

## Westside Board extends time for dam road debate

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Westsiders who wanted more time to debate the permanent closure of Longleaf Drive over Lake Auman Dam won a reprieve Tuesday night, when the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors voted to deem the decision a matter of significant interest to the community, postponing a final vote on road closure until October 26.

A concerted effort to pressure the Board to make that decision began a little more than a week earlier, when local attorney and longtime

Westsider Mike Gorenflo used email and postings on Facebook to organize a meeting of concerned Westsiders at his Seven Lakes office on Tuesday, September 21.

The nearly fifty members who turned out decided their first order of business should be to ask the Board to designate the closure a "material matter" allowing additional time for public input. Phil Castaldi was designated the group's spokesman; he, Gorenflo, and Dick Osborne drafted a statement stating the group's request for Castaldi to deliver during the Tuesday, September 28 Board

Work Session.

Word of the group's intentions was communicated through group emails that included Board members among the recipients, as well as articles published on *The Seven Lakes Times* website and emailed NewsFlashes.

As a result, a crowd of approximately 150 Westsiders turned out for Tuesday night's Work Session, and the first order of business was a motion from Lake & Dam Director Mick Herdrich that the Board deem the road closure a "matter of significant interest to the commu-

(See "Dam Road," p. 27)

## SLLA awards contract for paving at Echo Dam

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

In a quick up and down motion on Wednesday, September 29, the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors took a major step forward in the long awaited road repaving project, awarding Civil Group a \$31,124 contract to repair and repave a

heavily eroded section of Firetree Lane at Echo Dam.

One of four priority areas identified as needing substantial repairs prior to community-wide repaving work, this section of roadway was particularly worrisome because of its proximity to Echo Dam.

Earlier this year, the project was classified as non-

jurisdictional by the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources and was subsequently put out for bid. Of three requests, only one eligible proposal was returned; however, the price was right, and Civil Group is a highly respected firm.

"We've been after that area for some time," said Director Bud Shaver. "We made a thorough engineering study and had our plan approved by three engineers. We expect this work will resolve the ongoing erosion problem."

### Agreement with SLCC

Looking for a progress report on activity related to the agreement between the Association and Seven Lakes Country Club [SLCC] over future development of the old driving range, Southsider  
(See "SLLA," p. 13)

## Popcorn Time!



Cub Scout Spencer Barker of West End Pack 98 sells popcorn outside Seven Lakes Food Lion. [See page 2.]

## Chapel fund drive nets \$300K pledge

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

A proposed \$600,000 addition to The Chapel in the Pines got a significant nod of support from an anonymous benefactor who has offered a dollar-to-dollar matching challenge up to \$300,000.

"When we began to plan this addition we had no idea how we were going to raise that amount of money," said The Rev. Don Welch. "The gift from the anonymous

donor is a gift from God."

The proposed addition includes a fellowship hall and kitchen, with space for classrooms and offices and also room for future expansion on the lower level. Designed as a twin structure to the existing Chapel – both in footprint size and architectural style – the two buildings will share a connecting corridor.

"Our plan is to make it  
(See "Chapel," p. 2)

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## Chapel

*(Continued from front page)* look like it’s been there forever,” said Welch. No part of the Chapel’s columbarium will be moved, nor will the new construction impact the existing parking area.

A major financial pledge drive is currently underway and, if successful, Welch said they hope to get started with construction this coming Spring.

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# Contract awarded for jail, public safety building

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

The Moore County Board of Commissioners voted on Monday, September 20 to award a \$27.2 million contract for the construction of a new public safety building and detention center in downtown Carthage, after months of sometimes rancorous public opposition and debate.

The evening meeting included over two hours of comments from citizens both in favor of and opposed to the new detention center. Long-time opponents from downtown Carthage, who have consistently raised concerns about the size and safety of the facility, were joined by critics of more recent vintage from Pinehurst and Southern Pines, who were focused on the cost of the facility and county's plan to borrow more than \$41.4 million without voter approval to pay for it.

Those who spoke in favor of the project included former members and chairmen of the County Board of Commissioners, the Carthage Mayor and members of the town council, prominent members of the county's Republican Party, and Sheriff's department employees who actually work in the current detention center.

## Board votes 3-2 to approve

After the public had its say,

Commissioner Cindy Morgan made a motion to send the project back to the architects who designed it, to see if they could save the county up to \$6 million by reducing the size of the new detention center.

Once the new 192-bed facility is built, Sheriff Lane Carter has said, his department will no longer utilize the existing jail until the new facility is full -- which could take eight to ten years. Morgan said the current jail should continue to be used, and the new facility should be scaled back accordingly.

Chairman Tim Lea seconded Morgan's motion and said it was "bad public policy" to build a 192-bed jail when only 124 additional beds are expected to be needed through 2030, adding that "\$6 million could go a long way in meeting the educational needs of our children" in a time when the schools are facing steep cutbacks in state funding. He argued that a new courthouse and new detention center should be planned in tandem and that the Board should take the time to make sure it was making the best possible use of taxpayer dollars.

Morgan's motion failed three to two.

Commissioner Larry Caddell then offered a motion to accept the \$27.2 million bid from D.H. Griffin, contingent

upon a successful sale of the county's Limited Obligation Bonds.

Commissioner Picerno said he generally agreed that the idea of mothballing sixty-eight usable beds in the current jail for up to ten years is a bad idea, but he expressed some doubt they would be out of service for that long. When the county last expanded its jail in 1995, Picerno said, the projections were that the county would need 120 beds by 2010, "and we've had up to 168 inmates in that facility this year."

Noting that the cost of building a sufficient number of beds in 1995 would have been about one-quarter the cost of building them today, Picerno said he didn't want to under-build now and leave the county in the position of adding yet another expensive jail expansion in twenty years. He argued that both bond interest rates and construction costs are at historic lows because of the economic recession, making now the best time to move forward with the project.

Caddell's motion passed with the support of Melton and Picerno, awarding the \$27.2 million construction contract.

## Some turn out in support

While critics of the jail and public safety building have been a regular feature of Commissioners meetings for months, it has been rare to hear public comment in support of the project. Monday night's meeting proved an exception to that pattern.

Perhaps the most dramatic testimony in favor of the new facility came in an

unplanned statement by Daniel Samuelson, who said he worked as an officer in the existing Moore County Detention Center. "The jail is unsafe," he said, not because of the risk of inmates escaping. "It's unsafe for me, because I work there." He recounted coming home from work and telling his wife about having to fight with an inmate, because the current jail does not allow for appropriate separation of jail personnel and inmates.

"We've waited on it long enough," Samuelson said. "I've waited on it long enough

(See "Commissioners," p. 26)

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# Camplin wins Carolinas PGA Championship

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Dreams come true – even out on the links – but sometimes it takes a little longer than expected. Just ask local golf pro, Northsider Todd Camplin.

On September 16 at Grandfather Golf and Country Club in Linville, Camplin won his first Carolinas PGA Professional Championship which qualifies him to play in the 44th PGA Professional National Championship next summer in Hershey, PA, as well as his choice of either the 2011 Wells Fargo or Wyndham Championships – both PGA Tour events.

“This will be a wonderful experience and something I’ve always dreamt about and wanted to do,” he said. “It’s come to fruition and I’m going to savor the experience.”

Camplin credits maturity, work on his swing, and placing less pressure on his performance with giving him the edge needed to win.

“When I was trying to reach this level before, I was playing for my living....Now, having children and being happily married is a huge

component. It doesn’t matter whether I score sixty or eighty, the kids will still tackle me at the door.”

However, equally important for Camplin was a moment of clarity, if you will, he experienced during a long drive home after missing the cut at another tournament last June.

## Getting started

Introduced to the game by

his father when he was young, Camplin said he spent his youth playing an executive par 3 course.

“It was always a treat to go out there and you could buy a pass to other park district courses. I would just get dropped off and play all day,” he said.

As a college athlete, he wore the uniform for the University of Kentucky and then received a partial scholar-

ship to Bradley University, where he was twice voted Most Valuable Player.

Next Camplin spent five years – five unsuccessful years – trying to make it to the PGA Tour circuit, before marrying and deciding it was time to settle down with a ‘real job.’

His wife, Holly, is an Eagle Springs native and the couple first lived in her hometown before buying a home in Seven Lakes North. Holly is employed with Moore County Schools as a speech and language pathologist and

Todd went to work for Pinehurst Resort, first as a caddy and then ascending the ranks to carts, before joining the pro staff in 2002. As Head Pro of Pinehurst #7 and a Class A PGA member, he has the opportunity to play in any of the four annual, major Carolinas CGA Section Championships.

Last year, he finished fifth in the sectional which qualified him for the National Championship, held in Indiana last June.

Camplin said he played  
(See “Camplin,” p. 21)



Todd Camplin, with son Daniel and daughter Vivian.



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# Strike up the band!

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Nearly thirty years ago, Pete West saw a need: Moore County did not have a community concert band.

A former band director from Maryland and resident of Seven Lakes West, he set about rectifying the situation. Calling on local high school music directors for help, they established the Moore County Band.

With members spanning the generations from high school students to younger professionals and active military to musicians in their mid-eighties — West's brainchild is still going strong, with many residents of Seven Lakes North, South, and West filling the ranks.

"We've had some good years and some lean years, but right now, things are very good," said Music Director David Seiberling. "We have members from all over — Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, New York — and that means a variety of interests and talents and perspectives. We get strength from differences and that is why we are very strong."

He continued, "We have so many different levels of vitality and wisdom, it just melts together very nicely."

Each year the Moore County Band hosts several free concerts at the Carolina Hotel, and each concert means learning a whole new set of songs.

For their first concert this season, scheduled for Sunday, November 14, the Band will present guest conductor and composer, David Shaffer. Selected songs include *Costa del Sol*, a fiery Spanish-influenced piece, *Purple Heart*, which is described as a lush emotional program piece, and *The Last to Defend*, which is a little more aggressive.

"Each of Shaffer's songs is very different and there is a tremendous variety," Seiberling said.

Later in the year, the Moore County Band will also participate in a special Christmas Concert at Sandhills Community College on Sunday, December 12, that will also feature performances by the SCC Choir and Jazz Band, and Guitar and String Ensembles.

At sixty members strong, the Band is impressive, but Seiberling said there's room for more. In particular, he'd like to add a few more clarinets, French horns, and percussionists.

"All of our sections are wonderful and we have great players, but we'd just like a few more chairs filled."

There is no audition process to join the Band, which has an open door policy for new members. Practices are held weekly, every Monday at 6:30 pm at SCC, and members must provide their own instrument.

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(See "Band," p. 28)



Moore County Band member Bob Fewkes

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# County approves loan for EMWD Phase III

By Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

"A long time coming," is how Public Works Director Dennis Brobst describes Phase III of the East Moore Water District project.

During a Special Meeting on Thursday, September 16, the Moore County Board of Commissioners convened as the East Moore Water District to approve a forty-year \$5 million USDA loan to fund approximately forty-five miles of eight-inch and six-inch water mains that will extend service to new areas south of Carthage along Hwy 15/501.

"We will immediately start work...We are on an extremely tight schedule," reported Brobst.

With total project costs estimated at \$5,191,816, including over \$4 million in construction and \$441,000 in engineering fees, the bulk of project funding will come through the USDA Rural Development-Rural Utilities Service [RUS] direct loan, plus a \$316 applicant contribution, and \$111,500 in anticipated tap fees from new users.

The first two payments on the forty-year Phase III loan will be interest only: the first payment due the first June 1 after construction is complete. Moore County Public Works serves 11,000 users and 556 new users have already signed up in the project extension area. To keep

water rates at the current level, 729 more customers must register before June 2012, Brobst explained.

The East Moore Water District system is operated under a contract with Moore County Public Utilities using water purchased from Harnett County. The three-phased expansion project began in 1991 and is currently 85% complete. To qualify for the proposed grant funding, Phase III must be substantially complete by August 2011.

"This is an historical project for the county and I am very pleased that we are taking it forward to the next level," said Chairman Tim Lea.

## Code of Ethics

All cities, counties, and municipalities in North Carolina must adopt a code of ethics by January 1, 2011.

In other business on Thursday, September 16, Moore County Attorney Misty Leland presented the County Commissioners with several recommendations based on a model code of ethics provided by the UNC School of Government.

Describing the three basic types of codes – inspirational, prohibitive, and a hybrid blend of the first two – Leland said the hybrid model offered a good mix of language to both aspire good ethical behavior and penalize bad.

She said a code could provide certainty, accountability and identity for public officials and, at their best, were powerful tools improving the ethical climate of local governments.

However, Leland warned, codes are only useful if those to whom it affects are com-

mitted to what it says.

"In the code you are looking beyond the letter of the law to the intent — to the purpose of the content," said Leland.

At a minimum, the approved code of ethics must include five key responsibilities, but the rest is left up to

individual boards and counties.

Rather than a long and comprehensive document, Leland recommended adopting a code that would be practicable and workable on a day-to-day basis.

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# Darr's Victory Hot Dogs run into red tape

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

It can be hard to sell a hot dog in Moore County — particularly if you're trying to sell that hot dog from a mobile cart.

Or so it seems to Seven Lakes North's Bob Darr, who has run into a snarl of red tape trying to follow the rules while finding a spot from which he can sell his Victory Hot Dogs.

Darr operates out of a modified pop-up camper, with on-board water and two stoves. His setup has been certified by the county's Health Department and he's obtained the required relationship with a brick-and-mortar food service company -- in his case, Jordans' Catering.

So Darr is fully certified to sell his dogs and donate, as is his plan, a chunk of the profits and all of the tips to the Wounded Warriors Foundation.

The problem is finding a place to park his trailer and

attract customers.

For a while, he set up under the Longleaf pines on West End Elementary property, near the ballfield and Love Grove Church Road, where it's common to see vendors from time to time selling everything from birdhouses to collards.

But the school resources officers asked him to move on.

So he obtained permission from the owners of the old Stanly Furniture property in West End to allow him to set up on the corner of NC Highways 211 and 73. He mowed the grass and cleaned up the area, and, with plenty of parking, attracted lots of customers.

Unfortunately, he also attracted the attention of the County's Code Enforcement operation, part of the Planning Department.

During the Board of Commissioners meeting with the Greater Seven Lakes Community Council, the county got an earful of complaints

about the West End "flea market" on the gravel property across the street from Darr's location registered

That put Code Enforcement on high alert to watch out for unlicensed peddlers and folks with no permission to be on the gravel strip, owned by the McNeill Oil Company.

In fact, the county contacted McNeill, who decided that no one would be allowed to set up on their property.

Darr, of course, was across the street, and had the owners permission. He had his health department certification, and his mobile vendors permit.

What he didn't have was

the right zoning. The Stanly property is zoned Industrial, and mobile vendors aren't allowed to sell from Industrial property, under the county zoning ordinance.

When Darr asked the county's enforcement officers where he could set up, they suggested Southern Pines, giving Darr the impression that mobile vendors weren't allowed anywhere in the county.

Turns out that was a wrong impression.

Planning Director Joey Raczkowski told *The Times* that mobile vendors are allowed in Village Business, Rural Business, and B-2 zoning districts, and the county

is preparing a map to give to Darr so he can find a spot in one of those areas and get the property owners permission to sell his dogs. The bulk of the Seven Lakes Business District is zoned Village Business.

In addition, Raczkowski told *The Times*, his staff is exploring expanding the number of zoning districts in which mobile vending is allowed, and that might even include Industrial areas.

So, in a month or two or three, Bob Darr may finally get to sell his Victory Hot Dogs in the West End location that he worked so hard to spruce up.

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The Club will be notified in mid October after the fall meeting of the NGCOA Board of Directors regarding the national award.

Seven Lakes Country Club is proud to represent the Sandhills Golf Association and welcomes the opportunity to be in the running for the National Golf Course Owners Association's national award again this year.

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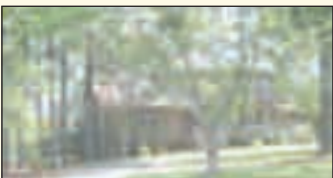


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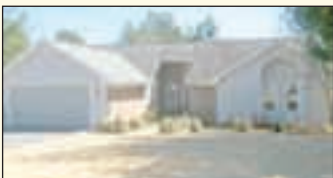
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# Blakes celebrate 60 years

Thursday, October 7 marks the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Marjorie (nee Tattersall) and Harold Blake of Seven Lakes.

They were married in the Old Dutch Reformed Church, Ridgewood, NJ on a beautiful October day.

Hal and Marge met while working for the same employer, Lederle Laboratories, and became more acquainted on their first date, which included ice skating on an outdoor pond near Nanuet, NY.

For the most part, they lived in the area of North-

ern New Jersey around Westwood and Ridgewood, as well as just over the state line in New York, while raising their four children. They now have six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and have lived in Seven Lakes for over 20 years.



Marge & Hal Blake

## Club tours 'Mitford' country

Members of the McLendon Hills Book Club held their September book review at the Mountaineer Inn and Log Cabins in Blowing Rock. They had read "Home to Holly Springs," written by

former Blowing Rock resident, Jan Karon, the first of three novels about the travels of Father Tim, a beloved Episcopal priest in the fictitious North Carolina mountain village of Mitford.

The club departed on Friday morning September 10, stopped at Childress' Winery, and then traveled on to Blowing Rock.

The group checked in at the Mountaineer Inn, and Innkeeper Deborah McDowell surprised and treated the club with gift bags containing Mitford memorabilia. The club held their book review at the "outdoor den" fire pit.



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# In memory of . . .

**Elias Robert "Bob" Freeman**, 84, of Eagle Springs, died Sunday, September 26, at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital, Greensboro. No services were announced. Phillips Funeral Home of Star is assisting the family.

**Ralph Hunsucker**, 66, of Foxfire Village, died Saturday, September 25, at his home. A graveside service was held Tuesday, September 28, at Pine Rest Cemetery in Robbins.

Born in North Carolina, he was a son of the late Roy Ralph and Ollie Harrington Hunsucker. He was a supervisor for Proctor-Silex and a truck driver for Riley Paving Company.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Mary Zoe Cathcart.

He is survived by his wife, Shelby Hunsucker of Foxfire Village; two daughters, Kimberly U. Beck of Seven Lakes, and Carrie Stanley Kirk of Wilmington; four sons, Mark and Shane Hunsucker of Lenoir; Eric Stanley of Foxfire Village, and Matthew Hunsucker of Southern Pines; a brother, Jerry Hunsucker of Jacksonville, FL; five grand-

children and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to FirstHealth Hospice Foundation, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

**Harriet Deaton McCallum**, 67, of Seven Lakes, died Thursday, September 23, at Carolinas Medical Center.

Mrs. McCallum was born in Troy, the daughter of Alice Lee Deaton and the late Quincy Deaton. She graduated from Phieffer College and spent her career teaching in the public school system in Aberdeen, Durham and Charlotte.

After thirty-three years in Charlotte, she and her husband, Don, recently moved to Seven Lakes West to enjoy retirement.

A memorial service was held Monday, September 27, at Sharon Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, followed by a reception. Burial was at Cross Hill Cemetery in Carthage.

She was preceded in death by her father, and her brother, Johnny Deaton.

Survivors include her husband of forty-two years, Don; daughter, Laura McIlvaine

of Raleigh; son, David McCallum of Charleston, SC; her mother, Alice Lee Deaton, of Troy; sister, Martha Robinson of Charlotte; and her brother, Jim Deaton of Raleigh.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sharon Presbyterian Church, 5201 Sharon Road, Charlotte, NC 28210, or Sea Turtle Hospital of Topsail Island, PO Box 3012, Topsail Beach, NC 28445, or Muscular Dystrophy Association, 1515 Mockingbird Lane No. 702, Charlotte, NC 28209 or the charity of your choice.

**John Harrison O'Donnell**, 78, of Foxfire Village, died Thursday, September 16, in West End. No services are scheduled at this time.

Mr. O'Donnell was born in Union County, NJ, the son of the late Paul and Carlene Delevan O'Donnell. He served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marion O'Donnell, in April 2009.

He is survived by his son, John O'Donnell, of New Jersey; daughters, Kimberly Stephenson and Nancy O'Donnell, both of New Jer-

sey, and Aaron Lee, of Hawaii.

**Kenneth Francis Hale**, 76, died Monday, September 13, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

A celebration of his life will be held 2:00 pm Monday, October 18, at The Chapel in the Pines, Seven Lakes with reception to follow at Seven Lakes Country Club.

Mr. Hale was born in Rochester, NY where he and his wife June lived until 1997 when they retired to Seven Lakes.

Mr. Hale was an outstanding basketball player at his alma mater Rochester Institute of Technology where he was proud to be inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame

in 2006. He and wife, June enjoyed 20 years as members of Locust Hill Country Club in Rochester before joining Seven Lakes Country Club upon their retirement.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, June; daughter Elizabeth Hyatt-Armstrong (Jeffrey) of Pittsford, NY; sons Mark Hale of Groveland, NY and Robert Hale of Brooklyn, NY; a grandson, and his granddaughters.

Memorial contributions may be made to Seven Lakes EMS, 969 Seven Lakes North, West End, NC 27376 or the Moore County Humane Society, P.O. Box 203, Southern Pines, NC 28388.

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# Kiwanis elect officers

by Frank Krohn

Seven Lakes Kiwanis

The Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club held its annual banquet on Tuesday, September 14.

This banquet brings the end of the year review with the awarding of special effort awards, and the installation of new officers. President Ed Schemp, who has done a great job during his year in office, presented awards to Jack Lynn for his coordination of the Seven Lakes blood drives, to Ken Sparke for his diligent work as House Chairman, to Fred Seufert for his continued hard work coor-

inating both the Seven Lakes Bingo games and also the annual pancake breakfast, and Ken Jenkins, whose areas of assistance are too numerous to mention.

The prestigious annual "Kiwanian of the Year" award was presented to two people, for the first time, for their efforts in Public Relations, and getting the news of the Club's activities and accomplishments out to the larger community, Frank Krohn and Jim Davis were the proud recipients of the honor.

The District's Lt. Governor, George Hillard, was a

guest, and after making comments about his plans for the coming year, he praised the work of outgoing President Ed Schemp, and formally installed Marty Matula as the incoming President.

Entertainment was supplied by a dance group of young girls ages 7 to 17, called Dance Impressions from the North Moore area. They added to the enjoyment of a most pleasant evening.

After a few comments by incoming President Marty Matula, he closed the meeting with his first official "ringing of the bell."



**Kiwanis Officers** — George Hillard (Lt. Gov.), Ken Jenkins (Past President), Bud Darragh (President Elect), Ed Schemp (Outgoing President), Marty Matula (Incoming President)

# Gallery opens fifth season

One of the best-kept secrets in the Seven Lakes Village is the art gallery in the St. Mary Magdalene building,

The Gallery at Seven Lakes, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, will host a reception, with refreshments, to open their new season, on Wednesday, October 6, 1 to 4 pm.

Talented area artists such as Helen Pardue, Andrea Schmidt, Lori Fishler and Barbara Sickenberger are just four of the artists currently providing wonderful pieces gracing the walls.

The inspiration for a gallery bloomed in the minds of a group of artists who have met in the North Clubhouse on Monday afternoons for about fifteen years. The prob-

lem with producing works of art is what to do with them after they are finished.

Nine years ago, a small space next to a dentist's office was the first temporary gallery open for a two-day show. The following two years the worship space at St. Mary Magdalene was used for displaying the artist's work on a temporary basis. Following an enthusiastic reception by the congregation, the newly acquired space at the east end of the building was set up as a permanent gallery.

All manner of art has been featured. Artist works in oil, acrylic, watercolor, photography, and fabric are carefully displayed. Ann Campbell and

Jessie Mackay and the Rev. Robert Brown, the Vicar of St. Mary Magdalene, have had one person shows in past years.

The gallery is open every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, from 1-4 pm, and will rotate the works about every six to eight weeks and host a reception for each new show.

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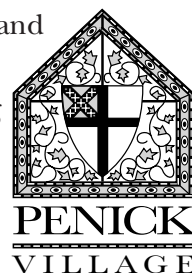
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# Ladies raise funds to help fight breast cancer

The Ladies of Seven Lakes committee consisting of Chair: Carolyn James, Cindy Osborne, Ellen Leslie, Irene Galioto, Sandi Keyser, Johanna Moran, Nelda Cockman, Nita Hartless, Pat Mark, Mary Snead, Carol Johnson, Barb Keiffer, Linda Dunning, and Alice Shaughnessy would like to thank everybody for their generous donations to the Susan G. Komen Lunch-Golf event held September 13 at Beacon Ridge Country Club.

The event was a huge success, which resulted in more

than doubling the monies collected from last year. The total collected was over \$4300.

Expanding the special raffle prizes and introducing the 50/50 raffle helped the group to surpass their goal.

The winners of the 50/50 raffle were: (1st) Marlyn MacDonald, (2nd) Pauline Taylor, and (3rd) Barb Keiffer.

There were over twenty special raffle prizes, so many women went home with plenty of goodies.

The event took place on a

picture perfect day, which provided the forty-eight golfers with an enjoyable nine hole format of two best balls out of the four.

The winners were: Candy Alderman, Sonja Koehler, Barb True, Marianne Foley 55; Ann Doster, Pat Mark, Mary Snead, Ellen Smith tied at 61 with Dawn Shapiro, Lore Olsen, Pat Land, Marge Lambert, Barb Card, Jeanie Auditore, Ruth Shannon, Sally Terrutti, 62; Linda Hubbard, Ginger Finney, Peggy McCallum, Sue Sikes ties at 66 with Linda Dunning, Sandra McDermott, Mary McMahon, and Maryln MacDonald.

Today, Susan G. Komen Foundation is recognized as the leading catalyst in the fight against breast cancer, with more than 100,000 volunteers working in a network of 125 U.S. and international affiliates.

The mission of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, education, screening, and treatment.



Organizers of the Susan G. Komen event at Beacon Ridge Country Club.

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# SLLA Meeting

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and former director Donna Stephan asked for an update.

SLLA President Randy Zielsdorf said the Club had just recently undertaken a significant decision and that he wanted to give them some time to collect their thoughts.

"There is no new news, but I am following up with them," said Zielsdorf. "I will come back and report on it next month."

Stephan asked Zielsdorf whether he was pursuing all five bulleted points of the agreement, to which he responded that his current priorities were approving the Club's covenants and the ten-foot easement the club is supposed to grant the Association between the old driving range and Seven Lakes Drive.

"Two of the points, we can't do anything about until building starts," he said.

## Rules change tabled

A cryptic action item on the meeting agenda drew ire from Northsider George Temple.

As posted, the agenda stated a vote would be conducted on a rule change; however, no draft language was included for member review or even any indication of what rule was under consideration.

"Two rules were discussed

at the last Work Session: one was great and one, I thought, was terrible," said Temple. "It would be nice when you're making rule changes to let people know, so they could come speak for or against."

Director Bud Shaver said there had been some confusion at the office as to the rule and proposed language.

Both changes under consideration are basically housekeeping issues related to propane tank storage; however, the Board agreed to table the vote and wait for a more concise draft and

appropriate notification to the membership.

"We dropped the ball and there will be no vote tonight," said Zielsdorf. "We will discuss the rule change again at the October Work Session."

## Reserve Study

Reserve Study consultants were on-site this week in Seven Lakes North and South, conducting a thorough inventory of Association assets. A complete report is anticipated in four to six weeks.

Described as a long range

planning tool, the Study will include recommendations for updating, and eventually replacing, physical structures — and also the necessary financial reserves to adequately and proactively maintain them.

"When do we need to do things and how much money will we need, is what it'll tell us," explained Shaver.

## Community Standards

Communication — from the Community Standards Committee up to management and also back out to Association members — dominated discussion at the recent Community Standards Committee meeting, report-

ed Director Kent Droppers.

"With so many issues that have festered for years, there is a backlog of things to resolve," he explained. "The Committee decided that members would prioritize them and report to [Community Manager] Alina [Cochran]. Failing to resolve means they'll be brought to Judicial Committee."

Droppers also encouraged volunteers — especially those owning trucks or trailers — are needed to assist with Fall Clean-Up Day on Saturday, October 2. Please bring work gloves and meet at the North Clubhouse parking lot at 9:00 am.

(See "SLLA," p. 14)

## SLLA Fall clean-up day

Volunteers — especially those with pick-up trucks or trailers — are needed to help collect and transport yard waste on Saturday, October 2 for the Fall Clean-Up Day event. Please bring work gloves and meet at the North Clubhouse parking lot at 9:00 am.

Sponsored by the Com-

munity Standards Committee, residents of Seven Lakes North and South who need help cleaning up their property or are unable to transport their yard waste are encouraged to call the SLLA office as soon as possible to arrange for pick-up. If possible, yard debris should be piled at the curb.

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# SLLA Meeting

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## Security

Longtime SLLA Security Officer Mickey Lewis has resigned his position, Community Manager Cochran reported.

Director Chuck Mims is drafting proposed revisions to community boating rules that will place more emphasis on owner responsibility. He anticipated a draft version would be ready for discussion at the October Work Session. In addition, Mims, along with Directors Melinda Scott and Bruce Keyser, Jr., will be meeting with Sgt. Mark Dutton of the NC Wildlife Resources Commission to discuss boating concerns, particularly on Lake Sequoia.

Shaver questioned conflicting reports the Board is receiving on whether Lake Sequoia is overcrowded.

"Some tell us the lake is overused, and others say it's not," Shaver said, noting that a survey conducted two years ago showed only one in six residents actively use the lakes for boating.

However, Droppers argued that while one in six is a low percentage, with 1,200 homes, the gross number of users is not unsubstantial.

"I'm thrilled to see people

use the lake," Droppers said. "If they all play by the rules, we're not going to have a problem."

## Lakes & Dams

Following up on an erosion concern at Sequoia Dam, Northsider JoAn Moses thanked Shaver and Cochran for their prompt attention and inspection of the area. Of particular issue was a section that will need to be reseeded after it was sprayed with weed killer in error. Some additional rip rap will also be installed on the backside of the dam.

Moses also thanked Cochran for quickly respond-

ing to her request for a copy of the report on recent water tests.

Northsider Donna Fentzlaff reported a two-inch deep sinkhole has appeared underneath the railing along Lake Sequoia. She also complained that erosion is becoming a problem.

Shaver said he would walk the dam on Thursday and inspect the areas she mentioned.

## Finance

In September during their regular meeting, the Finance Committee reviewed the Echo Dam proposal by Civil Group, balance statements, all

accounts and transactions, and other financial reports of the Association, reported Treasurer Denny Galford.

"We were very satisfied with all," he said. "and we are

making substantial headway with getting the small transition problems resolved."

Galford said the committee is reviewing next year's collection policy, compiling a

(See "SLLA," p. 15)

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## Correction

An article on the September 13 Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board Work Session, published in the September 17, 2010, edition of *The Times*, incorrectly reported that the Association had received a failure notice for tracking and management of firearms.

In fact, Community Manager Alina Cochran reported that the Association received a formal notice in response to several guns, dating back to the Community Police Department, that were surrendered to the Moore County Sheriff's Office earlier this year.

The Times regrets the error.

# SLLA Meeting

(Continued from page 14)

five-year summary of lakes and dams expenditures, and also working to formalize internal controls in place with Talis Management.

Responding to a salary line item variance question from Northsider Conrad Meyer, Galford explained that an anticipated three pay-period schedule was budgeted in the wrong month.

## Recreation

Northside Pool closed for the season on September 19, and Cochran thanked the pool manager and staff for an excellent year. "I have received good feedback from residents about the quality of service," she said.

She also reported that Doggy Day of Summer, a special day at the pool just for dogs following its regular closing, was successful, with

several resident dogs enjoying a pool swim.

The Recreation Committee was thanked for their recent workday to clean out and inventory recreation activity and party supplies. The committee next meets on Wednesday, October 6 at 9:30 am in the SLLA Conference Room. New members are welcome.

Upcoming recreation events include the children's Halloween Party. This year the Recreation Committee is putting together an extra-special party, scheduled for Saturday, October 30; and volunteers are needed to decorate and assist with refreshments, crafts and games. Please call the SLLA office or Laura Douglass at 673-1817 if you'd like to help out.

A bus trip to visit the North Carolina State Fair is planned for Thursday, October 21.

The cost is \$32 per person for transportation and admission to the fair is free with a donation of four cans of food. The bus will depart First Bank Seven Lakes parking lot at 8:30 am and reservations are required. If interested, contact Kirk Tours directly at 295-2257 or email reservations@kirk tours.com

## Management report

Cochran reminded pet owners that allowing animals to run at-large is prohibited in Seven Lakes and that dogs must be under control and on a leash when they are off of your private property. Stray animals picked up by Association staff are turned over to Moore County Animal Control, and it is the sole responsibility of the owner to make arrangements to recover their pet.

The SLLA office is organizing a 'Meet and Greet' day for residents to drop-by and meet with Cochran and her team.

"We welcome the opportunity to talk to residents. They can come in to learn more about the community and how we can make this a better place for all," Cochran said.

Following her report, Dropers said that he is pleased with the transition to Talis Management.

"To get better we must often take a step back," he said. "I am very comfortable with the Board and where we're going. More and more of the day-to-day operation [of the Association] is being run by professionals, and I'm starting to see the Board take more of a look at long range calendar planning. I feel like we're getting to that sweet spot of balance."

## Other Business

In other business on Wednesday, September 29, the SLLA Board:

- Appointed Director Melinda Scott by a vote of acclamation to chair the SLLA

2011 Board of Directors Nominating Committee.

- Heard a request from JoAn Moses to close two pedestrian openings along the back fence line, adjacent to Holly Grove School Road.
- Heard a request from Donna Fentzlauff to incorporate speed reduction devices into the new paving anticipated over Lake Sequoia Dam, rather than reinstalling speed bumps. Zielsdorf agreed, saying "I've been complaining about those bumps ever since they put them in. If you have to go over the dam in an ambulance — it's not a good thing."

Directors Melinda Scott and Bruce Keyser, Jr. were unable to attend the meeting.

## WEE Fall Festival this Friday

West End Elementary School PTA invites the community and all families to join them for their annual Fall Festival today Friday, October 1, 5:30 - 8:00 pm. Come out and enjoy the food, games and prizes and support the PTA in this fundraiser. Pizza, hot dogs, popcorn, nachos, snow cones and more will be on sale in the food court.

The fun-filled evening will include an auction and bingo held in the school cafeteria. There will be cake walks and lots of games where everyone wins a prize.

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The public event will take place on Saturday, October 9, 3-7 pm at the Agricultural Center, 707 Pinehurst Avenue, Carthage. Numerous activities have been planned: hot air balloon rides, pumpkin and sweet potato decorating contests, pony rides, petting zoo, fishing, Lego building contest, and prizes.

Local 4-H youth will welcome perspective members, display current 4-H club projects, play games and serve refreshments.

National 4-H Week is an annual event that recognizes the achievements of the 4-H program and the members, leaders, and parents who make up this organization.

4-H is a youth develop-

ment program that can be found in all 100 counties in North Carolina. You will recognize 4-H by its distinctive green four leaf clover. What you may not know is that 4-H is for all youth, boys and girls, 5 to 19 years of age. Whether you live in a city or in the country, 4-H has projects that help develop citizenship, leadership, and life skills in young people.

The theme for 2010 National 4-H Week is "Taking the Lead." In Moore County, more than 1200 youth are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. You can join the 4-H community day. Come out on October 9 and find out how 4-H is "Taking the Lead" in preparing Moore County's youth for the future.

Admission is free, but, we appreciate donations of individual cereal boxes to support the Back PackPals Program.

Representatives from Sandhills Food Bank will be available to take your donation. Drug Free Moore County will

also have a display in recognition of Red Ribbon Week.

For more information on how to become a 4-H mem-

ber or volunteer, contact Linda Gore at 910-947-3188 or linda\_gore@ncsu.edu.

## Operation Medicine Drop

Detectives Craven and Aponte of the Moore County Sheriff's Office and First Health's Roxanne Leopper participated in Operation Medicine Drop at Quality Care Pharmacy in Seven Lakes on Saturday, September 25.

The total number of prescription and over-the-counter pills collected was approximately 66,237 dosage units.

Other items such as liquid medications were also collected. A total weight of the pills and liquid medications collected was approximately 230 pounds.

The prescription pills and medications collected were turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for destruction.

Developed in partnership with Drug Free Moore Coun-

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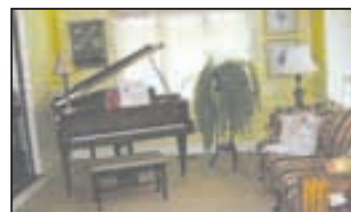
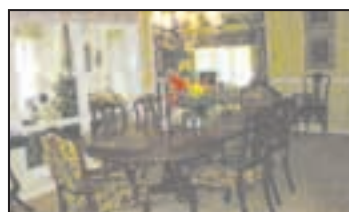
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on the courts of the Asheville Crowne Plaza and Aston Park Tennis facilities.

These players, all over 60 years old, really proved that tennis is indeed the sport for a lifetime. Although the players represented National Ten-

nis Club, they came from Pinehurst, Lawn and Tennis, Beacon Ridge, and Pinewild.

The Ladies 6.5 Combo Team with Captain Betty Milligan came away undefeated by winning all four of their

matches. Five teams from all over the state participated at this level.

The players include Phyllis Cole, Rocene Santangini (Sissy), Jan Staaf, Barb Campbell Keiffer, Catherine Thayer, Patty Dominguez,

Rose Corcoran, Carol Dunbar, Cindy Kennedy, and Betty Milligan.

The team will move on to the Southern Sectional Championships to be held in early 2011 in Mobile, Alabama.



Local ladies win big in Asheville

## Chapel Rummage Sale

The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines annual rummage sale will be held on Saturday, October 16, from 8 am to 2 pm at the Old West End Gym. Donations will be received on Thursday, October 14, Noon – 4 pm and on Friday, October 15, 8:30 am – Noon. To volunteer, please call Don Truesdell at 673-1970.

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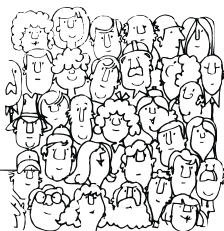
- **Casual Friday at Seven Lakes Country Club** – 5-9 pm, Buffet 5-6:30 pm, \$8.15 (+ tax & gratuity), Food, games & socializing.
- **West End Elementary School Fall Festival** – 5:30 - 8:00 pm. Enjoy the food, games & prizes. An auction and bingo held in the school cafeteria, cake walks. Kay Miller 673-2932.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2**

- **Cub Scout Pack 98 Popcorn Show & Sell** – 9 am – 2 pm, Mac's Restaurant Seven Lakes. Drop by, pick up a box of your favorite Trails End Popcorn – butter, butter light, chocolate lover's collection, cheese lover's, or caramel corn w/almonds, pecans, & cashews.
- **"Meet the Merchants"** – 11 am to 3 pm. Come to see your local merchants, businesses, and civic organizations of Seven Lakes. Free food will be furnished by Phoenix Fashions, Seven Lakes Friendly Mart and Quality Care Pharmacy. All the Merchants look forward to seeing you.
- **Macedonia United Methodist Church Fall BBQ and Auction** – 3 -7 pm, to benefit Pennies for Pigs mission. BBQ serving 3 pm, music from Blue Horizon, face painting, games and amusements.

Auction 7 pm. Macedonia UMC, 905 Abner Rd., Troy, off Hwy 134 North. BBQ plates \$7.

- **Artists League of the Sandhills** – Opening reception, 4 - 8 pm. "Realistic Oil Portraits and Fine Art" solo show of Eileen



## What's When Calendar

- **Strickland** 944-3979, 10 to 4 (M-F). 129 Exchange St., Aberdeen.
- **FirstHealth 15th Annual Pottery Plus Auction** – 5:30 to 8:30 pm, Country Club of North Carolina, Pinehurst. To benefit FirstHealth Hospice & Palliative Care and the construction of the Hospice Chapel. Silent & live auctions, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres. Tickets \$65/person. For tickets, (910) 695-7510.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3**

- **Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Celebrate Creation and Bless the Animals Day. Bible readings from the Genesis creation story and from John's Gospel. Celebrating Patron Saint of Animals St. Francis of Assisi, with a Blessing of Animals

at 12 Noon. All pet owners are encouraged to bring their animals on leashes or in cages to the Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

- **Paint Hill Hike** – 3 pm, Take a hike on a piece of Weymouth Woods property, the Paint Hill tract. Meet at the Visitor Center and car pool. Weymouth Woods, Sandhills Nature Preserve, 1024

Fort Bragg Rd. Southern Pines, (910) 692-2167

- **Pianist Joseph Smith** – 3 pm, will perform at Weymouth. Members attend for free, nonmembers \$15. Weymouth Center for the Arts and Humanities, 555 E. Conn. Ave., Southern Pines.
- **Columnist Bill Thompson to Speak at Shaw House** – at 3 pm, Humorous "down home" columnist Bill Thompson, a regular contributor at *Our State Magazine* and writer. Free program at First Baptist Church, 200 E. New York Ave., Southern Pines. Info: (910) 692-2051.
- **The Rooster's Wife** – Artists Jeff and Vida. Admission Charge. Poplar Knight Spot, 114 Knight Street, Aberdeen, doors at 6 pm. 910-944-7502.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 4**

- **Pinehurst Members Club** – Registration: 11:30 am to noon. 12 Luncheon. Cost: \$16 Inclusive. Guest Speaker is Joyce Krawiec, a Republican Grassroots activist. Call Pauli Curl at 215-9796 or email at pauli-curl@nc.rr.com
- **Collecting Hanging art for Gallery Exhibit** – 3 to 5 pm, St. Mary Magdalene building; paintings, photographs, needle art accepted. St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Contact Helen at 673-6347. No fee.
- **Artists League of the Sandhills** – "Realistic Oil Portraits and Fine Art" artist Eileen Strickland. Hours noon - 3 pm, Mon. - Sat. 129 Exchange St., Aberdeen.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5**

- **Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department** – Please come to SLVFD Annual Open House, 6 pm to 8:30 pm. This Year's Theme is the National Fire Safety Message of "Smoke Alarms: A Message you can live with." Look Forward to seeing a Car Cutting Demonstration, Fun Fire safety activities for the kids, Tours of the station and Equipment. Hot dogs, Drinks, and Popcorn provided.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6**

- **Project Linus Workshop** – 10am to 3pm in the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Join in to make a blanket for a child in need in Moore County. All supplies furnished. No sewing required. Pat Weber 673-1457.
- **Art Gallery Grand Opening** – 1 - 4 pm. Meet the artists & enjoy refreshments, browsing encouraged. St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Helen 673-6347.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7**

- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am - 1 pm. For single seniors (widows and widowers). A time of fellowship and devotion and a meal for \$5/person. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Hwy. 73. 673-1371.
- **Women of Seven Lakes Meeting** – 2 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Guest speaker Mike Ventola of SCC will discuss the history of golf & course design in Pinehurst. Guests and visitors – including men – are welcome. Refreshments.
- **Wine Tasting** – Sandhills Winery 5:30 - 8:30 pm. \$10 six wines and food. 1057 Seven Lakes Dr. 673-2949.

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- **Casual Friday at Seven Lakes Country Club** – 5-9 pm, Buffet 5-6:30 pm, \$8.15 (+ tax & gratuity), Food, games & socializing.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9**

- **Second Annual Shaw House Collectibles and Antique Fair** – 9 am - 3 pm, rain or shine, at the historic Shaw House, corner of Morganton Rd. & SE Broad St., Southern Pines. Free Admission. Music, food, refreshments, vendors and tours.
- **Moore County Amateur Radio Society (MOCARS)** – Technicians Licensing Class, 9 am -12, 6 weekly sessions, Carthage Fire Dept, Rt 15/501 Carthage. Course material based on ARRL Technicians Licensing Manual (2010 edition) avail. from ARRL. Charles Wackerman 910-947-2707. MOCARS info: James John-

son, 910-400-3019.

- **National 4-H "Funtastic Fall Festival Day"** 3-7 pm, public invited, Agricultural Center, 707 Pinehurst Ave., Carthage. Activities: hot air balloon rides, pumpkin & sweet potato decorating contests, pony rides, petting zoo, fishing, Lego building contest, prizes. Displays of 4-H club projects. Admission free, donations of individual cereal boxes to support Back PackPals Program appreciated. Linda Gore, 4-H Agent, Moore County Cooperative Ext., 910-947-3188 or [linda\\_gore@ncsu.edu](mailto:linda_gore@ncsu.edu).
- **Carolina Philharmonic** – 4 pm, *Latin Serenade Chamber Music*, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church w/wine reception, Fayetteville. Tickets 910-687-4746 [www.carolinaphil.org](http://www.carolinaphil.org)
- **Belford Baptist Church** – 6:00 pm, Appreciation Gospel Celebration, with Pastor Robinson & First Man John Robinson. Community is invited. 925 Windblow Rd. Jackson Springs, 910-974-4938.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10**

- **Homer C. and Martha H. Phifer Lecture Series** – presenting Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, distinguished

speaker and preacher. Dinner 5:30 pm, program, includes a Question & Answer session. Cost \$10 dinner, lecture is free. 910-295-6848. Community Presbyterian Church, Corner of Kelly & Everett Rds, Pinehurst.

- **Fall Wildflower Hike** – 3 pm, Hues of red and gold are found on the trees in the Sandhills. Join ranger on a hike to find these fall beauties. Weymouth Woods, Sandhills Nature Preserve, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd. Southern Pines, 692-2167 [weymouth.woods@ncdenr.gov](mailto:weymouth.woods@ncdenr.gov)
- **Weymouth Center Lecture Series** – 3 pm, by John Hairr, manager of the House in the Horseshoe State Historic. He will examine American Revolution. Reception. Weymouth Center for the Arts & Humanities, 555 E. Conn. Ave., Southern Pines. Free open to public.(910) 692-6261
- **Eddie Barrett and the Goodman Legacy Orchestra** – 4 pm to 6:30 pm, at WFW Post, 615 South Page St., Southern Pines. Public invited. Charge \$5. 910-692-3772.
- **The Rooster's Wife** – 6 pm. Artist Laura Fuentes,

with Joe Craven. Admission Charge. Poplar Knight Spot, 114 Knight Street, Aberdeen. 910-944-7502.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 11**

- **Columbus Day**
- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 8:30 am, work session. Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Open to all landowners.
- **Sandhills Photography Club** – 7 to 9 pm, Christ Fellowship Church, Midland & Pee Dee Rds., Southern Pines. A print competition on an "Architectural" topic. Guests welcome.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12**

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association** – 9 am, work session. West Side Park Community Center. Open to all landowners.
- **Seven Lakes Computer Club** – 3 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse, Game Room. Doug Roskamp, of G&D Computers, presents Part 2 of Windows 7.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13**

- **Food Pantry** – 8 am - 11 am, West End United Methodist Church. Open for distribution every other Wed., (provides large boxes

of food to needy families in Western Moore County.) (Picture id & proof of residence) West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Hwy. 73. 673-1371.

- **Art Gallery Open** – 1 to 4 pm, local artists showing. St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Dr. Helen 673-6347.
- **Crisis and Diplomacy in the Middle East** – Dr. Tyrus W. Cobb will speak on "Crisis and Diplomacy in the Middle East." Cocktails at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm. Country Club of North Carolina. Sponsored by The English Speaking Union. Info: Mrs. Martha O'Connor 910-235-0635 or Dr. Phillip Hinesley [phil@chanticleer-properties.com](mailto:phil@chanticleer-properties.com)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14**

- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am -1 pm. Single seniors. Time of fellowship, devotion, and a meal, charge of \$5/person. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Hwy. 73, 673-1371.
- **Art Gallery Open**, 1 to 4 pm, local artists showing. St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Dr, 673-6347



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# West End Elementary awarded golf grant

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Thanks to a generous grant from the Carolinas Golf Association [CGA], students at West End Elementary will join over one million students nationwide already participating in the First Tee National School Program.

Designed to establish a life-long interest in the sport while also promoting personal and social responsibility through nine core values, the curriculum will be taught by WEE Physical Education teacher Liz Gingerich, who applied for the grant with assistance from PTA President Kaye Miller.

"First Tee teaches the whole game of golf – driving, putting, and chipping – but also, more importantly, values to use in every day life," said Gingerich. "The course can be set up inside the gym or outside in the field and children will be able to play a hole, keep score, and then move to the next hole."

By fully-funding her grant request, the CGA's gift allowed Gingerich to undergo the necessary training for the program and also to purchase modified clubs, balls, and targets that allow for a safe and easy introduction to the game in a physical education setting.

With their headquarters offices located in the heart of the Seven Lakes Business Village, the CGA is a non-profit educational organization representing more than 700 member clubs. Serving as the Carolinas Golf Foundation, the Association contributed \$100,000 in 2010 alone to promote the game of golf through various programs and scholarships.

"West End Elementary is just one of the many groups that we donated to across the Carolinas, but it's good to donate right next door. We get to see it first hand," said CGA Executive Director Jack Nance.

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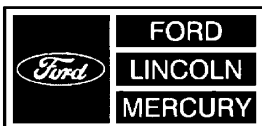
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# Camplin

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well but missed the cut – and it was a very long drive home.

“I had a lot of time to think. I had played in practice with three who made the cut and two in the Top 20 and, I thought, I’m every bit as good as them,” said Camplin.

“It was an eye-opening experience to realize that I’m every bit as good as some the upper echelon players...It was a turning point.”

Taking an honest assessment of himself and why he didn’t perform better, Camplin determined that he needed both a physical and mental overhaul.

With regular workouts, he said he quickly noticed a difference in his playing stamina and, therefore, was able to focus more clearly on his game. But what he needed was a plan: a winning strategy.

## Gaining ground

Years of practice on Pinehurst #7, arguably the most difficult of the resort’s courses and certainly it’s most exclusive, have honed Camplin’s talent.

This is a lucky break for him because Grandfather Golf and Country Club is no place for wimps. A course so difficult, that few even made par during the tournament. In fact, Camplin was the only player who achieved a three-day score under par.

“I had a good game plan and was very confident. The first couple of days I was just trying to get even par,” he explained.

The conservative strategy worked and by the last day, he was tied for third. And then the wind started to blow.

“I hit a poor drive on the third hole and the golf superintendent pulled up in a cart and asked if I wanted to know what was going on behind me,” said Camplin, who was playing in the second to last group.

He said a split second decision – to just say no – made all the difference.

“I decided that knowing would affect my play. I knew I just needed to focus on my

own game, to stick with my plan.”

As he progressed into the inward nine, he said it became more and more difficult to avoid the leader board.

“I intentionally didn’t look at it all day. It was hard to evade it when the cart [with the leader board] would pull up next to the green, but I just looked down,” he said.

His second shot on the eighteenth hole was his worst of the day, but he recovered with a good chip onto the green.

“I had an eight foot putt and it lipped out,” Camplin said, after which the gallery oohed. “I was disheartened and thought, that’s it. It’s over.”

Tapping in his ball, Cam-

plin didn’t realize he had won.

“The crowd started applauding and it wasn’t just the ‘thanks for coming’ clap. It was rousing!”

His playing partner broke the news. Later, Camplin would learn that the field had blown up behind him and he carried a solid lead for most of the day.

“I’m glad I didn’t know. The last four holes I had to turn and play into the wind. If I’d have known I had the lead, I would have played differently,” he said.

## The dream realized

Back home now, Camplin is busy preparing to play in an upcoming PGA Tour event – something he has waited his whole life to do.

“Driving the ball accurately off the tee is one of my strengths, so I am using that . . . but I am also going to be mentally prepared. I’ll have a plan,” said Camplin.

And carrying on the family tradition, he has introduced the sport to his own children, Vivian and Daniel. Both have their own set of clubs and Camplin said, in particular, his daughter has

shown a good affinity for the game.

“They’re certainly influenced by my passion, but golf takes a lot of focus. For now I just put the club in their hand and let them have fun,” he said.

“The great thing about golf is it’s something you can play the rest of your life.”

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## Battling the red menace . . .

For a furry red monster, Elmo sure had a busy week.

First his duet with a not-so-modestly clad pop princess was pulled off the air. According to the songbird's hubby, Elmo's World was not brought to you by the letter D or the number 34.

Clearly annoyed at being censored, Elmo dodged the press and headed south to Florida to blow off a little steam. Dropping by a local guitar shop, things only got worse for America's favorite three-year-old when he was attacked by a not-so-balanced fellow customer.

Throwing down his white gloves, Elmo busted open a can of Muppet-style whoop

and sent his hapless harasser to the hospital.

Coming to a store near you this Christmas season, the toy everyone will be talking about, 'Tackle Me Elmo.'

Lucky for me, I have a good relationship with the fuzzy one: except for that one bad episode.

'Twas the night before a normal day in a regular week in a typical year in the Douglass domicile. The tikes were tucked in tight and all was quiet and dark.

2:00 am

Mmrrr, hummmm, bip.

Mmrr, hummmm, bip.

I give! Tossing covers aside and ranting like a mad woman under my breath, I

staggered off to investigate.

Nope, it wasn't the kids, the cats, the dog, or Darling Hubby making the strange noises.

Cautiously, I made my way down the hall and

waded into the primary-colored plastic jungle that had once been a living room. On my hands

and knees amid the clutter, I finally found the source.

Face-to-face with a boggled, crimson beast, I was shocked by his deep and

menacing voice, calling out ever . . . so . . . slowly.

"Dooo yooouu waaannt too plaaaaay wiiith Eeelllm-moo?"

Stricken with terror [yes,



### Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

I've seen way too many slasher films], I froze. It's embarrassing to admit, but I really was scared for a second.

Since when did Elmo slip

from a helium-high giggle to a baritone range growl?

Gaining my composure, I considered whether a ritual exorcism was warranted. But we were running low on garlic and holy water that week — and it was the middle of the night — so instead I snatched the offending puffball by one leg and quickly emptied his battery compartment.

Man vs Elmo? Muppet wins. Mom vs. Elmo? No contest!

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Mommy's World

Mommy loves her sleep and her pillow too. That's why Elmo's through.

## What does 'interdenominational' mean?

With this edition *The Times* introduces a new column that we hope will become a regular feature on our opinion page. The Reverend Don Welch has volunteered to try to answer our readers' questions that touch on religion. If you have a question you'd like to see Rev. Welch tackle, look for his email address at the end of this column.

### Answer:

In an Interdenominational church like the Chapel in the Pines, we recognize that many people



### Ask the 'Rev'

Rev. Don Welch

denominations. The churches where they were members have long histories and traditions that go back hundreds of years. At the Chapel,

we believe that these traditions and practices are important to our members, but that the differences which divid-

ed Christians years ago, should not keep us from wor-

shipping and serving together today.

Catholics, Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Episcopalians and a dozen other members of Christian communities recognize their beliefs and liturgies in the Chapel's worship services. Many members of the Chapel still maintain membership in their denominations while supporting the ministry of the chapel with their prayers, talents, gifts and service.

Nondenominational

churches serve many people who have no previous church affiliation and many others who may believe that the 2000 year history of the church is unimportant or irrelevant. Both types of congregations, along side denominational churches, are important instruments of God in reaching an ever more diverse population in our nation and our community.

Don Welch is the Minister at the Chapel in the Pines and can be reached at [dwelch1@nc.rr.com](mailto:dwelch1@nc.rr.com)

### Question:

You are the minister at an Interdenominational Chapel. How is that different from a Nondenominational Church?

move into the community having been members of many different Christian

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## Backyard chickens are great!

Dear Editor:

It's unfortunate that Foxfire Councilwoman Leslie Frusco isn't familiar with raising chickens, because there's nothing more enjoyable than watching your girls scratching and gently clucking as they eat bugs and your kitchen left overs.

Of course, the best thing about owning chickens is

being able to check the nesting boxes every day and collecting the fresh eggs they produce. Most people don't realize that a rooster is not needed to produce eggs and he's the only one that makes all the noise!

A chicken lays about one egg every one or two days, and four to six chickens would supply a couple with

all their egg needs.

An added bonus is their manure which is excellent in the garden. Chickens are extremely fun to have and are really no trouble.

If anyone would like to visit a chicken coop, please feel free to visit us at Fireshadow Pottery in Eagle Springs.

Sally Larson  
Eagle Springs

# Risk assessment needed on Auman Dam

Dear Editor:

I have always been a strong supporter of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors. I realize they are volunteers doing a very tough job under trying circumstances, so I am hesitant to question their decisions. However, I find their position on the dam road perplexing. Just to be clear, I am not suggesting that we should open the dam road at this time; I am merely requesting that we perform due diligence.

While I am not an engineer and am certainly not qualified to judge Dr. Marks conclusions on keeping the dam road closed, a couple of things about the process bother me.

1. Dr. Marks never provided a

risk assessment for closing the dam. It seems the community deserves more than a simple thumbs up or down on such an important issue. A competent engineer should be able to provide an assessment that quantifies the risks of opening the dam road.

2. More importantly, it is incomprehensible that we would not get a second opinion on a matter of such importance to the community. The two reasons given for not doing so are specious: First, if the second opinion contradicts Dr. Marks, we would have to get a third opinion. By that logic, I suppose you never get a second opinion on serious medical issues! Second, and even worse, since Dr. Marks is so prominent, even if a second opinion disagreed with Dr. Marks, it wouldn't matter. Guess what, even the most brilliant people in the world are occasionally wrong.

The article in the most recent *Seven Lakes Times* added to my perplexity. The primary reason for closing the road, according to the Lake and Dam committee, seems to be that we would have increased liability because of the State's advice

that we follow the Dam Engineer's recommendation.

I am not a lawyer, but I find it hard to believe that we wouldn't have significant liability even without that statement. In any case, this misses the point entirely. Is the board saying that the fact that the dam might fail catastrophically and kill people is not a problem; it is only our liability that is the issue? The liability is irrelevant; if there is a significant possibility that the dam might fail, we need to close the road, period!

Therein lays the problem: since we don't have a quantitative risk assessment (I certainly haven't seen nor heard of one), how can we make an intelligent decision. Without a full understanding of the risks involved, how do we know if the dam is safe even without the road? Maybe we should drain the lake or at least lower it a little.

The point is this; we don't

know what the proper response should be since we haven't fully quantified the scope of the problem. The Board's response to a resident who questioned our liability for a dam failure without the road is that that is not a problem since we continually monitor the dam. Does that mean we will stop monitoring, if we open the road?

Perhaps, most disturbing of all are comments by the board that nothing would change their mind. That

speaks of a board unwilling to consider new information or listen to dissenting views.

The bottom line is that without a scientifically based, quantitative risk assessment, we are operating in the dark. Obtaining a second opinion and a risk assessment seems a simple matter of due diligence. If nothing else, it will give the community a sense that all sides received a fair hearing.

Mike Shapiro  
Seven Lakes West

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# 'Flea Market' complaint shuts down business

Dear Editor:

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the tips and a percentage of my profits have gone to this great endeavor. Due a complaint from the Greater Seven Lakes Community Council, I have had to stop my small

business and the participation in this effort.

The County Planning Department informed me that they are complaint driven. The complaint about ven-

dors in West End has closed me down. The County has informed me that I can not operate my business nearly anywhere in Moore County, even though I have Health Department licensure and permission from commercial/industrial landowners to sell on their property.

As entrepreneurs try to survive this economy, antibusiness folks throw them under the bus.

I'm mad as hell, but I guess government and antibusiness win again.

Bob Darr

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## Beauty at the horse show

It was just great to be alive that morning as my date and I left Seven Lakes as the sun was barely emerging. We were on our way to a horse show.

eye-pleasing gracefulness, then made a semi-circular turn and stretched out to a faster gait as she sped past the spectators.

Now, in a full gallop, she traversed the gently rolling landscape. Her mane flowed back, almost flat down from the freshly created breeze. The rider was hunched forward, in full accord with the

alternating tensions of the filly's back muscles.

Happiness exuded from this graceful creation as she turned in the best time. You could almost hear that proud filly shouting "We did it!" as her rider patted her proudly along the flanks.

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### Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

The air was fresh. The dew was dispensing droplets as the sun began warming the atmosphere.

As we arrived, expertly groomed horses, their coats shining and their eagerness to begin the competition showing, emerged from their warm-up routines. The impeccably dressed riders checked the slack of their reins.

I decided to closely concentrate on one the competing animals, observing the results of the disciplines that beautiful filly had mastered. When her turn came, she moved spritely to the starting line, leaped forward at the starter's command, and soared over the bar with an

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— Mark Twain

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Some of us, by nature, organize and get tasks out of the way before we relax, while others of us play first and work later. It is important to first recognize which type you are and whether your style is allowing you to have the life you really want.

Rather than labeling yourself or beating yourself up, realize that time management is an area of your life that you can strengthen. Like a new muscle, it takes practice and repetition to make it stronger. To help you get started, here are some steps to streamline your days at work and at home. Try the first one or two that jump out at you:

- Create to-do lists that are realistic, not intimidating. Use only one to-do list.
- Under-schedule your time: Leave time for the unexpected and for interruptions.
- Practice the art of intelligent neglect: Eliminate trivial tasks.
- Prioritize what is most important and do that first.
- Consider your biological prime time: At what time of day do you work best? Plan to do your most important work at that time.
- If you say yes to everything that comes your way, learn to say no.
- Acknowledge yourself daily for all that you have accomplished.

Also take a look at the two biggest hindrances to using time effectively: procrastinating and lacking purpose. We usually procrastinate when a task seems too daunting, too large or too complex, or when we feel we won't be able to handle it. When you get that "deer in the headlights" feeling, try "chunking": break the large task into smaller, manageable action steps and start with the first one. We also often drag our heels or use our time inefficiently because we are bored, unengaged and uninspired. The most effective people will tell you that they love what they do and are aligned with a greater purpose. When it comes to managing your time, you may need to ask the larger questions, "Am I doing what I love to do? Am I doing something meaningful to me?"

As you strengthen your new time management muscle, keep your focus on getting organized so that you can live the life you came here for. Instead of being a chore, good time management can be your ticket to more fun, greater satisfaction and a vibrant, exciting life.

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# Want the dam road open? Try this.

Dear Editor:

There are always at least two sides to every story and the Westside Board's Work Session meeting last night was a good indication of that. "Permanently" closing the road over the Lake Auman dam is a big issue and all of the community should be involved.

Several suggestions were made and they deserve to be followed up on. This is not the only issue the Board is working on and at this point they are up to its ears with this and other important community issues. To "throw this over the transom" to the Board and require them to

perform additional cost analysis in the next month is unreasonable. Therefore, I make the following proposal. There are a significant number of residents who favor opening the road. From this group a committee should be formed to do the following:

- Perform an in-depth study of the type of paving that would be satisfactory for a road over a high hazard earthen dam.
- Price out the cost of that paving and maybe have someone like Tom Snead assist in presenting the true cost of capitalization.
- Explore methods to allow only SLW members access

to the dam, but taking into consideration that emergency vehicles could require access, which eliminates several methods that immediately come to mind. And, again, cost this out.

- Devise a method that prevents vehicles from exceeding the recommended 25 mph speed limit for the dam and the consequences for not doing so.

This is the type of study that those wanting a road

over the dam would need in order to assess whether they want the expense to do so. As Mike Gorenflo said, "If a referendum of members indicate they want the road opened they need to understand the consequences." A study performed by a committee from this group would provide the concrete (pun intended) information required by all of us.

Kathy Kirst  
Seven Lakes West

## Farewell, Charlie

Dear Editor:

Charlie Oliver is a well known tennis player, mentor, and coach, that Moore County has ever witnessed.

At 12 years, he played in an exhibition match against Don Budge, who was then ranked the number one tennis player in the world.

West Point and later was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame there for tennis and squash.

Charlie and his wife, Ethel are now retiring and moving to Northern Virginia, where members of their family live. We here in Seven Lakes area will really miss a most genuine, community, civic minded gentleman. His tennis days are over, but he'll be playing golf in Virginia now.

Lu and Frank Hayes  
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Charlie Oliver

At 18 years of age, he won the National Junior Tennis Championship. Later, he played some of the world class tennis players, such as Bobby Riggs, Kramer, Dick Savitt, and Ted Schroeder.

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# Commissioners

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... It's not something that my wife and my children should have to worry about, anymore."

Eddie Johnson, the Sheriff's Jail Administrator, said the county has spent "thousand and thousands of dollars" on the locking mechanisms and keys for the oldest part of the current jail, which requires near-constant maintenance. The county has only eight single inmate cells at present that it can use to segregate violent offenders, and so is currently housing seven or eight in a state facility in Raleigh, he said, costing the county \$6,500 last month alone.

"I have had officers dragged into cells and beaten, because we didn't have adequate security," Johnson said. "I beg of you, we have waited long enough. Give my employees a break. Give them a nice building, safe and secure, to work in."

Other current and former public officials speaking in support of the plan to build the jail in Carthage included former Board of Commissioners Chairmen Colin McKenzie and David Cummings, former County Commissioner Archie Kelly, Carthage Mayor Tom Stewart, Carthage Mayor Pro Tem Jean Riley, Sandhills Community College Board of Trustees Chairman George Little, and former Moore County GOP Chairman John Owen.

## Opposition vows to fight on

Those comments in support of the new jail were countered by plenty of withering criticism of the facility's location, design, cost, and financing.

Doug Middaugh of Pinehurst said the county had not adequately investigated how Sampson County was able to build a state-approved detention center at half the per bed cost. Noting that \$10 million of the \$40 in limited obligation bonds will fund Moore County Public Utilities projects, he said the commissioners had not made clear what impact that bor-

rowing will have on water and sewer rates.

Elizabeth Riley vowed to continue to fight the jail project: "I have to fight until I can't breathe. I'm going to fight until there is no more to fight about, 'til I lay my body down in front of a bulldozer, and you lock me up, and you get to put me in your lovely jail, and I get to sleep on the floor. That's how far I am willing to go."

"And it's not for just my four lovely beautiful children. It's for all the children at that ball field, all the children who go to that library, all the children who go to Carthage Elementary. All the families who walk up and down these streets."

## Right2Vote tries, fails to derail funding

Pinehurst resident John Marcum, who has organized two gatherings of jail opponents under the moniker "Right2Vote," attempted to derail the county's plan to fund the project with Limited Obligation Bonds instead

of General Obligation Bonds, which require voter approval.

The state's Local Government Commission must approve any new debt the county takes on, and Marcum made a presentation to the Commission's Executive Committee on September 7, asking that they deny approval for bonds the county will issue to pay for the jail and public safety complex. The Committee took no action on Marcum's request and unanimously approved Moore County's bonds.

Marcum appealed to the full Commission, but that body approved the County's funding in a special meeting on September 23.

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## Dam road

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nity," delaying for a month the Board's final vote on the issue. That motion passed with the support of all eight Board members present (Treasurer Joe Sikes was unable to attending the meeting.)

### Speakers both for and against closure

After the Board's vote, members spoke both for and against permanent closure of the roadway across the dam.

Phil Castaldi, who had been appointed spokesman for the group asking for more time to comment on the closure, cut short his prepared remarks, but pointed out several negative impacts of closing the dam road, including the "undesirable separation" of the community into two disconnected parts and a negative impact on property values. He said closing the road was, in effect, permanently removing one of the community's amenities, something that should not be done without a significant opportunity for public input.

Noting that she had moved to Seven Lakes West before the dam was completed, Grace Kirkpatrick told the Directors that "the most

important thing we have in Seven Lakes West is Lake Auman" and urged them to "take care of the dam in the best way you know how."

Jennifer Forsman empathized with the plight of Directors, forced to make decisions that are inevitably unpopular with some segment of the membership, thanked them for "the time you put in serving on this Board."

Dale Erickson, summarizing the recommendations of dam engineer Dan Marks, urged the Board to keep the road closed because of the potentially disastrous consequences of a dam failure.

Phil Bare asked the Board to recognize that the road closure could leave residents of some areas around Beacon Ridge stranded in case of emergency or even road con-

struction that blocks Longleaf Drive. He asked the directors to investigate alternatives, for example, building a road below the dam that would connect the Beacon Ridge and Morgan Wood areas.

During the meeting's second public comment segment, a young mother of four told the Board that she was one of those personally affected by the road closure. Though her husband has been transferred to South Carolina, the family has been unable to sell their home on the western side of the dam — two buyers cited the road closure as among their reasons for passing on the property.

Maureen Mead thanked the Board for extending the comment period on the road closure, but suggested sixty days would be more appropriate. "It is a huge, huge, decision," Mead said. "If everything you are saying convinced you, maybe you could spend a little time helping some of the rest of us under-

stand."

Noting that news stories had spoken of the "permanent" closure of the roadway over the dam, Mike Gorenflo said "Neither this Board nor any Board has the authority to permanently close anything." He suggested that the Board put the decision about road closure to a vote of the membership.

"If the community wants the road open, the community should have the right to state that," Gorenflo added. Reminding the Directors that they serve at the pleasure of the membership, he said, "If enough folks think they have been disenfranchised, then ultimately there will be other people on the Board who will listen to what the communi-

ty has to say."

The Board will hear additional comment on the proposed road closure during its October 12 and 26 Work Sessions.

[See page 28 for more on Tuesday's SLWLA Work Session.]

### Meeting on dam road closure

The Seven Lakes West Dam Road Group, organized by Westsider Mike Gorenflo, will hold a strategy session and open meeting in the West Side Park Community Center Great Room on Tuesday, October 5 at 7:00 pm.

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# Incorporation and infrastructure report issued

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Westside Director John Goodman presented the interim report of a Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] subcommittee that has been looking at the impact of the proposed incorporation of Seven Lakes on the Westside's infrastructure.

[A copy of the full report is available for download at [sevenlakes.net](http://sevenlakes.net) in the Incorporation section.]

The group determined that the North Carolina Planned Community Act, which applies to Seven Lakes West but not to McLendon Hills

or the Seven Lakes Landowners Association, would make it nearly impossible for SLWLA to deed its roads to the new town. As a result, no tax dollars flowing from state or local taxes will be able to be used to maintain Westside roads or other infrastructure.

Incorporating while leaving the roads in private hands and the gates in place at the entrances to the community will enable tax dollars to be applied to the upkeep and improvement of the business village, which could have some marginal positive impact on Westside property values.

However, the group felt that incorporation would mean more taxes on Westside households, well beyond the five cents per hundred dollars of valuation proposed by the two Seven Lakes groups who have floated incorporation proposals.

## Other Business

In other business conducted during its Tuesday, September 28 Work Session, the SLWLA Board of Directors:

- Gave final approval to an update of the community's rules and regulations, edited with the assistance of CAS staff and volunteer Jim Johnson.

- Heard that Treasurer Joe Sikes is planning two meetings to take input on the FY 2011-2012 budget, on November 17 and 19.

- Learned that the Judicial Panel had imposed a fine of \$275 on one resident for

violations of boating rules, and had imposed a two year probationary period that, could, if violated, cost the offender lake privileges for a year.

- Heard that an Oktoberfest celebration, including dinner and music, is planned for October 16 in the Great Room. Tickets are on sale in the SLWLA office.

- Heard from Director John Hoffmann that a recent speeding survey by the Neighborhood Watch patrol found 100 percent of Westsiders speeding in the community. Forty percent were traveling 15 or more miles per hour

over the speed limit.

- Heard from Director Mick Herdrich that volunteers are being sought to evaluate the configuration of buoys on Lake Auman during the boating season. Paul Kirst is heading up the committee.

- Heard praise for the new, updated, Seven Lakes West website, as well as some criticism from folks who are having trouble negotiating the sign-up process. The website has a public face that anyone may visit, but requires Association members to obtain a password to access the newsletter, community calendar, etc.

## Band

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need for the organization. And for those folks who'd really like to learn to play an instrument, Seiberling also directs the New Horizons Band – a program developed exclusively for beginners over the age of fifty.

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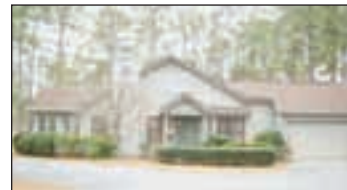
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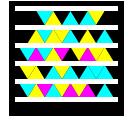
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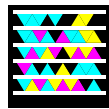


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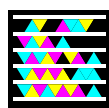
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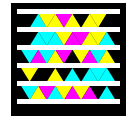
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