

Junior Firefighter



Foxfire Resident Austin Hubbard is West End Fire and Rescue's newest — and only — Junior Firefighter. Read about dream of becoming a firefighter, and his experiences at West Virginia University's firefighter training camp, on page 8.

Junk boats may be junkyard bound

by **Laura Douglass**
Times Reporter

Ongoing efforts to improve and expand safe parking areas at Sequoia Point have the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors taking a hard look at unregistered boats and trailers that are cluttering the marina storage yard.

"There are some pretty shabby boats and trailers down there," said Director Bruce Keyser, Jr. during the Wednesday, July 27 Open Meeting. "I recommend we contact owners, if possible,

and give a set amount of time to register or remove their boats and trailers."

Only three out of twenty-eight vessels stored at the facility have current registration stickers, and an estimated twenty-five percent of the boat trailers stored at the site have no identifying markings of any kind.

Three years ago, a similar clean-up of the marina area was undertaken; but the effort included only boats and trailers whose owners could be identified.

(See "SLLA," p. 26)

But will they stop for that stop sign?

by **Stacy Naughton**
Times Reporter

The Westside Board of Directors wants additional input from the community before creating a four-way stop at the entrance to West Side Park Community Center, in order to move traffic more safely through the tricky intersection, which sits atop a hill. That location makes visibility a problem for drivers making a left turn into West Side Park or onto Otter Drive.

Safety & Security Director Jim McCarthy offered a motion during the Tuesday, July 26 Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Work Session to install a four-way stop at the intersection, which he said would reduce the likelihood of accidents, particularly if a new mailhouse is located behind the Community Center.

Saying "this is a big, big (See "Westside," p. 24)

Aeromodelers still flying

by **Greg Hankins**
Times Editor

The Seven Lakes Aeromodelers Club can breathe a sigh of relief, after a decision by Moore County's Board of Adjustment that allows them to continue flying their radio-controlled model airplanes over a 60-acre pasture near the intersection of NC High-

way 73 and Beulah Hill Church Road.

Still, though that battle is won, the war may not be over.

The next engagement is likely to be in Moore County Superior Court. And it may all come down to the meaning of the word "club."

The Complaint

The Board of Adjustment met on Wednesday, July 27 to consider a request by Samuel A. Blackwell, III, and Elizabeth Blackwell of Raleigh, who own an adjacent ten acre property, to overturn a zoning permit, authorized by Planning Director Joey

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Fall 'Meet the Merchants' set for August 27

by Darrell Marks, President
Seven Lakes Business Guild

The Seven Lakes Business Guild's "Fall Meet the Merchants" — scheduled for Saturday, August 27, from 10 am until 2 pm in front of Phoenix Fashions — is coming together quite well.

Fifteen local businesses and charitable groups have already reserved booth spaces, with at least that many more trying to work the event into their planning. This year the Guild is trying to help their members make a little money to combat the dismally hot Summer that has hurt traffic to so many local businesses.

Participation is free to Guild members and available to non-Guild members for \$35. The same great musical group that appeared in the Spring event, headed by Seven Lakes' own Donn Stanley, will provide an eclectic

mix of soft rock, folk and Southern rock. Entertainment is provided by Phoenix Fashions.

Members will be selling their wares at this event, with special discounts available. Seven Lakes Friendly Mart will be selling dollar hot-dogs, Casa Garcia will have dollar tacos, the Brick Oven Bistro will have dollar pizza, and Quality Care Pharmacy will be sponsoring dollar drinks sold by the local Boy Scouts. Project Linus will

have dollar desserts in addition to general bake sale items.

Air conditioned respites and bathrooms will be available courtesy of The Bistro, Casa Garcia, and Phoenix Fashions.

Among other participants already committed are Blush Salon, Cruise Planners, Ornaments, Clewis Photography, CommunityOne Bank, and Robert Reinhardt, with his collection of handmade arbors, planters, and fencing.

Anyone not already signed up should contact Darrell Marks at 673-5886 as soon as possible.

The second Summer Yard Sale will be held in front of Phoenix Fashions on Saturday August 13 from 7 am until noon. This event is free to Guild members and open to any individual that will make a \$10 contribution to the Guild's roads fund. Space is limited to 25 spaces, so those interested should also call Marks at 673-5998.

The Guild would like to thank all those local citizens that continue to shop locally. With the extended heat this Summer, many of our members have experienced historically slow traffic and sales.

There is an old adage about not appreciating what you have until it's gone.

This works for the merchants as much as it does for the local economy.

All Guild members appreciate their local customers and miss them when they are gone to cooler climates or just staying in to avoid the heat.

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Land transfer stalls progress on RR crossing

Progress has stalled on the railroad crossing upgrade at the entrance to Seven Lakes West primarily due to delays in transferring a narrow strip of roadway from the Aberdeen Carolina & Western Railway to the North Carolina Department of Transportation [NCDOT]. "We can't do anything until the road is on our system," NCDOT Project Engineer Nancy Horne told *The Times*.

Construction is not expected to commence before Winter 2011, Horne added.

The overall project was approved by the NC Board of Transportation in May and will include installation of gate arms, coordinated traffic signals, and a change in the traffic lanes at the

NC Hwy 211 intersection. The railroad crossing near the intersection of NC Hwy 211 and NC Hwy 73 will undergo a similar safety upgrade.

Work to close two smaller railroad crossings — at Mode Road and Edgewood Terrace — has also been postponed, in that case due to the road-widening project along NC Hwy 211.

According to the Moore County Planning Department monthly report for June, those crossings will not be closed until NCDOT determines there is no longer a need to keep them open to minimize traffic congestion associated with detouring traffic around the NC Hwy 211 and NC Hwy 73 intersection.

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County will relocate US 1 crape myrtles

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter

The crape myrtles that currently adorn the entrance to Southern Pines along US 1 will be relocated throughout Moore County, as a result of action taken during the Tuesday, August 2 meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Property Manager Richard Smith made the request to relocate approximately 140 crape myrtle trees slated to be removed in an NC Department of Transportation [NCDOT] project to install guard rails along US Highway 1 from Morganton Road to McDonald's Brothers Building Supply Company.

Moving the mature, twelve to sixteen foot trees is expected to cost nearly \$20,000. Among the locations that will benefit from the relocation are Hillcrest Park and Moore County Schools' Bus Garage.

The trees will help beautify the parking lot at Hillcrest, which will host the Dixie Youth Baseball World Series, an event anticipated to attract thousands of visitors to Moore County. With the Series set to begin next week, Commissioner Larry Caddell expressed concern that the work may not be completed in time. He was assured by Smith that work transporting the trees to Hillcrest Park

will begin immediately.

Trees will also be relocated to other sites throughout Hillcrest Park, to the Agricultural Center, and to various County properties. Fifty trees will be replanted at the new Public Safety-Detention Center site.

McCrimmon Landscaping and Grading will be relocating the trees; work was expected to begin on Wednesday, August 3.

Tax Office Software

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved Tax Administrator J. Wayne Vest's request to purchase additional tax assessment software, called "iasWorld," from Tyler Technologies. The iasWorld component will allow for more efficient and effective listing, assessing, billing, and maintenance of personal property tax records, Vest told the Board. Currently, the tax office uses a different type of software from called "Munis."

The new iasWorld software licensing, conversion, implementation, and training will cost \$40,000, with an initial maintenance cost of \$6,500.

Vest anticipates the added cost will be offset by increased effectiveness in tax collection. Last year, Moore County's tax collection rate was 99.4

percent. Vest told Commissioner Tim Lea that the tax department is working on making that 100 percent.

The cost for the software and maintenance is being deferred to next year's budget, since it was not included in the current 2011-2012 budget.

Pinehurst Sewer Project

The Board awarded a contract to Atlantic Coast Contractors Construction for the Old Town Pinehurst and Lake Pinehurst Sewer project at a cost of \$5 million.

The first phase of the project will deal with rehabilitation and repair of priority areas within the Old Town area of the Village of Pinehurst. The second part will rehabilitate and repair 18,500 linear feet of gravity sewer mains around Lake Pinehurst.

Public Works Director Randy Gould, who made the request, said that two public meetings on the project would be held in the Village Town Hall on Wednesday and Thursday, August 3 and 4. Residents of the Village who will be affected by the con-

struction will be given fourteen-day and twenty-four-hour notices.

Pinehurst resident Doug Middaugh spoke during the public comment portion of the Commissioner's meeting, raising two concerns about the Pinehurst project, including a 20-foot sewer line right-of-way and easement clearing required to access a manhole. County Attorney Misty Leland said she and Gould would meet to discuss Middaugh's concerns and provide a written response.

Because the Commission-

ers were unable to review the final contract before approving it — something that is not unusual — Commissioner Lea requested that all subsequent contracts be sent to the Commissioners for prior review, if time is not of the essence.

Ultimately, Leland will need to review and sign off on the contract before it can be approved. By bidding the project out, the County was able to save over one million dollars from the initial projected budget of \$6.6 million.

(See "Commissioners," p. 16)



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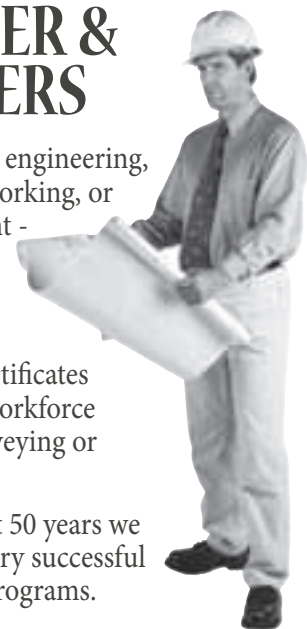
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This is not your grand-dad's chiropractor

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Completely remodeled from top to bottom, Seven Lakes Chiropractic is not only a cleaner and brighter space, it's downright pretty, too.

"We are changing our focus from traditional chiropractic to a more health and wellness focus," explained Dr. Renee Cowan, "so we wanted to make our space healthier. But with these changes, we've had so many folks comment that they feel relaxed now, just being here."

With ten years experience as a massage therapist before she became a doctor of chiropractic medicine, Dr. Cowan has a keen understanding of the human body and healthy living. Rather than wait for an injury or illness, she is a strong advocate of taking action that will promote wellness through proper nutrition, strengthening exercises, and other healthy practices.

"We want people to come in more on the front end, rather than wait and come in later in pain," she told *The Times*. "Chiropractic adjusting works best as a preventive. Everybody — whether you are a kid or a retired person out playing golf a few times a week — you want to prevent an injury and keep your quality of life going."

She continued, "Many think that being a chiropractor is just about cracking backs, but that is really a small part of the big picture. The health of your spine is dependent on the health of your cells, so your cells all over your body have to be healthy too."

With the recent remodel, Dr. Cowan has created a coordinated space specifically designed to help patients accomplish the goal of healthy living.

Carpets were pulled out, fluorescent lighting was removed, a new ventilation system was installed, all the cleaning products are now non-toxic — even the x-ray machine was eliminated in favor of referring patients to a nearby facility with safer technology. In addition to

traditional treatment rooms, Seven Lakes Chiropractic now also has classroom space for yoga and strengthening classes, a massage therapy room, and a separate space for nutritional counseling.

"When you come here, wellness starts at the door," Dr. Cowan said.

She is assisted by Christy Callis, who serves as office manager and also the rehab specialist, and massage ther-

apist, Erica Yussery. North-sider Nancy Weinstroth will be offering yoga classes and, very soon, an acupuncturist will be on-staff, and a meditation instructor will be leading classes as well.

Dr. Cowan explained that virtually every treatment plan she recommends includes massage therapy, and she is pleased to now have a dedicated practitioner on-staff.

"Massage isn't just an adjunct to chiropractic medicine," she explained. "It's like nutrition — you can't do without it."

And with Callis on-staff, Dr. Cowan said the focus will be on using the Pettibon System, which she describes as the most sophisticated rehab system available.

"It is proven. You can see it, the people feel stronger. It is a very powerful rehab," she said. "The person can literally change the curvature of their spine by doing exercises they learn here and then can do at home."

And that is the ultimate goal, Dr. Cowan explained: "I don't want people to have to come here again and again — but to come in and learn what they can do at home to take care of themselves."

"Through exercises, massage therapy, learning about what diet and lifestyle changes you can make . . . whatever it is that increases wellness, we want to be the experts in," she said. "We want to teach people how

(See "Cowan," p. 7)



Erica Yussery, Dr. Renee Cowan, and Christy Callis make up the team at Seven Lakes Chiropractic.



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Camplin gets ready for PGA Championship

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

"This isn't just a tour event. These are the best players in the world!"

That's how Todd Camplin describes the upcoming 93rd PGA Championship, an event in which he will be competing.

The father of two young children, Camplin spent several years after college trying to make it on the tour circuit before settling down in Seven Lakes North with his wife, Holly. First working as a caddy, then with carts, he joined the pro staff at Pinehurst's Course 7 in 2002, and serves as the head pro.

Last September, he won the Carolinas PGA Professional Championship, which qualified him to play in the PGA Professional National Championship in Hershey, PA, in June. In 2010, he had played in this same tournament, but failed to make the cut, an event he said was a turning point: Camplin knew he could do better.

Returning this year, he said while he didn't break any course records he was thrilled to secure the twentieth spot in a playoff tie-breaker. That win put him on the path to the PGA Championship to be held August 11-15 at the Atlanta Athletic Club.

"It was awesome," Camplin said. "It was very rewarding to have that much at stake and be able to come out on top. My parents had to leave before the playoff [for a medical appointment as his mother battles cancer], and it was neat to be able to make that phone call to tell them I made it."

One of the four majors — alongside the U.S. Open, Master's, and The Open Championship — the PGA Championship features the most players drawn from the Top 100 and is often considered the most demanding event. Those eligible to compete include the top 20 low scorers in the PGA Professional Championship, winning.

(See "Camplin," p. 21)



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Ornaments donates to Jubilee House makeover

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter

In an act of charity that began with an email, the Seven Lakes boutique Ornaments donated a truckload of furniture to the Jubilee House — a Fayetteville shelter for homeless female veterans that is being remodeled by the Extreme Makeover television show.

Co-owner Kris Bebout, whose son is a US Marine, spearheaded the effort, which began with a email from a one of Extreme Makeover's producers, who found Ornaments on the Web. Instead of having the show purchase the furnishings they wanted, Bebout decided to donate them.

"At first they [Extreme Makeover] asked for a farm



Ornaments Co-Owner Kris Bebout with a truck full of furnishings donated to Jubilee House.

table, and it progressed from there," Ornaments co-owner Shannon Bateman told *The Times*. The donations ranged from a farm table to garden stands.

Jubilee House helps not only displaced female veterans, but also their children, so Bebout included a toy box, filled to the brim with toys for the kids.

With their pick-up truck piled high with donations, Bebout and her husband journeyed to Fayetteville on a hot July night to make their delivery.

"It was mass chaos," Bebout told *The Times*, describing the Extreme Makeover site. Over 3,000 military and civilian volunteers helped with the Jubilee House remodel.

With military in both Bebout's and Bateman's family, it was an easy decision to donate the items.

"We felt like those people deserve our honor — and if they need it, why not give it," said Bateman.

Bebout said her email to the Extreme Makeover cast that expressed her gratitude

for the military as "a Marine Mom," had them in tears.

The Ornaments team, who have long had a passion for antiquing and repurposing furniture, were, "very excited" to be a part of such an effort that helps families in need. Donating to such a cause "fueled our patriotic side," said Bateman, "they [service personnel] deserve all the help we can give them."

Jubilee House is spearheaded by Navy Veteran Barbara Marshall, who helps homeless, female veterans

through a "Steps-N-Stages" program. The Jubilee House episode of Extreme Makeover will air on October 21 on the ABC television network.

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Austin Hubbard's dream? To be a firefighter

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter

Foxfire resident Austin Hubbard's dream has always been to be a firefighter — and he's one step closer after completing training at West Virginia University [WVU] Extension's Junior Firefighter Camp. Now Hubbard volunteers at West End Fire and Rescue as the only junior firefighter on the squad.

The "Final Exam" at the West Virginia camp required Hubbard and his classmates to extinguish a blazing fire. Having completed the camp, he is now certified in First Aid, CPR, and the use of an automated external defibrillator; schooled in the operation of a fire truck; and acquainted with the basics of firefighter one and two certification. WVU boasts one of five junior firefighting camps in the nation and had 107 graduates this year.

Hubbard was bit by the firefighter bug when he was two years old, that is when his mother, Karen Hubbard first took him to a fire station. It was the beginning of weekly trips to the fire station and a life long dream to become a firefighter. "I kept going back and learned to like it," said Hubbard, "[a firefighter] was something I could really

do when I grew up—more realistic."

While other kids his age want to be professional ath-



Austin Hubbard

letes, Hubbard explained that he wants to help people — and being a firefighter is one way to do that. Austin's mother said she is "not surprised" that her son has taken this route, saying "he has the biggest heart."

According to Hubbard, only three fire stations in Moore County offer the junior firefighter programs: West End, Seven Lakes, and Carthage. Being the only junior firefighter at the West End station allows Hubbard the opportunity to learn new things every day.

Karen said her son is at the station almost every day — mopping the floors, rolling up hoses — though there are limits to what he can do. For instance, Hubbard cannot go out on a live call until he is 18 years old, but he can participate in some of the training. Hubbard recently completed West End Fire and Rescue training on how to use a 800 PSI air bag to lift a car up if someone is trapped underneath. "Training is always fun," Hubbard said.

When asked what advice he would pass along to anyone interested in becoming a junior firefighter Hubbard said, "It's a lot of fun and a great opportunity to learn and meet new people — and you get a chance to be a part of your community in an active way."

West End Fire and Rescue Chief Wayne Kennedy said it is young people such as Hubbard that will allow volunteer fire and rescue to "survive." Kennedy encouraged anyone interested in becoming a junior firefighter to stop by the station and sign up — anyone under 18 will need their parent's approval and, on occasion, will need a parent present to participate in certain train-

ing exercises. Kennedy said he is trying to "push really hard" to get more kids involved in the junior firefighting program.

"Austin did a really good job going to that training," said Kennedy, "[it's] a move forward in [his] career."

Hubbard, who will be a freshman at Pinecrest High School in the fall, plans to attend the University of Mary-

land when he graduates from high school. He would like to obtain a Fire Fighting Science Degree, and told *The Times* that there are "a lot of books behind it that people don't imagine."

In the meantime, he will be serving at West End Fire and Rescue — pursuing his dream of becoming a firefighter.

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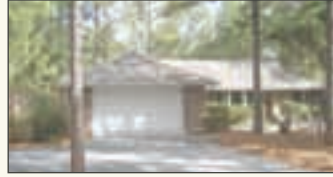
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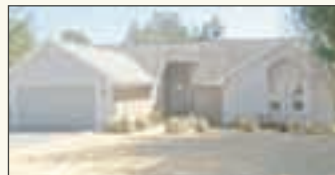
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In memory of . . .

George R. Puffer, 75, of Seven Lakes, died Friday, July 29, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mr. Puffer was the son of Clyde and Thelma (Sanders) Puffer. He grew up in Conneaut, Ohio and attended the East Conneaut United Methodist Church. He played for Rowe High School on the basketball and baseball teams, pitching the winning game in the State Regional Championship in 1954.

Mr. Puffer worked a series of jobs, including JC Penney, the Nickel Plate Railroad, and Lamson & Sessions.

He graduated from the University of Buffalo in 1966, began teaching in high schools, and in 1970, he was offered a position the Secretarial Science Department of Erie Community College North Campus, Williamsville, NY. During his tenure, he spearheaded efforts to transition the department from electric typewriters to modern technology. He retired in 1994 as an Associate Professor of Office Technology at ECC North, and had served as Department Chair for several years.

He was a long time member of Orchard Park United Methodist Church, Orchard Park, NY After retirement, he and his wife, Carolyn moved to Seven Lakes. He was a member of the Sweet Sixteen at the Seven Lakes Country Club, and volun-

teered at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

He was preceded in death by his brothers Phillip Puffer, Frank Puffer, and sister-in-law Bernadine Puffer.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Carolyn; daughters, Cynthia (Ralph) Darby, of Abington, PA; Julie (David) Dietz, of Holly Springs; and one granddaughter.

A memorial service will be held Friday, August 5, at 11 am, at The Chapel in the Pines, Seven Lakes.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes is assisting the family.

Jimmie E. Hurd, 83, of Seven Lakes, died Wednesday, July 27, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Memorial services were held Saturday, July 30, at West End United Methodist Church. The Rev. Won Namkoong officiated.

Mr. Hurd was born in Angelica, NY the son of the late Eva Elizabeth and Charles Edward Hurd. He spent his childhood in Limestone, NY, graduating from Limestone High School in 1945 where he lettered in baseball and basketball. In 1945, he joined the U.S. Navy Air Corp and was discharged in 1946.

In 1951, he went to work for the FBI as a clerk and advanced to the position of secretary to J. Edgar Hoover. He was appointed Special

Agent of the FBI June 1953, receiving numerous commendations(20) from J. Edgar Hoover, other FBI officials, Offices of the Attorney General, and one from the Department of Defense for work done during the Cold War. He retired in 1978. He served as President of Montgomery Country Club, MD and past President of Beacon Ridge Men's Golf Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Melvin Earl Hurd, and stepson Steve Prail.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, LaVonne; son Thomas Hurd, of Gainesville, FL; daughters Catherine Taylor and Annapolis, MD and Pamela DiRamio, of Salem, VA; stepson Alan Prail of San Diego, CA; step daughter Kristen Stewart, of Richmond, VA; four grandchildren; three step grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

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

Boles Funeral Home assisted the family.

Richard Owen Lewis, 83, of Seven Lakes, died Sunday, July 24 at home.

A celebration of Mr. Lewis' life was held on Thursday, July 28 at Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. The Rev. Robert Brown and

Rev. Fred Thompson officiated.

Mr. Lewis worked as a Computer Engineer for the West Bend Company of West Bend WI, then for the Harnischfeger and Koehring

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Companies of Milwaukee, WI.

He and his wife Carolyn, moved to Sanibel Island, Florida and became the owners of a seafood and catering company, The Reel Eel. He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Carolyn; parents, Ruth and Hugh Lewis; and sister Georgeanna Schneller.

Survivors include his sister Mary Wright of Boulder, CO; four children, Rob Lewis of Charlotte; James Lewis (Marie) of Seven Lakes; Cari Zimmer (Will) of Martinsville; Anne Lewis of Fort Myers, FL; and nine grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church of Seven Lakes, P.O. Box 456, West End, NC 27376 or FirstHealth Hospice, 150 Applecross Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family with arrangements.

Danny Lee Puckett, 61 of West End; died Friday July 22, in Southern Pines. Mr. Puckett was born in Moore

County son of the late Otis Puckett and Leatrice (Marshall) Puckett.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 27, at Boles Funeral Home Chapel, Southern Pines. The Rev. Otis Goins, and Rev. David Reynolds officiated. Burial followed at the West End Cemetery.

Mr. Puckett grew up in the West End area of Moore County and graduated from the West End High School. He was an avid motorcycle rider and member of the Sandhills Harley Owners Group. Mr. Puckett owned and operated DP Construction for many years.

Mr. Puckett was preceded in death by a brother, Dwight Puckett and a sister, Louise Puckett Leonard.

Mr. Puckett is survived by his companion, Michelle Brewer of West End; son, Jason Harris; a daughter, Lisa Bustamante; his grandchildren; stepmother, Mozelle Puckett of West End; sisters, Brenda Puckett Frye, of Carthage and Debbie Puckett Bowman, of Arant, VA; step-sister, Goldie Edwards, of Winston Salem; sister-in-law

Betty Puckett of West End; and brother-in-law Jim Leonard of Hoffman.

Memorial donations can be made in memory of Danny Puckett to the Harmony Baptist Church at PO Box 11, West End, NC 27376

Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines assisted the family.

William (Bill) J. Evans, age 83, of Seven Lakes, formerly of Pittsburgh, PA, died July 22.

Born in Pittsburgh, PA, the son of Helen and William D. Evans.

He enlisted in the United States Navy during W.W.II, served in the Pacific theater as a Fire control man. After his service, he started the Pittsburgh Dial Company in 1948. He built a very successful business and retired after 42 years with his wife to North Carolina.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, August

13, at the West End Presbyterian Church. A memorial celebration for Mr. Evans will be held in Pittsburgh at a later date.

He was preceded in death by his sister Mary Anne Welding, and his brothers Bobby, and Alan Evans.

Mr. Evans was the beloved husband for 55 years of Marion Evans.

He is survived by his sons, William A. Evans, Dennis F. Evans, and James R. Evans; his beloved grandchildren; two brothers, Richard and Ronald Evans, and brother-

in-law Jack Welding.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Moore County Hospital, and to the West End EMS for the wonderful care and compassion.

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"Don't trust anyone over thirty," "Question authority," and "All you need is love" were the rallying cries of the Baby Boom generation (1946-1964). Jerry Lee Lewis, the Supremes, the Beatles, and the Rolling Stones sang of this generation's joy and pain as they experienced the civil rights movement, the Vietnam War, the sexual revolution, the Cold War, and the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

But once this generation hit thirty, they experienced a mass shift in consciousness and decided it was okay to trust someone over thirty. They bought homes, raised children, became CEO's, and embraced consumerism and the almighty credit card.

Bob Dylan poignantly sang, "for the times they are a-changin'"; and the generation that cherished youth, autonomy, and a free-spirit are now experiencing the realities of caring for their aging parents. And their parents are coming to terms with growing physical and mental limitations — as well as their mortality.

The typical Baby Boomer is often unprepared for the challenges associated with caring for aging parents, especially when family members are spread across the coun-

try. Sons or daughters who live close enough to help care for parents can easily become overwhelmed with the extra responsibilities, when a parent develops memory loss, a deterioration



Spanning Generations

Dr. Melinda Spohn

in health, or experiences a fall that requires assistance for weeks or months.

Most Baby Boomers are already caring for their aging parents and can attest to the many phone calls, emails, and onsite visits required as they help navigate medical insurance, doctor visits, in-home care, transportation, medical needs, and long-term care facilities.

For Boomers on the precipice, take note. The discussion of continuum of care should begin well before a parent experiences mental or physical decline or has a medical crisis. In addition, while difficult to broach with a parent, end of life preferences, living wills, and advanced directives are all necessary topics of conversation. Charli Thyne, Patient

Advocate for FirstHealth of the Carolinas says:

People tend to shy away from end of life issues. Yet, it is one of the most loving things you can do for your family to alleviate indecision and family feuding when faced with a medical crisis. If your parent is uncomfortable discussing end of life issues you can initiate a dialogue by sharing with them your own choices.

The Advance Directive and Health Care Power of Attorney forms may be found at www.secretary.state.nc.us. Click on "Forms" and then download the form of your choice. Be sure to sign the forms in the presence of two

disinterested witnesses and a notary. In most cases this can be done at your bank or your insurance agent's office at no charge. "Choices make them yours; make them known, is a good motto to follow."

As Boomers delve into the experience of caring for their parents, it is important for them to remember that, in a few decades, they will be experiencing the same challenges as their parents. The generation that prized open communication now has the opportunity to give their children a gift. They can begin a dialogue now and share with them their wishes. They can get their wills and trusts in order and develop a plan of care.

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Summer Pests

Be on the lookout for mid-summer garden pests, check flowering plants, shrubs, vegetable garden, lawn, and other plants for insects and if damage warrants — treat with a safe insecticide.

With dry and dusty conditions, spider mites have been observed on plants. Insecticidal soap and Summer oil is helpful to control many insects. Sevin and malathion are old standbys that control numerous insects, but each have limitations. Permethrin is sold under various trade names and is a relatively new recommended insecticide and will control a broad spectrum.

Weed and grass control continues to be a problem. Remember broadleaf and woody plants can be controlled with various 2AD, MCPP, dicamba and other phenoxy herbicides. Two other products recommended

as grass killers are Poast and Vantage. Round-Up is a contact non-selective herbicide that kills everything it's sprayed on.

If you haven't fertilized your Bermuda or Zoysia lawn for the second and final time, do it now.

In the absence of a soil test analysis, use a premium lawn slow release fertilizer: 16-4-8, 15-10-14 or 18-3-11. As a general rule, each bag will cover 5,000-12,000 square

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- The Tuscarora Crape

Myrtle: a large pink flowered variety that grows 10 to 20 feet tall.

- The Natchez: a large tall white flower shrub-tree which grows 20 to 30 feet tall.

- The Muskogee: a tree shrub type that is lavender or pink, that grows 20 to 30 feet tall.

- The Seminole: a semi-dwarf variety flower with a bright red color that grows 10 to 12 feet tall.

- Tonto is a red dwarf variety, and grows 10 to 12 feet tall.

- Pecos is a pink semi-dwarf that grows 5 to 10 feet tall.

- Mendi miniature is a dark red, almost rose color, and rarely get more than 3 feet tall.

- Petite pink is a small plant, that is susceptible to mildew and grows only 1 foot to 18 inches tall.

- The Petite plum is purple, fairly hardy, and small in size.

Crape Myrtle Care

Plant all varieties and cultivars in full sun, water periodically especially during dry weather.

Fertilize and feed plants properly, deadhead, prune and cut back spent flowers — this will help prolong blooming until frost.

Moisture can be a problem during hot, dry weather. Water your plants when needed, but don't waste it, conserve it.

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Dr. Susan Purser, Superintendent of Moore County Schools, addressed the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, July 19. She outlined the county's "Growing to Greatness" program and lauded its results. "More than just providing an education, we have a mission to develop leaders," she said.

Moore County Schools

have developed their "Growing to Greatness" program by establishing core beliefs, and by pin-pointing their efforts towards their fulfillment. The District is focusing their education's efforts in four directions:

- Learning, with emphasis on "Future-Ready" skills.
- Community, to build and nurture collaboration with students, staff, parents, and communi-

ty.

- Culture, to create an environment that is safe, and promote a culture that is individually supportive.
- Leadership, to develop future-focused skills of both students and employees.

"Our responsibility is to engage our students and to develop them into good citizens,"

Dr. Purser said. "Our Growing to Greatness program which began in 2010 is already showing success. We have had student-led conferences with positive results. More parents are attending functions. The students feel more responsibility for learning. The teachers themselves feel good about everyone's interaction."

Even with the current financial "shortfall" for Moore

County education, Dr. Purser was extremely upbeat regarding our schools. She was most enthusiastic about the county's "Growing to Greatness" program, and felt our schools will continue to excel.

The Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club meets on Tuesdays at the Seven Lakes Country Club at 11:30 am.

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For a donation of \$10, wine lovers can enjoy tasting a variety of great wines at two locations. Or, for a donation of \$10, golfers can buy a chance for three foursomes at area golf courses. Every \$10 donation received will go toward the purchase of a workbook for one of Moore County Literacy Council's adult students.

Sandhills Winery in Seven Lakes is the event sponsor on Wednesday, August 17, from 6 to 8 pm. Guests will enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres, and door prizes each night including a Starbucks gift basket and a copy of that week's Country Bookshop best seller.

"One of our goals in fundraising," explains Executive Director Susan Sherard, "is to educate our donors

about the realities of providing free tutoring for adult students. The organization currently serves 90 student/tutor pairs, who typically use three to four books at a time, at an average of \$10 per book. Our hope is to raise enough to purchase 200 books."

"We are grateful for the businesses whose donations make these fundraisers possible," said Shirley Starkey, chair of the Fundraising

Committee of the Board of Directors. "We are especially grateful to our hosts - Sandhills Winery in Seven Lakes, The Wine Cellar and Tasting Room and to Little River Country Club, The National and Seven Lakes Country Club for the golf rounds."

For tickets or information, call Susan at 910-692-5954 or susanmclc@nc.rr.com. Tickets to the benefit and raffle tickets can be purchased at the door.



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Commissioners

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Public Works

Convening as the East Moore Water District Board, the Commissioners approved an Engagement Letter for Sanford Holshouser to serve as bond counsel for the East Moore Water District [EMWD].

The request was made by Public Works Director Randy Gould, who said the bond counsel would cost \$11,000. Holshouser served as bond counsel for the first and all subsequent phases of the EMWD.

Vehicle Purchase for the Sheriff's Office

The Board unanimously approved a request by Sheriff Lane Carter to purchase four half-ton 4-wheel drive pickup trucks from Phillips Ford of Carthage. The cost, including title, tags, and taxes is \$94,000, and funding is available in the 2011-2012 Vehicle Purchase Budget.

Public Hearing

The Commissioners during Tuesday's meeting called a public hearing for Tuesday, August 16 at 6 pm on proposed amendments to the Moore County Zoning Map. County Planner Robert Farrell requested the public hearing, which pertains to an un-

zoned 44 acre parcel of land located 950 feet south of the intersection of Dalrymple Road and Highway 24-27. The currently vacant property was de-annexed from the Town of Cameron in 2008 and is currently un-zoned. The zoning requested is for Rural Agricultural [RA].

Other Business

In other business during the Moore County Board of Commissioners' Tuesday, August 2 meeting:

- Commissioner Caddell said he is, "a little nervous," about hosting the 2011 Dixie Youth Baseball World Series but added that Hillcrest Park is an "unbelievable facility for the kids or Moore County." Caddell is expecting over 100 volunteers for the week and some 5,000 people to attend the Series. The event will run from August 12 thru August 18, with twenty-four teams competing from eleven states for the championship.

- The Moore County Human Resources Department distributed Employee Service Awards for June, July and August.

- County Attorney Summer Intern Katherine "Kate" King presented the Board with changes to the Public Records

Law affecting government employees. In October 2010 a new law became effective that requires public employers, including state employers who have employees subject to the State Personnel Act, to maintain and provide public access to certain information regarding their employees.

- The Board approved the reappointment of four members to the Aging Advisory Council including: Lois Holt, Carolyn Mealing, Mary Price, and Pauline Taylor for a three year term expiring in August 2014. Mealing, Price, and Taylor are all residents of Seven Lakes West.

- Moore County Planning Director, Joey Raczkowski has given his resignation, reported County Manager Cary McSwain, who added that the County is in the process of looking for his replacement.

- Chairman Nick Picerno was absent from the August, 2 meeting.

SLCC Beach Party

Everyone's invited to a "Beach Party" on Saturday, August 27, at Seven Lakes Country Club.

Festivities begin with cocktails at 5:30 pm, followed by a fabulous Buffet at 6:30 pm featuring Fried Chicken, Chopped Pork BBQ, Grilled Summer Veggies & Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Assorted Rolls, Fruit Display, Peach Streusel Pie with Whipped Cream and Iced Tea or Lemonade.

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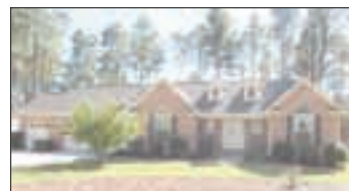
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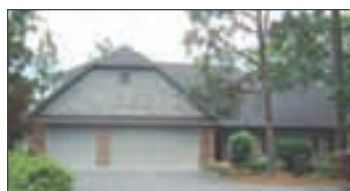
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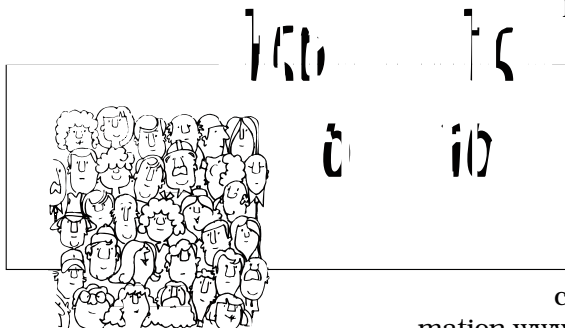
SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

- **Farmers' Market - at Sandhills Winery** - 9 am - Noon, local produce and handcrafts. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes 673-3838.
- **The Best of Nests** – 3 pm, Don't miss this opportunity to see first hand just how amazing birds are as builders. You'll get to browse the collection of

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**MONDAY, AUGUST 8**

National Active & Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Sandhills Chapter 1895 – monthly meeting, 10:30 am, at Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St., Southern Pines. Featured guest speaker, Congressman Howard Coble, NC 6th District. Public is invited. Chapter 1895 welcomes all Federal/Postal employees, retirees, spouses/surviving spouses to meetings, held each 2nd Monday of the month. Information about NARFE is available by contacting: George/Julina LeVander (910) 895-9657; Peter Feeney (910) 695-1554, or Vilma Geisert (910) 215-5898.

- **Second Monday** – 6:30 pm, Sandhills Community College Outdoor Jazz Band

Concert, at Boyd Library Green. Free - bring your lawn chair or blanket to sit on and enjoy an evening of music.

- **Sandhills Photography Club** – 7 to 9 pm, at Christ Fellowship Church, Midland & Pee Dee Roads, Southern Pines. Susan Bailey of Raleigh is returning to judge the digital competition – “Just Add Water” for Class A and Class B. Guests welcome. For information www.sandhillsphtoclub.org

- **Elvis 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, just east of Hwy 220, Candor. Minimum purchase \$15. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. 910 974-3051.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

- **SLCC Junior Golf Camp** – hosted by Seven Lakes Country Club, the Camp will be Tuesday, August 9 through Thursday, August 11, 8 am -10 am each day. All junior players

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- **Healing Service** – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & trouble, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased. All are welcome.
- **Afternoon Tea with Susan Ely at Lady Bedford's Tea Parlour** - 2:30 pm, Raleigh based freelance food writer and motivational speaker, Susan Ely will speak on “Where you Dwell – Havoc or Haven?” Do you have stacks of decades-old magazines, insurmountable to-do lists, and unrealistic expectations? Peoples lives tend to pile up with stuff that keeps us distracted and discontent. For our homes to be a haven, we

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

- **Zumba Dance Class at Seven Lakes Baptist Church** – every Thursday morning at 8:30 am – 9:30 am, in the SL Baptist Church Family Life Center. A Zumba licensed instructor will be teaching. This is a Free class. Questions call the church at 673-4656. 1015 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am to 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). A time of fellowship and devotion and a wonderful meal provided \$5.
- **Wine Tasting** – at Sandhills Winery 5:30 to 8 pm, great wines, and food pairings. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com

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- **Tarheels and Turpentine** - 3 pm, In 1880 North Carolina was producing one-third of the world's supply of turpentine. Join the ranger for a closer look at the history of this industry, the products produced from pine resin and the origin of our state's nickname, The Tarheel State. Held in the Visitor Center Auditorium. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines. (910) 692-2167.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

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- **Moore County Board of Commissioners** - 6:00 pm, regular meeting. Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

- **Moore County Literacy Council** - from 6 pm to 8 pm, hosting a wine tasting at Sandhills Winery, with hors d'oeuvres. Donation is \$10. This is a fundraiser

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

- **North, South & West Open Golf Tournament** - hosted by Seven Lakes Country Club. 8:30 am Shotgun start. Entry Fee \$35 per player (\$70 team). Fee

includes cart fee, range balls, lunch and prizes. Format is Fourball Competition - "Better Ball of Partners." Both players must reside in the same geographic development to qualify for this event - Seven Lakes North, South or West. Register for the tournament at Seven Lakes Country Club Golf Shop or contact Gene Roberts if you have any questions. 910-673-1092 ext. 2, slc-golf@nc.rr.com

- **Farmers' Market - at Sandhills Winery** - 9 am - Noon, local produce and handcrafts. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- **Bocce Bash** - Sandhills Children's Center hosting their 4th Annual Backyard Bocce Bash, at The Harness Track, Pinehurst. VIP Team of four is \$350 or General Team of four is \$100. Contact Teresa Copper (910) 692-3323 or visit www.BackyardBocce.org

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

- **Educator's Sunday** - at the 11:00 am service, at West End United Methodist Church. The church will recognize educators for

their contribution in the education of the future generations. An invitation is extended to all Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teachers, area principals, teachers and assistants (both active and retired) to attend this special service in their honor.

- **Bats in the Sandhills** - 3 pm, Learn more about these delightful creatures and their huge benefit to our environment. Myths and truths will be discussed, as well as practical methods for removing them from your home. Held in the Visitor Center Auditorium. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines. (910) 692-2167.

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

- **Moore County Schools Back to School Night for Traditional Programs - Middle Schools** - 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm. High Schools - 5:30 pm until 7 pm.
- **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, Candor. Minimum purchase \$15.

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Aeromodelers

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Raczkowski, that allows the Aeromodelers to fly their planes from a parcel leased from T. Clyde Auman Farms.

The Club leases property just to the west of the Blackwell's tract, as well as rights to fly over a larger pasture.

The Blackwells acquired their adjacent tract in January 2010, and filed a complaint concerning the Aeromodelers with the Moore County Planning Department in November of last year.

Planners determined that the Aeromodelers needed a zoning permit to fly their planes from the Auman property, but also initially used the complaint as an opportunity to add a new land use — "outdoor recreation" — to the Zoning Ordinance. When that ran into complications at the Planning Board level, Planning staff asked the Aeromodelers to submit an application for a Zoning Permit and a commercial site plan, which Planning Director Joey Raczkowski, ultimately approved.

The Blackwells appealed that approval, arguing that Raczkowski had wrongly interpreted the zoning ordinance and had failed to stop the Aeromodelers from flying, once it was clear they needed a zoning permit to do so.

What's a Club?

The crux of Attorney Yarborough's argument before The Board of Adjustment —

a five-member panel, appointed by the county's Board of Commissioners that meets as needed to consider appeals like the Blackwells — was that the Aeromodelers Club isn't a "club," at least as "Club" is defined in the Moore County Zoning Ordinance.

The Zoning Ordinance, Yarborough pointed out, describes a "Club or Lodge (Private, Nonprofit, Civic, or Fraternal)" which is defined as "A nonprofit association of persons, who are bona fide members paying dues, which owns, hires, or leases a building, or portion thereof, the use of such premises being restricted to members and their guests."

Clearly, the Attorney argued, what the ordinance has in mind is something like an Elks' Club or a Masonic Lodge — a club that has a building, in which it holds meetings, perhaps even serves food and drink, and conducts its affairs indoors.

Though the Aeromodelers plan to place a prefab metal storage building on the property they lease, he said, that building is intended for storage, not as a meeting place, and will have neither water nor septic.

Yarborough noted that Planner Robert Farrell, asked about the Ordinance's definition of "Club" during one Planning Board meeting, had in fact replied that it was and activity like an Elk's Club or Masonic Lodge.

If a model airplane group, with its primary activity out of doors and only a storage shed is a "club," Yarborough argued, then a group of teenagers could form a go-kart "club" and be authorized to race their machines in a residential area. There could even be a Moore County Pyrotechnics Club, he said.

"This definition of club is straining to the point of breaking," Yarborough said. "If this standard of 'club,' as Mr. R. says, is something he determines on a case by case basis — to continue an illegal activity — and is the way the Zoning Ordinance is interpreted in Moore County, then you might as well throw it out the window."

Planning Director Raczkowski responded by taking the Board of Adjustment deeper into the language of the Zoning Ordinance, where the definition of "building" says nothing about water and septic serv-

ice, and includes "tents, lunch wagons, dining cars, trailers, mobile homes, and attached or unattached carports."

That definition of building ultimately seemed to tip the balance with the Board of Adjustment. Board member Penny Johnson cited it in

questioning and member Kathy Liles mentioned it in explaining her vote

"By the reading of the definition, it does substantiate the use," Liles said. "I wouldn't say every activity is going to be the most pre-

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Camplin

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ners of the last five other majors, the Senior PGA

Champion, members of the Ryder's Cup teams, and other leading professionals.

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Along for the ride to Atlanta in August will be Camplin's family, his parents and in-laws, his brothers, and several good friends as well.

"I wouldn't call it star struck," he said of playing in a championship. "It's more of a surreal experience. To be in the locker room and walk past some of these guys is almost like, 'Okayyyy . . . ' It's more like an out-of-body experience."

Camplin's first experience with a PGA Tour event was the Wells Fargo Championship in Charlotte held last May.

"There is an acclimation that you have to do and I didn't do a very good job with that in the first round at Charlotte," he said. "But, by the second round I performed much closer to my capabilities."

In particular, Camplin said the buzzing whispers of the crowd and the unforgiving conditions on the course — firm, fast and tightly groomed

— were distracting.

"So much of golf is paying attention to what you're doing," he explained. "If you're not completely entrenched, then you're losing something."

Unfortunately, the timeline for such learning curves is merciless in professional sports.

Heading into the PGA Championship, Camplin said his primary goal will be to focus in from the very first tee on the first day.

"I'm looking forward to the entire experience in Atlanta; and, hopefully, you'll get to see a lot of me on TV," said Camplin. "That will be a sign that I am playing well."

You can also catch a glimpse of him on the CBS Special "The Road to the PGA Championship," a one-hour program that can be seen on the Golf Channel on Monday, August 8 at 1:30 pm and again at 8:00 pm. Coverage of the PGA Championship begins Thursday, August 11.

Aeromodelers

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ferred use, but because they are a club, the Planning Director made a reasonable determination."

Enforcement strategy

Yarborough also argued that the Aeromodelers should have been shut down as soon as the Planning Department realized they were in violation of the Zoning Ordinance.

But Raczkowski explained that the only violation was the lack of a permit. Even more importantly, the Ordinance instructs staff to attempt to remedy violations "through informal means." Raczkowski explained that the strategy of Moore County's Planning Department is to attempt to work with the parties involved to resolve

an issue — which was what they did with the Blackwells and the Aeromodelers Club.

Deputy County Attorney Brenda White told the Board that the Planning Department "gave the complaint every consideration and worked diligently to examine the site and the activity."

Noise, Safety Issues

The Blackwells submitted a packet of information that included information on the noise and safety issues raised by the operation of radio-controlled model airplanes — and showed the Board a video of a particularly noisy plane — those concerns were not much discussed during the hearing.

Board Member Liles noted that "If the issue at hand is

noise, then that's not part of the ordinance."

Decision, Next steps

The five members of the Board of Adjustment voted unanimously to uphold the granting of the Zoning permit; it would have required a four-fifths vote to overturn it.

After the decision was announced, Attorney Yarborough told *The Times* that his client "most definitely" would be appealing the Board of Adjustment's decision to the Superior Court.

"We'll be going to the next level," Andrew Blackwell added.

In the meantime, the Seven Lakes Aeromodelers have a valid zoning permit and can continue to fly their planes on the Auman property.

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OPINION

How about a blueberry stout!

There's more to blueberries than muffins.

That was the promise on the back of the Joy of Blueberries cookbook — and I was sold. After all, those tasty little treats are a beloved summertime luxury in the Douglass den — not to mention Darling Hubby harbors a passionate addiction — so I figured an entire book of blueberry-inspired recipes was exactly what I needed.

Envisioning salsas, salads, and at least a half-dozen casserole dishes, let's just say I was a bit underwhelmed with the table of contents. Understand that I don't have much of a sweet tooth, and my baking skills hover a

notch above a burn-the-house-down beginner.

Flipping through the chapters, I see detailed instructions for crisps, cobblers, buckles, crumbles, scones, and strudels; cakes, coffee cakes, shortcakes, cheese-cakes — I'm sensing a theme here — Plus a bevy of pies, bars, squares, trifles, puddings, cookies, breads, waffles, pastries, tarts, and tortes.

Come on, tarts and tortes? Is there that much of a difference between them to garner separate chapters?

Where exactly is the distinction between a bar and a square, other than the obvious?

And the most comical of

the listed entrees: what in the world is a buckle?

Call me ignorant, but aren't tarts what we don't want our daughters to be, torts something that lawyers

study, and buckles an instrument of torture with the sole purpose of reminding us why we need to stick to that diet?

Reading through the list of buckle ingredients offered no helpful clues. Like every other recipe, it called for an alarming amount of sugar, butter, eggs, milk, and blue-

berries.

I'm guessing there is some variation to be found if I dig deeper, but the cookbook reminded me of Mexican fast

Full disclosure: I like the seven-layered variation.

But I never claimed to be a foody or a connoisseur, just a lousy baker.

Instead what I am is a chick with a pronounced weakness for cheese, red meat, beer, and eggs in approximately that order. Luckily for my colon, I also enjoy spinach, tomatoes, artichokes, and a whole rainbow of fruits from red delicious to blueberry.

Hence my dubious decision to drop twelve bucks on this culinary manifesto.

But all I really wanted was a good blueberry casserole recipe — with cheese, preferably — that would pair nicely with my frosty brew.



Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

food. You know, order the same four ingredients in any of a dozen ways but, in the end, it's still just a glorified burrito-like something or other that may or may not include real meat.

Is a lack of prayer hurting our schools?

Question: I read recently that our public schools have been declining ever since the Supreme Court declared school prayer unconstitutional. Do you think that the absence of prayer in our schools is the cause of their decline?

Response: First, the Supreme Court of the United States did not disallow praying in schools. We all know by our own school experience that as long as there are tests and exams, some students will pray.

What is forbidden is official sectarian prayers of any religion, or prayers by students or staff that are required for all students either to join or hear.

I remember vividly sitting in student assemblies beside Alan Horowitz and Betty Kaplan — two Jewish friends — and sensing their discomfort and isolation when visiting Christian clergy or an evangelical Christian student were sanctioned by the school administration to pray in assemblies or over the public

address system. These prayers were often discriminatory against non-Christians and usually ended with the words "in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord."

In addition, Protestant clergy were encouraged to come to student assemblies — where attendance was required — and attempt to convert nonbelievers to Christianity.

The Supreme Court, under the authority of the first amendment to the Constitution, rightly ruled these prayers and sermons unconstitutional. There is no law, however, that makes it unlawful for students to pray privately or to gather with other students of like beliefs for prayer, as long as these gatherings are not sanctioned by the school administration or made mandatory for all students.

As a Christian pastor, I am often called upon to deliver public prayers for civic clubs, government organizations, and public events. I have prayed for fireworks, horse

shows, athletic events, and golf tournaments. I find these assignments difficult, and I work diligently to craft a prayer that is inclusive for people of all faiths and no faith at all.

Jesus had some explicit instructions

underfunded, understaffed, and our teachers are underpaid. These things, along with a lack of discipline and parental involvement, do not often attract the best teachers.

None of these problems are a result of the absence of prayer in the schools. We simply do not give the education of our children our highest priority in our funding and



Ask the 'Rev'

Rev. Don Welch

about prayer in the Sermon on the Mount. He said:

"Whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But, whenever you pray, go into your room and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you." — Matthew 6:5-6.

There are many problems in our schools. They are

our involvement.

I do pray for our schools, our teachers and our students.

The future of our nation is at stake, and I urge all people of faith to stop worrying about prayer in the schools and join in praying for the schools.

Don Welch, the minister at the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, encourages your comments and questions at: dwelch1@nc.rr.com

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Please, no four-way stop

Dear Editor:

The suggestion that a four way stop on Longleaf would reduce the likelihood of accidents is, to put it mildly, absurd.

The best example I can give this board is for them, and in particular, for Director Jim McCarthy, to spend several hours at the business intersection in the village of North Trade Street and Grant Street — and watch the confusion and total disregard for who goes first.

I go through that four way stop several times a day; and, if I don't yield to the other car, no one goes anywhere. Guess how many go right through the stop sign?

What mass confusion will

ensue putting up stop signs on Longleaf, a main thoroughfare in our community, one block away from Lakeway where you also have to stop and yield to oncoming traffic



on Longleaf.

The entrance and exit to the Westside Park is a side road, not a main thoroughfare.

To create confusion where

none exists at this time is irresponsible and unnecessary.

That intersection has been there for many, many years, and yes, common sense will tell most of us that someone might be coming from the other direction, or from a side road like the Westside Park.

Can you imagine stopping on Longleaf and waiting to see who is going to proceed first, you or the other guy? There are some drivers that can't decide whether to stop or go, or whether to let the other guy go, in most parking lots. What will happen on Longleaf?

Please, let's not look to create a total nightmare by creating a disastrous mess where none exist now. Longleaf has the right of way, as it should be, since that is our main thoroughfare — *Just Leave It Alone.*

Could you imagine putting a stop sign on NC Hwy 211 in front of McDonald's since there is a lot of traffic there? I don't think so.

*Ron Weber
Seven Lakes West*

Extension Club holds 'Share Our Shoes' drive

Sandhills Extension Club is holding "Share Our Shoes Drive" now through Wednesday, August 31.

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Westside meeting

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change,” Infrastructure Director John Goodman refused to vote on the motion until the community had an opportunity to weigh in. Other Board members agreed on the need for more input, leading McCarthy to withdraw his motion.

President Mick Herdrich said landowners can provide comments through the SLWLA website — but there was plenty of comment during the Work Session.

Westsider Bill Price, speaking during member comments, said he did “not see a necessity” of having a four way stop at the Community Center entrance.

“It is not stopping, not looking, and not being careful” that is causing any problems, Price said. Director Goodman agreed, suggesting that drivers should just stop and look both ways when exiting the WSPCC.

Legal Director Jack Stevens said “legislating good behavior and good judgement is awful hard to do — the more stop signs we put up will not change that.”

McCarthy said putting the stop signs up now would help people to get used to the idea of stop signs being there. The NC Department of Transportation has given McCarthy the go-ahead for a four-way stop to be put at the intersection, as long as the Board approves the stop signs and

residents are given thirty-days’ notice.

Community Manager Joan Frost — who has been working with McCarthy on the issue — said that she has heard from “a lot” of people — as many as thirty to forty — coming into the CAS office saying that they tried to make the turn and were “almost hit” and a “fast thought” got them through it.

“[I] hope we never see an accident down there,” said Frost.

Secretary Jane Sessler expressed doubts about putting up the stops signs when the location for the mailhouse has yet to be determined. “Nothing on that [mailhouse] has been decided yet,” she said. “It’s a little premature to start revamping this intersection.” President Herdrich agreed with Sessler’s point.

Westsider Charlie Flinchum suggested adding yield signs rather than stop signs to the intersection. Johanna Moran suggested positioning large round mirrors to afford drivers a better view of oncoming traffic, but both Frost and Goodman said this would not work.

Goodman was also not in favor of Moran’s suggestion to build up the road elevation to eliminate the blind spot caused by the hill. If you build up one such area, then every area similar to it in the community would have to be similarly altered, he said.

McCarthy noted that there is currently one four-way stop in the community at Morris Drive and James. [Community Manager Frost pointed out, after this story was published online, that there is another four-way stop at Fawnwood and Otter.]

The Board also tabled McCarthy’s suggestion for additional stop signs at the intersections of Beacon Ridge Drive with Finchgate Court and with Paula Court.

Second Reading for Dock Extensions Approved

The Board during Tuesday’s meeting unanimously approved the second reading of a change to Section 5.5.2, Section B of the SLWLA Rules and Regulations that will increase the maximum length of docks on Lake Auman from 20 feet to 23 feet. Legal Director Stevens presented the second reading in the absence of Architectural Review Director John Hoffmann.

A final reading and vote will take place at the SLWLA work session on Tuesday, August 9, which Director Stevens said will fulfill the requirement for community input and thirty-days’ notice before rules changes.

Communications

Membership on the Seven

Lakes West website is up to 580, reported Secretary Jane Sessler, who noted that the website’s events calendar is now interactive, allowing community members and groups to post information about upcoming events. The calendar can also be printed out by website users.

Sessler said she is in the process of updating the “activity directory” on the website and is looking for contact information for community groups and event organizers. Members with contact information to share can reach Sessler via email.

Sessler thanked Community Manager Frost and the CAS staff for their timely posting of website updates on culvert repairs and the associated road conditions and detours.

Lake & Dam Report

President Herdrich reported that options for repairing the Johnson Point boat slips are still under review, adding that no repairs are likely before the Fall.

Herdrich reminded boat owners who received a \$25 fine for not registering their boats or placing their new boat stickers on by the deadline that they need to pay their fine promptly. A fine left unpaid for 30 days will result in a \$50 fine; after 60

days, a \$75 fine; and after 90 days, it will be turned over to the judicial panel.

A summary of a new report by Dam Engineer Dr. Dan Marks analyzing data about the interior structure of the Lake Auman Dam can be viewed on the community website as well as in the community center, Herdrich said, adding that the report includes a lot of useful information about the construction of the dam. Copyright prevents duplication of the full engineering report.

The data for the report was gathered during the drilling of new piezometers, used to measure the water level in the interior of the dam. The new piezometers reportedly “work extremely effectively,” Herdrich said.

Community Manager Frost said she is working with Cagle Landscaping to gather information regarding a new swimming float for Johnson Point that is “more safety oriented.” The platform is unlikely to be ready before Spring 2012, assuming it meets with the Board’s approval.

Cagle Landscaping will also handle the installation of Johnson Point gates, once paving in that area is completed, Frost reported. She added that some minor dock

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repairs will likely be necessary as a result of damage that occurred when a boat sank while moored to one of the Johnson Point slips.

Finance Committee

Treasurer Don Freiert reported that the Association is "on track" financially. The Association has \$4.4 million in total assets, which includes cash and investments at \$1.7 million and net fixed assets such as Westside Park and other amenities at \$2.7 million.

Current liabilities total \$700,000, with \$680,000 of that accounted for by the Westside Park mortgage. The reserve funds stand at \$1.3 million, and the Association's equity is \$2.4 million.

Net income for the first two months of the fiscal year was \$128,000 — mainly from dues being paid in an annual lump sum instead of monthly. Expenses are currently running within budget, Freiert reported.

The one investment issue for the month was the maturing of a \$50,000 CD, proceeds from which were placed in the checking account to be used for culvert replacement expenses.

The finance committee has signed an engagement letter for the Association audit by Busby and Company, which should take place later this

Summer.

Manager's Report

Community Manager Joan Frost reported during Tuesday's work session that seventy-five compliance letters had been sent out in the prior two weeks, including thirty-five for boat and trailer violations, twenty-nine for yard issues, five for parking vehicles or boats on the right aways and driveways without approval, one pool violation, one unauthorized dog house, three HVAC units needing to be screened, and one deck built without the appropriate permit.

"Most people have responded quite well," to the compliance letters, said Frost; however, one person is being referred to the Judicial Panel.

The Association and Moore County Animal Control are working together in an attempt to trap beavers that have built a dam in one of the culverts in Morgan Wood — something that has happened before, Frost reported. There is also an ongoing effort to trap a fox that is living under a homeowner's front porch.

There have been "major repairs" to the irrigation system at Johnson Point, Frost said, to repair leaks and damage caused by tree roots growing into the water lines. Irrigation at the Pinnacles has also had to be replaced

because of damage from lightning strikes.

Frost said she had spent almost thirty hours with one homeowner in the last two weeks, because their lot looked "really bad," but discovered that the lot's appearance was the result of another person or persons dumping debris and cutting down trees on the lot. The matter has been handed over to an attorney for evaluation.

Recent storms have caused damage to "quite a few" homes, Frost reported, noting that she is investigating whether the Association has any liability in the matter and is trying to help those affected find a solution to their problems.

Community Manager Frost also reported that:

- Over 200 decals for

entrance into the North and South side have been sold.

- Three stop signs were stolen in one night, leaving the Association to "rush around" and find three signs to replace them before an accident occurred.
- The two small ponds on Longleaf are still being treated with herbicide — one in particular has an algae in it that is very hard to kill.
- Emergency exit signs have been placed off of Bainbridge and at Westside Park.
- Streets signs throughout the community will be painted this Fall to prevent any further deterioration.

Events Committee

Events Director Jim Fer-

guson reminded everyone of the Johnson Point concert by the Fog Blues Band on August 5 at 7:00 pm.

The Board appointed a new member, Rosemary Weber, to the Events Committee.

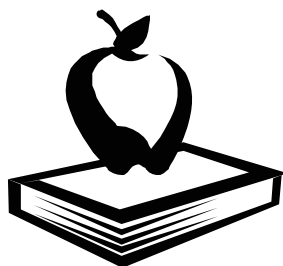
Although details of the event have not been finalized, Ferguson reported that a possible back to school pool party may take place on Saturday, August 27.

Culvert Repairs are Complete

All of the culverts on Longleaf Drive have been repaired, reported Infrastructure Director Goodman, who said that everyone should "rest easy" in knowing that the community will not have a road collapse or flood.

Road patching on Longleaf (See "Westside," p. 26)

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SLLA Meeting

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SLLA President Bob Darr explained that, at that time, several boats without identification stickers were pulled and moved to the Yard Debris Site.

Those boats will be included in the overall clearing out and removal project this time around.

During Wednesday's meeting, Keyser also recommended a proposed parking plan for the boat yard that would include a fence and expand the storage area into a level

section of property owned by the Association at Primrose Circle.

During public comment, Northsider JoAn Moses thanked the Board for their prompt attention to her recent request to mow and apply weed killer to the boat lot.

Lakes & Dams

Continuing the discussion of properly registering all boats on Lake Sequoia, Northsider George Temple, speaking on behalf of the Lakes & Dams Committee,

reported that thirty-five boats moored in the lake do not have current stickers. Notification letters have been sent out by the SLLA office.

Responding to Northsider Rich Scott's request for an update on a buoy repair, Temple said the necessary cable had been purchased, but the project was delayed while the maintenance department pontoon boat was out of service for engine repairs.

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Drive is still underway but nearly complete. One more round of repairs will have to take place at the first pond dam and in about eight to ten other areas throughout the community.

Goodman said he is awaiting design by Dr. Dan Marks for replacement of the overflow pipes for the lower pond at Lakeway Mall. The repairs may involve boring under the road, temporarily draining the lower pond, and widening the dam slightly to allow for pedestrian safety access. Since the lower pond furnishes irrigation for common areas, the project may not get underway until October of this year, if approved by the Board.

Legal Committee Report

Seven Lakes West is in compliance with the current North Carolina law for foreclosures, which requires a notice to parties involved and a waiting period, reported Legal Director Stevens, who said he had confirmed compliance with outside counsel Steven Later.

The Legal Committee is still working on a way to archive historic documents in the community. Stevens said that as the legal committee was archiving "legal" documents it became apparent that there may be other documents in the community that need to be archived as well. The archiving committee met and set first objectives,

the first being to contact all former association presidents and others who may have historic Association documents in their personal files.

"It's a fairly large effort," said Stevens, who urged anyone in the community that has an expertise in the matter to contact the legal committee.

Westside Park Report

Community Manager Joan Frost reported that West Side Park Community Center may be getting a new contract for trash removal, because the current bi-weekly pick up is not sufficient.

Pool operations have run smoothly this year, reported Frost, who reminded members to bring their membership cards and ID to the pool for entrance — and to not get upset with the gatekeeper for checking proper identification.

Frost has ordered additional linens for the Community Center — now there

are two sets of linens for all the tables. Six dozen replacement wine glasses have been ordered. The facility has service available for 250 people.

Other West Side Park items reported by Frost during Tuesday's meeting included:

- New American flags were purchased.
- Tennis nets will be repaired and a new one was purchased.
- After lightning struck the Community Center, a computer monitor had to be replaced.
- The HVAC system had a major problem, but repairs have been made.
- A drinking fountain leak was repaired.
- Carpets have been cleaned and tile in the kitchen and other areas are scheduled for cleaning.

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EAP update

The Board unanimously approved a contract with dam engineer S&ME to update the five high hazard dam Emergency Action Plans [EAP] at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

Originally drafted by S&ME in 2008 at an approximate cost of \$65,000, the revised plans will comply with new state regulations.

Security at Yard Debris Site

A new motion-detecting camera system is being tested at the Yard Debris Site, with hopes that it will deter unlawful dumping.

Community rules strictly restrict the use of the facility to landowners and limit the size and type of materials accepted. Contractors may not use the site, with the exception of resident professional landscapers disposing of their own yard waste.

Anyone caught on camera in violation of the rules will be brought before Judicial Committee, cautioned Darr, and may incur penalties and fines.

Landscape contractors will receive a written copy of these restrictions upon entering the community, and a notification sign will be installed at the Yard Debris Site.

Security Director Andy Lowe said the cameras will store up to a six month record of motion. If the debris site test model is successful, other motion-activated cameras may be installed at other common area locations in the community.

"I anticipate these cameras will provide excellent defini-

tion and have an infrared capability that will allow us to view even after dark," Lowe said.

During public comment, Southsider Ed Lukonis asked about the feasibility of purchasing a chipper for use at the debris site.

Director Bud Shaver said that option had been previously researched and determined to be not cost-effective.

"We ran the numbers, and it just didn't add up," said Shaver.

Revision of Bylaw 6.7

The Board during Wednesday's meeting unanimously approved a revision of Bylaw 6.7 that clarifies who is to preside over the first meeting, commonly known as the organizational meeting, of the SLLA Board of Directors following the annual election in March.

The two-part addition states that the two-year Board term shall commence immediately following the Annual Meeting and that the Nominating Committee Chairman will preside over the organizational meeting until a new President is elected and seated.

Revision of Bylaw 7.0

In a related concern centered on the annual election process, the Board also unanimously approved a revision to By-law 7.0 that would require any incumbent Director running for re-election to recuse themselves from participating in the proxy vote.

Historically, some landowners opt to allow the Board

to vote on their behalf with a proxy ballot. How those votes will be cast has traditionally been determined by a secret vote by all members of the Board.

Following the recent election, Director Bud Shaver expressed concern that it was inappropriate for incumbent candidates to participate, because in effect, they were voting for themselves.

However, there is an obvious snag in the revised Bylaw, since the seven-member Board is divided into two classes that serve staggered two-year terms.

"What happens when you have four directors running in a given year?" asked George Temple. "Then you won't have a quorum."

Darr agreed the revised language created a problem, but recommended approval now and that the Board would attempt to resolve that specific concern at a later date.

Canada Goose population control

A state-permitted program to control the resident Canada Goose population will continue, by unanimous approval

of the Board.

Northsider John Allen, who initiated discussion of the program during the June meeting, has agreed to assist with efforts, reported Keyser. Additional volunteers are also needed.

The program involves identifying goose nests located on Association common areas and then oiling or adding the eggs. The permit does not allow nests located on private property to be disturbed.

"This is just a continuation of the program that has been in place for some time," said Keyser.

Community standards

Formalizing a lengthy framework of timelines and specific actions, the Board approved a policy for following up and enforcing Community Standards violations.

"The new regulations are fairly long and fairly detailed, but we have kept hearing that the reason we can't enforce anything is because we don't have our policies written down," said Darr. "This was a decision to get it down in black and white, so we can all be on the same

page."

According to the new plan, once a violation has been identified by a member of the Standards Committee and formally reported, the first contact will be a telephone call from the SLLA office to the landowner within two days of the initial report. If no contact is made by telephone, a letter will be sent.

If the property is occupied by a renter, both the renter and the landowner will be contacted.

After fourteen days from the first contact, the property will be re-inspected by a member of the Standards Committee. If the property is determined to still be in violation, a letter will be sent advising the resident that they have fourteen days in which to comply or the concern will be forwarded to Judicial Committee.

At any point during this process, the landowner may submit a written request for consideration of additional time to correct the violation.

If the concern is brought before Judicial Committee, the landowner will be contacted with the outcome of

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the hearing within seven days, and have fifteen days to appeal the decision to the Board of Directors.

During the Community Standards Committee report, Director Bob Racine said there were thirty-eight outstanding cases from June and sixty-five new violations reported in July.

Two new committee members have volunteered for service, but Racine said he is still one member short. Any interested landowners should contact him for information. Member's names are kept confidential, and the committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am in the SLLA Conference Room.

Finance

A proposed policy outlining financial controls and signature authority for Community Manager Alina Cochran will be ready for discussion at the next Work Session, reported Treasurer Conrad Meyer.

"In the meantime, Alina and Talis Management are already operating under it," he explained, adding that "it [the policy] is more restrictive than what had been in place historically."

In addition, a new collection policy for annual dues is now in place. Meyer encouraged any landowners with past due accounts to contact himself or the SLLA office to set up a payment plan.

Meyer also reported that the annual audit is in process and that Finance Committee members met with several managers from the Talis main office in Raleigh to discuss a number of issues related to financial documents.

"I took the opportunity to set our expectations for our monthly financials, including their timely delivery and accuracy," said Meyer. "We also discussed several open issues, with some being resolved and some being worked on. It was a positive meeting in that we were able to get the whole team involved and working together."

Director Shaver compli-

mented Meyer and the Finance Committee for resolving several issues dating back to the initial transition from in-house management to an outside management com-

pany.

Director Keyser also complimented the new financial reports, noting that the presentation is much easier to follow and understand.

Dam Dispute Settled

In 2006, state-mandated repairs at Lake Echo required the installation of an underlying blanket and a covering of rip-rap stonework to eliminate seepage on the face of the dam — a \$245,000 project. A conflict arose when the remediation encroached upon Northsider Jean Fulmer's property.

The issue laid fallow for years, but during the July 31 Open Meeting, Community Manager Alina Cochran reported the Association had reached a settlement in the amount of \$15,000.

Speaking to *The Times*, Cochran and SLLA President Bob Darr explained that the settlement amounted to, in effect, the purchase of 3,300 square feet of Fulmer's property that lies adjacent to the dam face.

"The Board of Directors, at that time, understood the work had been mandated and that it had to be

put there," explained Darr. "But there was not a whole lot of discussion on how to resolve the issue."

"There was not much communication back and forth," Darr said, despite attempts by Fulmer to reach an agreement.

"Frankly, we screwed up," the SLLA President said. "We [the SLLA] could have resolved this four or five years ago and purchased that land from her, but there were no negotiations."

Per the settlement, a new property line was drawn that reduced the size of Fulmer's lot as necessary around the stonework, and which also includes a four-foot easement for the Association to conduct appropriate maintenance and inspections.

"The Board's approach to this was that we needed to do the right thing," said Cochran.

Continuing the financial report, Cochran said the Association is on target with the current budget, but drew attention to two unanticipated expenditures, including a \$15,000 legal settlement with a landowner and \$4,200 in waste removal fees for oversized materials left at the Yard Debris Site.

Cochran said she is looking at other proposals for waste removal to make sure the community is getting a fair price.

Recreation

The popular morning water aerobics program attracts approximately thirty to forty "noodle ladies" each weekday morning, reported Racine.

Compliments were extended to Northsider Barbara Keating for her work coordinating and coaching this year's Seven Lakes Stingrays Swim Team and also lessons for beginning and intermediate swimmers.

"We had thirty-two swimmers and they had a very successful year," said Cochran.

Upcoming recreation events include a S'Mores Party at Sequoia Point, to be held

Saturday, September 10 at 6:30 pm. Children of all ages are invited for a fun evening of s'mores over the campfire. A lifeguard will be on-hand to keep little swimmers safe.

The Recreation Committee is looking for new ideas and for more volunteers. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am in the SLLA Conference Room.

Other Business

In other business on Wednesday, July 27, the SLLA Board:

- Heard from Darr that he has not made a lot of progress with instituting a Communication Committee. Any interested landowner volunteers should contact him for information.
- Heard from Shaver that a contract proposal has been sent out for paving engineers to help develop specifications for the repaving project. In response to a question on drainage, Shaver said the paving work will maintain the drainage control curbing.



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