating a hazardous and haphazard situation.

Since current rules disallow permanent parking within four feet of paved roads in the community, Director Kent Droppers proposed installing no parking signs and a split-rail fence along Firetree from the dam inward to the second house. Parking would be per-

mitted in the current lot and also across the road on property owned by the Association, and then down on Primrose Circle where no homes are located.

"The plan provides for twenty-five to thirty spaces. There will be more parking, but some of it will be further away. Overall it will be convenient, safer and less unsightly," Droppers said.

He asked the Architectural Review Board [ARB] to review his proposal and also asked Cochran to walk the site before any decisions are made.

## Rules amendments

Droppers said Rule 5.1.1, which states that unregistered vehicles must be garaged, is vague and recommended clarifying the rule to require that any vehicle without a current state registration and license must be stored in a garage or carport.

"This would ensure that all cars in view are in running condition. We're not a junk storage lot for cars in driveways," said Droppers.

He also recommended an amendment to Rule 5.1.8, which states that driveways must be maintained with an acceptable material, not

including sand or dirt. Droppers proposed adding that vehicles may only be parked in driveways -- not on grass or the Association right-of-way.

Northsider Bob Racine, a member of the Judicial Committee, said there is already a rule in place stating the same; however, the Board was unable to identify the exact rule as suggested.

Both recommended changes will be voted on at the August 25 Open Meeting.

## Collection Policy

After reviewing a proposed collection policy, Treasurer Galford asked for time for the Finance Committee to carefully review the document prior to Board approval. He expressed concern that the Association could wind up spending money to try to collect back dues on unbuildable vacant lots, when other options might be less expensive.

Galford recommended several options for possible consideration, including allowing owners of such lots to donate their property to the Association and then selling the lots as unbuildable for a bargain price for amenity-access.

If the lots were sold and the account was current, annual dues could then be collected on what are otherwise delinquent tracts.

The Finance Committee will review the collection policy and make a recommendation for discussion at the September 13 Work Session.

## Greater Seven Lakes Community Council

Zielsdorf nominated Dennis Roberts to re-appointment as the Greater Seven Lakes Community Council SLLA alternate member.

Each participating partner in the GSLCC has one voting member and one alternate. To provide for more continuity between Board terms and a longer term vision, the SLLA alternate is a non-Board member. Roberts has previously served as president of the SLLA and the Seven Lakes Civics Group.

The GSLCC will meet with the Moore County Commissioners on Thursday, August 26 at 5:00 pm for the first of two meetings to be held annually.

"[Chair] Tim Lea is serious about meeting with us....This is a big step forward because

(See "SLLA," p. 31)

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# Foxfire Council

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was initiated by the Wilsons following the voluntary annexation of the Stonehill Pines Planned Unit Development [PUD] and the involuntary annexation of Pinewild by the Village of Pinehurst. Both major developments about the Wilson's farm. In addition to final approval from Foxfire, the request also had unani-

mous support from the Moore County Planning Board and Board of Commissioners.

## Woodland Circle Project

Permanent erosion control, storm drainage, and asphalt have not yet been accepted for the Woodland Circle Extension project, reported Tom Collins.

"Until these items are

brought within specifications we won't do a final inspection," he said. "We have had numerous conversations with the general contractor and subcontractor and have also called in a third party to review the final phase of paving."

The outfall drain structures have been repaired three times and appear to now be holding up. Per plans, water from the road is forced down the cul-de-sac and into wetlands. Stabilization work on rip rap in that area will be done once Collins is convinced the stone spillway will stay in place. Regarding

asphalt, he said a core test would be conducted this week and, based on those results and another inspection, he will notify the Council on how to proceed.

"We are a long way apart between the contractor and engineer. I want a letter that states the road meets plans and specs. Until they are prepared to give me that, we have a problem out there," said Collins.

Currently, the contractor is incurring a daily penalty of \$1,250. Collins said an audit would be completed at the end of the project and the total cost of the extension

would be adjusted accordingly.

"We are running under the value set at \$2.6 million," he added. "On cost, the project is in excellent shape."

## Finance

Village property tax bills will be mailed in the next two weeks and field work for the annual audit is complete. Currently, unpaid taxes total \$56,272, with \$11,415 owed from Fiscal Year 2008 and \$44,857 owed from 2009, reported Finance Director Leslie Frusco.

The General Fund stands at  
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# SLLA work session

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up until this point, we weren't getting their [Board of Commissioners'] ear at all," said Zielsdorf.

## Manager's Report

SLLA Summer Day Camp enrollment has been considerably less than expected and expenses are mounting. According to Cochran, total estimated expenses for the first seven weeks of the program were \$3,100 with only \$1,730 in revenue – a deficit of \$1,370. The program is anticipated to run the final three weeks and will conclude on Friday, August 20.

Day Camp is held Monday through Friday in the Community Activity Center [CAC] from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Daily activities include swimming, playground time, and indoor games and crafts. Drop-ins are welcome and camp fees are \$10 per person.

Yard Debris site hours have been extended. The site is now open 9:00 am to 8:00 pm every day. Only residents are permitted to use the facility, and only yard debris is acceptable. Commercial contractors may not dump material, and residents are asked to immediately notify the SLLA office of any violations.

Cochran said one of the Association's mowers was out of service and that she obtained two quotes for replacement equipment. A mower has been purchased for \$2,700, which includes shipping and handling.

Cochran also recommended the Association contract for an annual termite inspection and treatment program.

A quote of \$4,350 with \$1,000 annual fee for a perimeter spray treatment was obtained. The Board asked Cochran to provide at least two more quotes before a vote is called.

## Master Calendar

Noting that the Board often was chasing issues because of lag time between committees meetings, Work Sessions, and Open Meetings, Droppers suggested creating a master calendar that clarifies when discussion should begin on specific topics -- including a four to five month lead time.

Zielsdorf agreed, noting that new management unfairly took flack for not having the pool ready to open on Memorial Day weekend.

"The law [Virginia Graeme Baker Act] went into effect in 2008," Zielsdorf said. "This was a failure of both the previous manager and assistant manager that they did not take action."

## Upcoming Events

Neighbor helping Neighbors will be held on Saturday, September 25. Trucks, trailers, and volunteers are needed to help around the community -- assisting neighbors who are unable to clean up their yards or need help taking it to the yard debris site. "We're hoping for a big turnout and Fall is a great time to get yard work done," said Director Droppers.

Following the Work Session, the Board went into closed session to discuss personnel and legal issues.

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# Foxfire Council

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\$1,239,027, which includes \$477,347 in Woodland Circle loan proceeds and \$20,000 in the Stonehill Pines consulting fee account. The Water Fund stands at \$296,666, which includes \$26,545 of unexpended loan proceeds for Woodland Circle and \$135,363 held in escrow, restricted for a new well.

In July, loan payments of \$27,740 for the Village Green Park and \$41,144 from the Water Fund were paid. Loan payments on the Woodland Circle project are due in April 2011, anticipated at \$269,864 from the General Fund and \$19,069 from the Water Fund.

## Streets

Repaving at Wildwood Court will commence once Powell Bill funds are received in September, reported Councilman Koos. In addition, Koos met with Collins to discuss a proposed new process to be used on the project.

"The contractor is a resident and is interested in working with us, but the work must jibe with what we want and be within our budget," said Koos.

Frusco reminded the Council that Powell Bill funds are also used to satisfy mowing contract expenses.

## Village Green Flag Pole project

Helen Munro presented a Foxfire Garden Club proposal to install a thirty-foot lighted flag pole, a stone retaining wall, and a small bed of roses at the Village Green Park. All expenses for the project are being met through donations and a plaque honoring gifts will be placed on the wall.

She estimated that the flag-pole would cost \$600 and the attached lighting, \$100. However, initial bids for the stone wall came in much higher than anticipated. The club is working with the contractor to determine exact measurements and a second bid is being sought.

With \$2,000 collected, including leftover monies from the Kate Erickson

Memorial Fund, Munro said the club continues to fundraise and that checks may be sent to the Foxfire Garden Club.

## Village Council retreat

Mayor Erickson distributed a draft agenda for a Council Retreat, scheduled for Wednesday, August 25, at Belle Meade. Sessions will include goals; developing a code of ethics; how the Triangle J Council of Governments can assist Foxfire; and discussion with staff from public safety, water, and administration.

## Moore County Transportation Plan

The North Carolina Department of Transportation [NCDOT] requires that local governments periodically update their Land Use Plans unless the existing continues to reflect current goals of the municipality. On a request from Erickson, Zoning Chair Craig Ramey reviewed the Foxfire Land Use Plan, approved in June

1980, and recommended that no update was necessary.

"They did a good job thirty years ago in developing the plan, and it still reflects our goals at this time," said Erickson.

## Other Business

In other business on Tuesday, August 10, the Foxfire Village Council:

- Heard from Erickson that an accessory building on the East Side and a barn in Grande Pines were approved by Zoning. In addition, plans for a 7,000 square foot home in Grande Pines will be submitted this Fall.

- Heard from Erickson that Progress Energy disturbed an eight-inch water line, which caused it to crack and leak, leaving a dozen homes without water for several hours. The Foxfire Water Department responded swiftly, and the damage was quickly repaired. A second leak at the Village pool was also repaired last month.

- Heard from Erickson that the Foxfire grant application

to the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund [PARTF] was not approved for funding. This is the third consecutive year the plan has been submitted. Foxfire

was ranked twenty-second out of eighty-nine projects.

Councilman Ed Lauer was unable to attend Tuesday's meeting.

## North, South, West Shootout at SLCC

Join the Seven Lakes Country Club on Saturday, August 21 for a 8:30 am Shotgun start.

Cost for the tournament will be \$35 per member (\$70 per team) and \$50 for nonmembers (\$100 per team). Entry fee includes cart fee, range balls, lunch and prizes.

The Format is Fourball Competition - "Better Ball of Partners"- Men or Women with official USGA Handicap. All players receive 90% handicap.

Teams that have a handicap differential of 9 or more will receive 80% handicap as

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# Westside meeting

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the mail delivery system. I would like to think we have the ability to do all of that without any special assessments."

Goodman said the Board should address its strategy for paying off the Community Center mortgage in the context of "balancing all those needs."

Sikes said he would contact Kirst and discuss the history of the Association's strategy regarding mortgage payoff and then bring a recommendation back to the Board.

## Against reopening the dam road

Jim Ballew spoke during the Public Comment period of the meeting to encourage the Board not to reopen Lake Auman Dam to traffic -- including emergency vehicles. Ballew said that the Board, despite its best efforts, had been unable to prevent speeding in the community and would have no better success controlling speeding or preventing truck traffic over the dam, should it be reopened.

He added that the growing population of the West Side — and the fact that the percentage of younger families is on the rise — would likely make speeding more of an issue than in the past. He told the Board it was not worth the risk of damaging the dam to allow any traffic heavier than golf carts and bicycles.

Noting that Ray MacKay had explored the possibility

of connecting the two halves of the community by constructing a roadway somewhere below the dam, Ballew suggested that might be a more cost-effective means of facilitating access by emergency vehicles than rebuilding the dam road.

## Design sought for pond dam remediation

Infrastructure Director Goodman reported that dam engineer Dr. Dan Marks inspected the lower Lake Way Mall pond dam and outflow during a recent visit and is preparing a quote for the design of modifications that will replace a corroded outflow pipe, address erosion on the face of the dam, and provide for widening the top of the dam in order to add a guardrail and pedestrian walkway. Once the design is in-hand, construction bids can be let; the actual work will likely be done in October.

"The good news is that we don't have to rip up the road" to make the repairs, Goodman said. He noted that money is set aside in the current year budget for the work.

Work is underway to repair and reseed some road shoulders where erosion had become a problem, Goodman reported, including one at Dennis Circle where a longstanding problem is being exacerbated by young people using the eroded area for bicycle stunts.

"We will have to send a letter to all the families," he added, noting that the repairs would likely cost \$2,500. "If

they trash it with bikes again we will have to charge them."

Other projects in the works include some pavement delamination on Longleaf Drive, repairs to correct a drainage issue, and the installation of fire hydrants.

## Lack of Lake Patrol Volunteers

Director Herdrich said he had received a letter from the Lake Auman Sports Club expressing concern that lake rules are not being followed and suggesting that the Board tighten up the rules.

The real problem, he said, is that the Lake Patrol doesn't have as many volunteers as last year, leading to a lack of coverage on some weekends. "It's not a lack of enforcement, but a lack of reporting," Herdrich said, noting that only ten violations have been reported by the Lake Patrol this year -- about a quarter of the usual number.

He said the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] employs a security staffer to use an Association-owned boat to patrol on the weekends, adding that it would cost an estimated \$3,000 for hired weekend patrols on Lake Auman during the Summer boating season.

Responding to a input from a landowner offered during the Public Comment segment of the Board's July 27 Work Session, Herdrich asked for and received Board authorization to change the fine for late boat registration from \$25 per boat to \$25 per

landowner.

Herdrich said he and Director Hoffmann had met with representatives of West End Fire and Rescue [WEFR] and are working on a plan to provide emergency responders access across Lake Auman Dam.

"We're researching the options, at this point," Hoffmann explained, noting that any plan will include input from WEFR, Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department, and Seven Lakes EMS.

## No speed up of incorporation study

The timeline for the Westside Board's study of incorporation sits uneasily with the need for any incorporation petition to be submitted in November to the Joint Legislative Commission on Municipal Incorporation. The SLWLA's study timeline envi-

sions interim reports being issued in September, with the final reports unveiled in a public meeting in late November.

Legal Director Silberhorn asked his fellow directors during Tuesday's Work Session whether they were inclined to speed up the Board's study of incorporation; there was little inclination to move things along at a quicker pace.

"We all have these other responsibilities," Director Goodman, who initially proposed the study, said. "And incorporation is such a serious issue -- more serious than any of this. I feel like . . . to gather these facts and evaluate takes a little bit of time."

"If I am going to make a significant decision . . . I don't speed it up because of

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the date of the calendar," Director Hoffmann agreed.

Silberhorn pointed out that neither of the groups supporting incorporation came to the Westside Board with their proposals before moving forward, leaving the directors "in catch-up mode" as they try to inform their members of the implications of incorporation for Seven Lakes West. "They chose to launch this campaign without our prior knowledge."

"So we will leave the schedule the way it is," President Shepard said.

Also on the incorporation front, Silberhorn said that the Association's outside counsel had confirmed that the incorporation petition of IncorporateSevenLakes.com, "given the material changes they have made to it over the months . . . is subject to legal challenge . . . should we choose to do anything about it." The material changes in question are apparently the group's decision to abandon fire protection as one of the services the Town of Seven Lakes would provide. Further discussion of that matter was scheduled for executive session.

## Use of Executive Session Clarified

Silberhorn noted that the Board is "drifting a little bit" in its use of executive session. He reminded his fellow directors that executive session should be limited to personnel matters, legal matters, and "issues of great moment that affect our community vis-a-vis another outside community."

"Other than that, we would be best served . . . by remaining transparent like this Board has tried to do and not inadvertently drift sometimes into handling things in executive session that we could better deal with in the light of day."

"I agree with that," Director Sikes said. "One of the problems of doing things in executive session is that you don't come out with a record of what happened."

## Westside Still Speeding

Director Hoffmann reported that Neighborhood Watch had conducted another survey of Westside vehicle speeds using a radar gun. The results were nearly identical to a survey done several months ago: seventy percent of all vehicles travel five to ten miles over the posted speed limit, and another fifteen percent travel ten-to-fifteen miles over the limit.

"That is the state of affairs on our roads," Hoffmann said, noting that he planned to ramp up enforcement of speed limits, using Sheriff's deputies, as the school year gets underway.

## New Bus Stops

The new school year will bring a new set of school bus stops to Seven Lakes West, Hoffmann said. In prior years, the bus stopped only at the Community Center and the back gate, but, at the request of parents and after a study of traffic patterns and student locations, Moore County Schools will now have its buses make additional stops at the corner of Fox Den Drive and Longleaf Drive, the corner of Morris Drive and James Drive, and the corner of Morganwood Drive and Rock Creek Way.

Hoffmann reported that the Association will be awarding the contract for maintenance of its security equip-

ment to another company -- the same company that services security equipment for the SLLA. The move includes a switch from a pay-as-you-go arrangement to an annual contract at a cost of roughly sixty percent of last year's expenditures.

## Community Relations

Secretary Karen Milligan reported that the name of the Communications Committee had been changed to "Community Relations." She asked for and received Board approval of Nelda Cockman and Mike Shapiro as members of that committee.

Milligan said the group is working on a Mission Statement to present to the Board for approval. Among the elements discussed were that the committee needs to provide communications from the perspective of the Board, that it should promote a positive community awareness, and that it will write drafts, which must be reviewed by the Board before becoming final copy.

Director Hoffmann suggested the committee write an article on how the North Carolina Planned Community Act affects Seven Lakes West and makes it different from some other nearby communities. When Director Sikes suggested any such summary might need to be vetted by the Association's attor-

ney, Director Silberhorn suggested using an already-vetted white paper on the subject prepared by CAS, Inc.

## Community Activities

Director Sessler reported that the August 6 First Friday Concert at Johnson Point was well attended; the season's final concert is scheduled for September 3. The Community Activities Committee is working on its fall calendar, which is expected to include Art, Yoga, and Tai Chi Classes, as well as the possibility of Shag and Line Dancing classes and a Bridge class.

Sessler said the Committee

hopes to involve more parents from the community in the planning of events for children.

## Other Business

In other business during the SLWLA Board's Tuesday, August 10 Work Session:

- President Shepard announced that the Greater Seven Lakes Community Council would hold its first one-on-one meeting with the Moore County Board of Commissioners on Thursday, August 26 at 5:00 pm in the Great Room of the West Side Park Community Center. He

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# Daniels grandkids in Naval Academy program

Marie and Annika Schroder, granddaughters of Seven Lakes West residents Al and Annette Daniels, were chosen as Puerto Rico's participants in this summer's United States Naval Academy's STEM program.

The United States Naval Academy focuses on four areas during the three week,

grade classified, Summer STEM Program: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. STEM is designed to encourage rising eighth through eleventh graders to pursue a course of study in engineering and technology throughout high school and college.

The selection of students is

based on geographic representation along with overall accomplishments in and out of the classroom. Only two candidates from each state and U.S. territory are chosen for the program.

Marie and Annika experienced a unique learning environment outside the traditional classroom, as well as

field trips, playing sports, and meeting other students from all over the country, who share a similar interest in technology and engineering.



**Annika Schroder**

"Awesome!" - was the combined comment of the Schroder girls after receiving their USNA STEM Program graduation certificates.



**Marie Schroder**

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encouraged Board members and SLWLA Committees to submit any questions they had for the Commissioners so they could be added to the agenda for the meeting.

- The Board agreed to an one-time exception to its policy of not replacing lost pool access cards. The member whose card is to be replaced will have to sign an affidavit affirming that the original card was lost.

- Directors approved allowing a part-year resident to exchange in his old gate entry transponder for a barcode.

- A proposed half-lot recombination at 5350 and 5351 was tabled until the Community Manager has an opportunity to review the submitted paperwork for completeness.

- Director Wimberly said the Architectural Review Committee had begun publishing a list of on-going projects in the community and had also begun a series of articles in the Westside newsletter.

- The meeting packet provided to Board members included a several page report detailing on-going compliance enforcement issues, prepared by CAS staff.

- Director Herdrich asked whether anything could be done about the collection of used cars and boats for sale near the front gate, and Director Hoffmann suggested the SLWLA explore, perhaps in conjunction with other civic groups, attempting to enhance the appearance of that area with the addition of some pinestraw.

ects in the community and had also begun a series of articles in the Westside newsletter.

## Women of Seven Lakes

The Women of Seven Lakes kick off their thirty-first year of fun and philanthropy in the community with a presentation on the history of tea with featured guest Marian Caso of Lady Bedford's Tea Parlour on Thursday, September 9, at 2:00 pm, in the Westside Park Community Center. Dress is casual and visitors are always welcome.

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# Global medicine at Kiwanis

by Frank Krohn

Seven Lakes Kiwanis

Tanya Bator, a UNC-Chapel Hill, junior, spoke to the Seven Lakes Kiwanis on Tuesday, August 10.

Bator is one of the organizers of the Global Medical Brigades at UNC-Chapel Hill and UNC-Wilmington. The Global Brigades have been formed nationwide by undergraduates to promote and

establish small clinics in third world countries where there is essentially no medical or dental help to the natives.

In fact, one of the requirements of the organization is that the clinics they build can have no doctors within 20 miles.

These Brigades must raise all their funding for their trips and supplies on their

own, relying entirely on donations and their own fund raising efforts. They arrange for doctors and dentists to be part of the groups that travel to the clinics they have established, as well as all the supplies needed for a single trip. The trips are usually groups of 16 people who stay for a week to ten days. They supply basic hygiene assistance, both medical and dental, in cooperation with the MDs and Dentists in the group. Although there are subsequent groups who will come for another week or ten days to continue the effort at that location, there are also groups who establish new clinics in areas of need.

Bator is currently busy organizing trips to Honduras and Panama this December for groups from both UNC-Chapel Hill and UNC-Wilmington.

Seven Lakes Kiwanis meets every Tuesday at noon at the Seven Lakes Country Club. Visitors are always welcome, and first time visitors get a free lunch.



Tanya Bator

## WSL Officers ready for a great season



Led by President Lois Ann Eisel [front center], the Women of Seven Lakes kick off the Fall season on Thursday, September 9 at 2:00 pm at the Westside Park Community Center with featured guest Marian Caso of the Lady Bedford Tea Parlour. Also pictured, Vice President Lana Schempp, Treasurer Paula Taggart, Secretary Brenda Massimo, VP Membership Betty Parker, and VP Programming Laurie Odiorne.

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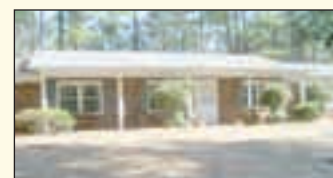


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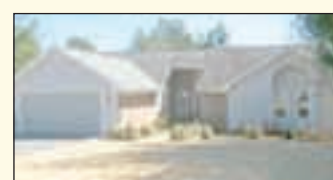


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**108 BEAUTY ROAD**  
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**103 OXFORD**  
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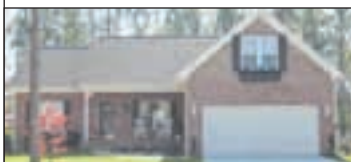
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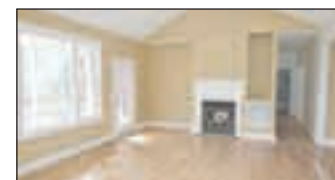
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