

Annual Meetings highlight volunteers



George Temple was named Seven Lakes Landowners Association's 'Citizen of the Year.'

SLLA honors George Temple

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter



Inclement weather and the NCAA basketball tournament kept the crowd light at the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 25. Plus, little excitement was provided by an unremarkable ballot with no dues increase request and three candidates vying for three open seats on the SLLA Board of Directors.

All three candidates are newcomers to the Board. Steve Ritter garnered the highest number of votes at 227, followed by Dave Buckingham with 222 votes and Chuck Leach with 213 votes. Approximately eight proxy

ballots were reported.

Volunteers, rather than candidates, were the real stars of the Annual Meeting, as President Bob Darr emphasized how support by so many individuals contributed to the overall success of the Association this past year.

"This Board has relied on the input and assistance of volunteers," Darr said. "Sometimes their work is visible; but, oftentimes, their work is not seen or acknowledged."

Glancing over a list of more than fifty Association members who contributed this past year, either as a committee member or at an event, he asked those present to stand and accept the appreciative applause of the crowd.

Singled out for his dedicated and longstanding service to the community, George Temple was recognized as the "SLLA Citizen of the Year."

Upon moving to Seven Lakes North in 1999, Temple quickly established himself as an active member of the Lakes & Dams Committee, a role in which he continues, and "has been instrumental in all decisions regarding this most important community asset," said Darr.

Five years ago, Temple took on the additional challenge of serving on the Finance Committee, and was credited for his many hours of research and analysis, plus his participation and attendance at nearly every meeting

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MackKay wins Fellingham award

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter



Over the past year, 128 volunteers have chipped in on over twenty-four different committees in Seven Lakes

West. Those volunteers were recognized at the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 18.

"The accomplishments of this community are obtained with the help and support of these volunteers, who serve

our Board as committee volunteers," said Secretary Jane Sessler.

Former President Ron Shepard said the volunteers in Seven Lakes West save the community more than a million dollars a year.

"I think it's a lot more," said Sessler. "I think the Board thinks it's a lot more, too."

This year, the Association added two new committees: the Dam Committee, which is overseeing the ongoing work to resurface the Lake Auman Dam roadway; and the Amenities Committee, established to evaluate the rules and regulations associated with the common areas throughout the community.

Sessler also reported that

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Ray MacKay joined a select group of recipients of Seven Lakes West's Joe Fellingham Community Service Award.

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TempControl hosts Business Guild meeting

The Seven Lakes Business Guild's monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, March 20. Sharon and Matt Bialer of TempControl were gracious hosts, provided a fantastic spread, and gave members a tour of their impressive facility. The Bialer's started TempControl in November of 2007, and recently moved to their new location on MacDougall Street. Seven Lakes residents for 10 years, the

Bialer's provide complete heating and air conditioning services, from installation to service and repair.

One of the guest speakers for the evening was Ed Hill of Edward Jones. He gave a presentation on their financial services and announced that a new Edward Jones office is in the works for Seven Lakes. Hill is from Seven Lakes, he had moved to Florida and returned to the area

last year to raise his family.

Cheryl Darwell of Cruise Planners highlighted some promotions targeted at veterans and members of the armed forces, including Voyages for Vets, a partnership with Royal Caribbean, that raises funds for the Fisher House, a facility for families of vets who are undergoing long term care in veterans hospitals.

The group also discussed

the upcoming Meet the Merchants event scheduled for Saturday, May 19. Stay tuned

for more information about this fun community gathering!



Matt & Sharon Bialer, owners of TempControl Heating and Cooling.

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WEE Penny a Step benefits Relay for Life

Wearing pedometers and striking out on an established path during Physical Education classes, approximately 570 students at West Pine Elementary conducted 'A Penny A Step' event to raise money for the 2012 Moore County Relay for Life.

Organized by volunteer Pat Henry and 2nd grade teacher Stephanie Monroe, the five-day fundraiser generated nearly \$2,000 in donations. Working towards both indi-

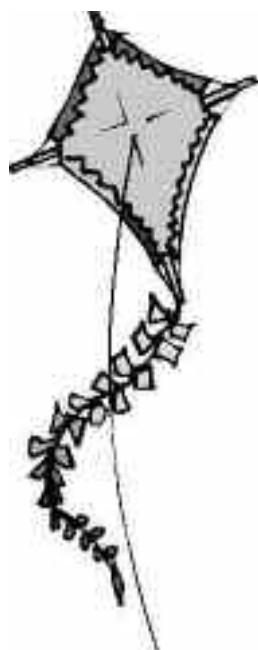
vidual and class fundraising goals, many of the students wore pink t-shirts in honor of Cathie Ward, a West Pine Elementary school exceptional education teacher who is battling breast cancer.

The 2012 Moore County Relay for Life will be held April 21-22 at Sandhills Community College.

For more information or to make a donation, visit www.relayforlife.org/moore

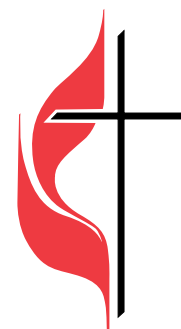
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Bob Darr will continue as SLLA President

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

 Bob Darr retained his seat as President of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors, by a vote of acclamation during a brief Organizational Meeting held immediately following the Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 25.

The meeting was called to order by Judicial Committee Chair Ed Chapman, using new standard election procedures developed over the past year. Darr nominated incoming Director Chuck Leach to serve as Vice President. He was seated by a vote of acclamation, as were returning Secretary Bob Racine and Treasurer Conrad Meyer.

Turning his attention to committee assignments, Darr recommended preserving the status quo with Meyer heading up Finance; Director Fentzlauff overseeing Lakes & Dams and ARB; and Racine leading Recreation and Community Standards, in addition to serving as the Board liaison to the Judicial Committee.

Newly elected Director Steve Rittter was tasked with over-

seeing Security, and Director Dave Buckingham was charged with revamping the community's website and improving communications in general.

"There has been a lot of stuff that has gone on this year that did not make it into the paper and a lot of issues that we need to sell to the community," Darr explained. "How do we communicate, and where do we

communicate? These are issues you'll need to look at."

With similar concerns that needed work has been overlooked by other pressing concerns, Darr tasked Director Chuck Leach with Grounds & Maintenance.

"We need to get our arms around this and set up a plan of what we are going to do. I think grounds and maintenance are a lot bigger than what we paid attention

to, and I think he can do a great job," Darr said.

In addition, Darr asked Leach, as Vice President, to join him as co-Chair of the newly formed Long Range Planning Committee.

"We are looking at this whole business of paving, at issues on bulkhead . . . He and I can work on that with the LRP Committee."

During discussion, Meyer said he hopes to continue to

generate enthusiasm and volunteer support from the community and cautioned the Board against taking on multiple chairmanships. Instead he recommended that, as new committees are developed, Board members serve as liaison members.

Community Manager Alina Cochran agreed, but noted that a solid working base of volunteers to draw from will be necessary for success.



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The dinner will consist of a choice of chicken breast or drumstick & thigh and include coleslaw, baked beans, roll, desert, and beverage.

You can dine at the EMS building while visiting with your friends and neighbors or purchase take-out dinners.

The price is only \$8 per dinner.

Herdrich re-elected Westside President

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter



Mick Herdrich will retain the Presidency of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] for another year, re-elected to the post in an organizational meeting of the new Board of Directors on Wednesday, March 21. Both Secretary Jane Sessler and Treasurer Don Freiart were also re-elected to their offices.

Legal Director Jack Stevens was elected SLWLA Vice President, a position filled last year by John Hoffmann, who has retired from the Board.

Incumbent Directors will all hold the same committee responsibilities they held prior to this past weekend's Annual Meeting. Rosemary Weber will continue as Events Director; Jim McCarthy, as Safety and Security Director; and Stevens, as Legal Director. Freiart will continue to chair the Long Range Planning Committee and Sessler will continue to head up the Communications Committee.

The responsibilities of the three newly-elected Board members were assigned as follows: Jim Pierman as Infrastructure Director, Bruce Keyser as Lake and Dam Director, and Dan Blue as Architectural Review Director.

Freiart proposes hiring consultant to develop community vision

Among the objectives of the Long Range Planning Committee is the creation of a long term "vision" for Seven Lakes West.

During Wednesday's meeting, Director Freiart asked the Board to review a Request For Proposal [RFP] that the Committee has drafted in hopes of securing a bid from a company that can help create that vision.

"This is an effort," said Freiart, "and I think the community will see and appreciate the fact that we are going after this to try and find a true future direction that everybody has had good

solid input in."

Freiart told the Board that now is the time to initiate such a process, especially with the changing demographics of the community. Seven Lakes West is no longer just for retirees, but also for working families, he said.

Given the number of visitors that will be brought to Moore County by the 2014 Twin US Opens -- as well as the potential competition for home buyers represented by the recently-approved Pine Forest development, Freiart said this may be a perfect time to market the community.

One drawback to the proposal may be the projected price tag of \$50,000 -- an amount that Freiart said is

just an estimate that could be fine-tuned once companies submit their proposals.

"Fifty thousand dollars is a lot of money," said Events Director Rosemary Weber. "With the economic times that we are in now -- the roads situation and all the other expenditures we have down the road -- do you think the timing is right to do a study like this?"

"I don't think the timing could be better than now," said Legal Director Stevens. "Not only do we have the Opens coming in, we have the highway [NC Highway 211] being built out here."

Having worked with other communities similar to the West Side, Community Manager Joan Frost told the

Board: "A study like this not only tells you where you would like to be, but it tells you how to get there and what steps you need to take along the way -- and it will save you a lot of money."

Reiterating that the Association is now the de facto "developer" of Seven Lakes West, Stevens told the Board a plan is needed.

"It's certainly a huge step up for us," said Stevens. "We have been a hodgepodge for years. It has been trial and error -- and to a large extent error -- and we are playing catch up spending a lot of

money."

The Long Range Planning Committee has proposed that the RFPs go out by April 13, with interviews of prospective companies in July. The Board has suggested a Town Hall meeting for community input once the RFPs are returned and more information on the cost of the project can be obtained.

If the Association decides to move forward with the study, commencement of the project would be planned for September 1, with a final adoption of the plan likely in August 2013.



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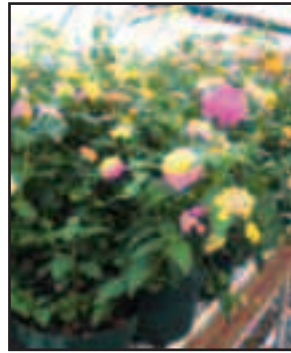
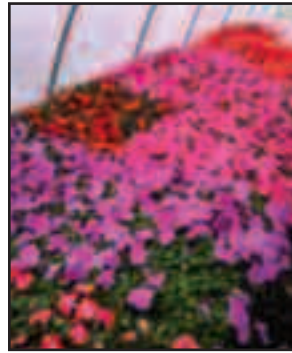


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Grace Church at Seven Lakes to open doors

"Grace Church at Seven Lakes" is planning their "Grand Opening" celebration at 10 am, April 8 (Easter Sunday), at 145 West Plaza Drive Suite A and B, located in Seven Lakes Plaza, near Peking Wok.

Jimmy Coxe of Pinehurst, who has served as an elder for twenty-one years at Grace Church, Southern Pines, is the church's "campus pastor."

"We'll have a worship team led by Brandon DiBianca and a full children's ministry," says Coxe, who also works as lab manager for the Campbell's Soup processing plant in Maxton.

He and his wife, Joanna, grew up in Red Springs and have three children. Joanna serves as the full-time children's director for Grace Church, Southern Pines and will also direct the children's ministry for Grace Church at Seven Lakes. Children will follow the same curriculum on both campuses.

"We want to reach people who wish to experience the life-giving power of Jesus," Coxe says. "About 50 people already attend, and we have 170 chairs and plenty of parking. When this takes off,

we plan to go to two services."

Coxe says he wants the fledgling church "to serve" the Seven Lakes community.

"We want people from all socioeconomic groups to feel they can come and worship,"

he says. "It's 'come as you are.' If you want to dress up, that's okay. If you feel more comfortable in jeans, that's fine, as well."

Grace Church at Seven Lakes services will feature live worship, a full children's ministry and a "video-

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SLLA to host Northside Easter Egg Hunt

Seven Lakes Landowners' Association Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 7, 11 am to 2 pm, at Seven Lakes North Side Park.

The Egg Hunt will start promptly at 11 am and will be followed by a block party. Kids and parents need to remember to bring an Easter basket.

A Bouncy House and Refreshments will be provided.

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Ceremony will honor WWII Pilot, Lt. Hoyle Upchurch

On Saturday, April 7, the dedication of a permanent memorial to Lt. Hoyle Upchurch will take place at Gilliam-McConnell Airfield in Carthage.

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Upchurch was on mission during World War II, and the people of Guidong County honored his grave site for decades before Upchurch was identified. They knew him only as their "American Pilot."

Senator Harris Blake along with representatives from China will be present at the dedication ceremony.

The community is invited to the ceremony on Saturday, April 7, at 12 noon at the

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Piranhas Swim Team competes in Raleigh

The Pinehurst Piranhas Swim Team not only swam this past weekend they attacked! The weekend of March 3 and 4 was a memorable one for the team.

There were best times posted by all swimmers that attended. Most notable swimmers were from Molly Kuzma of Foxfire, who earned seventh place out of 103 swimmers in the eight and under 25 Backstroke with a time of 22.09. Kuzma also placed in the top fifteen in all her events over the weekend.

Kayla Hall of Seven Lakes West also had outstanding swims during the weekend. Hall placed sixth place in the 100 butterfly (1:28.39) and eighth place in the 50 Freestyle (32.26).

Pinehurst Piranhas are a year round USA Swimming team that practices and swims out at Seven Health and Fitness in Seven Lakes North.

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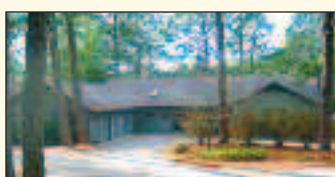
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Medleyanna's offers Annie Sloan Chalk Paint

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

One of a very select group of retailers nationwide, Medleyanna's — everyone's favorite little junk shop in West End — now carries the exclusive brand: Annie Sloan Chalk Paint.

The paint was developed "across the pond" by English painter Annie Sloan, who is also well-known in design circles as the author of over twenty books, including the best-seller, *The Complete Book of Decorative Paint Techniques*.

Dissatisfied with commercially available paints, Sloan specifically designed her product for use on furniture, but customers quickly realized the chalk paint would produce a neat finish on nearly any surface — from countertops to concrete, linoleum, wrought iron, even leather.

The Annie Sloan paint colors are based around a historical 18th century palette, Medleyanna's owner, Harriet Wicker said. The shop offers 29 colors of chalk paint, she explained, but the options are nearly limitless as each paint color can be softened-up to five varying shades. And, when mixing two or more paints, nearly sixty colors can be easily crafted.

Named for its soft matte finish when the paint is dry,

Annie Sloan Chalk Paint is also low VOC and has virtually no odor. But it is the versatility of the paint that truly makes it special — that and the fact that no primer or prep work is needed before starting a project.

"If it's not a pleasure to paint with it, then you're doing something wrong," explained Amy York of Medleyanna's.

York conducts daylong painting workshops at the shop that emphasize six basic but differing techniques for using the chalk paint, including crackle, two-color distressed, clouded stipple, very textured, smooth, and rustic.

"Occasionally, I would paint a piece of furniture and it just did not work out right," York said. "So I'd have to strip it down and start again. Then I learned about chalk paint and found that I don't have to sand it, or prime it . . . using chalk paint saved me a lot of time," said York. "The paint is a bit expensive, but it makes a huge difference with no prep work, and that made painting more pleasurable."

York explained that using different techniques to thicken or thin the paint provides even more versatility and options, as does the use of finishing waxes offered in

the Annie Sloan product line that provide a slight protective sheen to a finished piece.

Any brush can be used with the paint, even inexpensive synthetic brushes, and chalk paint is suitable for both indoor and outdoor applications.

Medleyanna's owner, Harriet Wicker, admitted she was initially skeptical.

"I thought, 'it's just paint.' What could possibly warrant all the excitement," Wicker said.

However, she was a quick convert once she tried the chalk paint for herself and said she spent the next eight months working to bring the product to her West End shop. Now an official retailer, Medleyanna's is the only store from Troy to Fayetteville to the South Carolina line to offer Annie Sloan products.

"Painted furniture is where it is going right now," she said. "It is what is in, and French country is in — and chalk paint works very well for both."

Wicker said she has attended Annie Sloan training workshops, as have all other Medleyanna's staff, so the entire team is well-versed in the many techniques and options.

"We really have to discipline ourselves, because we all

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Harriet Wicker of Medleyanna's shows off her new line of Annie Sloan Chalk Paints.

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In memory of . . .

William A. (Billy) Johnson, Jr., 95, died on Thursday, March 22, at his home in West End.

Mr. Johnson was the only child of the late William Archibald (Archie) Johnson, Sr. and Mary Lassiter Von-Canon Johnson of West End.

After graduating from West End High School, he attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 1939, he opened Johnson Hardware Company and thereafter continued operating varied retail businesses in West End until his retirement in 1982. He had numerous real estate interests in the Sandhills including early participation in the development of Seven Lakes.

Johnson's Point in Seven Lakes West is named for Mr. Johnson.

He devoted time and effort to pine tree preservation, and as the head of Johnson Improvement Company, he managed many acres of land.

In 1940, Mr. Johnson was married to Lois Morgan of Salisbury. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II in England, France, and Germany and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was active in community affairs, serving on the Carolina Bank Board of Directors in West End for 35 years.

He was on the Moore County Industrial Development Committee, the Board of Directors of the West End Fire Department, and a former president of the West End Lions Club. Mr. Johnson was a member of West End United Methodist Church, holding various offices including that of Chairman of the Board of Trustees for many years.

He was also instrumental in the construction of the Boy Scout hut of Troop 98 on Carthage Road. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson donated land for that facility, as well as for the expansion of the West End Post Office, among other philanthropic efforts.

Funeral Services were held at the West End United Methodist Church on Satur-

day, March 24. The Rev. Dr. Won Namkoong officiated. Interment followed at the West End Cemetery.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife of 71 years, Lois Morgan Johnson; daughter Mary Elizabeth (Libba) Johnson and her husband Thomas Wamsley of Boulder, CO, and children Martha Blunt Petersen and husband Mitchell and daughters Amanda June and Abigail Lois and son Matthew Ralph of Highlands Ranch, CO; Carl Blunt and wife Tracy and sons Thomas Maxwell and Charles Samuel of Johns Creek, GA; and Melissa Blunt Dittmar and husband Justin and daughters Annabella Brooke and Ellianna Kristina and son Alexander James of Centennial, CO; son William

A. Johnson III and wife Sally of Roswell, GA and children William A. Johnson IV of Rome, Italy and Sara Katherine of Atlanta, GA; son Dr. Stephen Morgan Johnson and wife Suzanne of Lynchburg, VA and children Stephen, Jr. of Charleston, SC, Mary Elizabeth of New York, NY, and Walter Griffin of Washington, DC; and son Robert Mark Johnson and wife Rev. Dr. Vicki Jones-Johnson and children Nancy Elizabeth and David Mark all of Winston Salem, NC.

Memorials may be directed to the West End United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 276, West End, NC 27376.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Archie LeRoy Walters, 81, of West End died Tuesday March 13, at the Reid Heart Center, FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mr. Walters was born in Robeson County, son of the late Archie Anderson Walters and Dora Lee (Prevatte) Walters.

A memorial service was held Friday, March 16 at Southside Baptist Church, Aberdeen. The Pastor David Peitz and the Pastor Gilliam P. Wise officiated. Burial followed in the West End Cemetery.

Mr. Walters worked for over fourteen years at Burney Hardware in Aberdeen.

He is survived by his wife of thirteen years, Barbara Lane Walters; sons, Michael Walters of Raeford and Alan

Walters, Southern Pines; daughters, Lorraine Beaver of Arizona, Eileen Strickland of Raeford, Rochelle Boone of Southern Pines, Denise Green of Aberdeen, Rebecca Hopkins of West End; brother, Harry Walters of Raeford; sisters, O'Lee Bowen of Raeford, Jimmie Fulk of Fayetteville, sixteen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

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McLendon Hills to host Prancing Horse Barn Dance

by Claudia Watson
Prancing Horse

Are you ready to kick up your heels on a warm spring night? Then don't miss the third annual Spring Barn Dance held Saturday, April 21, 6 pm to 10 pm at the McLendon Hills Equestrian Center for the benefit of the Prancing Horse Center for Therapeutic Riding.

"After a long winter, it's a great way to welcome spring," urges Lin Cook, co-chair of the event. "It's a jeans and boots night and the dancing event of the year."

A portion of the barn's main aisle will serve as a massive dance floor for the boot scootin' crowd who will get in step with music by DJ, King Curtiss. Italian Table

Ristorante is hosting the buffet dinner, which includes assorted entrees and will be served for guests to enjoy at white tablecloth-draped tables. The dinner also includes wine and sodas, provided by Sandhills Winery. The evening will also feature a silent auction.

The highlight of the event will be a formation riding demonstration performed by some of the therapeutic riding center's students.

"Formation riding, also known as drill team riding, is a competitive event for able-bodied riders, so it really challenges our students to develop their motor and memory skills and timing," explains Nancy Piscopo, one of the volunteers helping to choreograph the event. "They're very excited to be training toward the goal of performing at the barn dance, it's a huge deal for them," she says. "As volunteers, we are also excited about showing our guests how their

generous donations are put to work." However, she also cautions that if unsafe riding conditions are present that evening, the riding performance will be canceled. "Safety of the riders is most important."

The Spring Barn dance, along with the annual Horse Farm Tour held in the Autumn, are the two fundraising events that support the center's therapeutic riding program. In the past 26 years, over 52,000 children and adults with physical, mental or emotional challenges have been touched by the medically approved and accredited therapeutic riding program offered by Prancing Horse.

According to Judy Lewis, executive director of Prancing Horse, Inc., the riding program serves students from all walks of life and with various special needs. "They all have something in common. When they get on the horse, their speech, balance,

core strength and self-esteem all improve. And best of all—they smile."

Last year, 150 people attended the barn dance. The event reached its target goal and added funding to support the 2012 program. Lewis says the event's proceeds go directly toward student fees. While students pay a charge of thirty dollars per hour for group lessons, that price represents only one-third of the lesson's cost. The remaining cost is raised through fundraising and private donations.



Kristina Cook enjoys her ride on Coupe, with her side walker, Mary Edmondson.

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West End and West Pine Schools honor

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Recognized by their peers for outstanding accomplishment in the classroom, Teachers of the Year and Teacher Assistants of the Year were recently announced in local schools.

Westsider Lisa Gorenflo, a 4th grade teacher at West End Elementary was named Teacher of the Year, with fellow Westsider Shannon Bateman honored as Teacher Assistant of the Year for the school.

This is Gorenflo's ninth year teaching at West End



Lisa Gorenflo

Elementary and her sixteenth in the profession. She and her husband Mike settled in Seven Lakes West in 1999, after enjoying the community on many visits with her in-laws, who retired in Seven Lakes.

She said the best part of teaching is when you see a topic has sparked the student's interest and their hands pop-up with questions.

"I like to see them as active learners," Gorenflo explained.

In particular, she noted a science grant from the Smithsonian Institute provided the school with teacher training and materials for an electronic circuit science unit that was very well-received by the children.

"They were so in to it and working together," Gorenflo said. "They were highly engaged, and one mother sent an email that her son came home from school talking about science, and that he had never been so excited. That made my day."

She also credits community involvement, parent volunteers, and her fellow teachers and staff for creating a warm

and supportive atmosphere for learning.

"There is a real sense of community and family . . . We are very fortunate to have that here," said Gorenflo.

West End Elementary recognized Westsider Shannon Bateman as Assistant Teacher of the Year. Now in her seventh year with the school, Bateman assists with the preschool classroom.

"I live in the community. My children went to school here, and I was familiar with the teachers," Bateman said, explaining her decision to begin substitute teaching,



Shannon Bateman

which eventually led to a full-time position at WEE. "This school acts like a family. They just have a warm feeling here, and it was easy to come in and be a part of that."

She describes the best part of her job as having a relationship with the children and helping them grow.

"What I enjoy is having input into their development. I like watching them grow and change," she said. "They are such little sponges and are just so amazed at such small bits of information. When they learn their ABC's and are proud of themselves — I just love being a part of that."

Stephanie Monroe, who formerly taught at West End, but is now a 2nd grade teacher at the still new West Pine Elementary school, was

also recognized as Teacher of the Year.

A nationally board-certified teacher, Monroe grew up in nearby Robbins and now resides in Carthage.

She said the best part of

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Stephanie Monroe

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Teachers & Teacher Assistants of Year

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teaching is making a real connection with the students.

"Even on the roughest day, you walk away knowing that you made a difference. I want my kids to learn what they're supposed to know, but also to be aware of the community around them," she said.

Monroe said she always knew she wanted to be a teacher and that she hopes to inspire her students to be lifelong learners.

"I love teaching, and I am excited about starting each day as I engage my students," she said. "It makes me smile to see the children when I've taught them something and they get it — that I have taught them something and knowing that I planted that seed that will continue to grow throughout their education."

Paint

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just want to paint all the time. I have to force myself to clean for an hour — so then I can paint," Wicker said.

Annie Sloan Chalk Paint workshops will be held at Medleyanna's on April 4, April 20, and April 28. The class fee includes a quart of Annie Sloan Chalk Paint and wax, plus a project to practice on, such as a wood bench or birdhouse. Participants must pre-register: please drop by the shop for more information or call 673-JUNK [5865].

Medleyanna's is located in West End near the Hwy 211 and Hwy 73 intersection. Regular hours are Monday to Wednesday from 1-4 pm, Thursday and Friday from 1-6 pm, and Saturdays from 11 am-6 pm.

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In addition to her traditional teaching role, Monroe is a cheerleading coach and is also busy preparing her dog, "Bella," to undergo certification testing to become a registered therapy dog.

Moore County native Connie Bachman, who also formerly taught at WEE was named the West Pine Elementary Teacher Assistant of the Year.

With a degree in economics



Connie Bachman

and business, Bachman said teaching wasn't her first choice in vocation, but has certainly been her best choice.

"I really enjoy teaching and wish I had known I was good at this when I was in college," she joked.

A teacher assistant with

Moore County Schools for seven years, she said she and her youngest child both went to 2nd grade together.

"I love working with the kids, especially the little ones," said Bachman. "They are so innocent and willing to please and willing to learn. I love that 'Aha!' moment when they get it and are so proud of themselves."

One advantage to moving around schools early in her new career, she said, was the ability to see many different teaching styles.

"I have been able to help out — especially new teachers — apply those styles and find what works best for them. I find it has been beneficial to move among classrooms."

West Pine Middle School's Tamara Lee, a resident of Seven Lakes North, was also named Teacher of the Year.

Lee has taught in Moore County schools for twenty-two years, the last ten at West Pine Middle, where she is currently a 6th grade Social Studies teacher.

Early on in her career, she specialized in reading. But she said, in working with literature, she always emphasized the historical and geographical aspects — a teaching style that eventually evolved into a fulltime position in social studies.

Lee said the best part of teaching is helping her students make a connection in their learning.

"For instance, today we were talking about the Medieval period and the cultural carry-overs to now, such as the soldier's salute and why brides carry bouquets of flowers," she said.

Moore County natives, Lee and her husband both grew up in Carthage and said they love living in Seven Lakes, which she said they jokingly call "the suburbs of Carthage."



Tamara Lee

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According to FCIG Vice President Gary Kunce, a resident of Seven Lakes West, "The Network Program" represents an opportunity formerly reserved for employees of Fortune 500 companies as part of their package benefit.

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Gary Kunce, Vice President for First Casualty Insurance Group.

Gardens wanted for Tour

Calling all gardeners, and those interested in gardening. Saturday, June 2 is the date for the Seven Lakes Garden Clubs' Annual Garden Tour.

Homes from the north, south & west sides will be on display. The Garden Club would like to display a wide variety of gardens and are looking forward to some new volunteers to display their green thumbs.

Participating gardens and gardeners do not have to be perfect; people like to see something interesting, different, and even still in progress.

If you are interested in showing your garden, please

call Connie Loy at 673-5571 to volunteer your garden.

In the past months, the club has learned how to clean up their gardens, make compost, and now on Thursday, April 12, the meeting will be about Worms! Betsy Spencer will give an interesting presentation about Vermiculture (worm composting) which can be done inside or outside.

There will also be a plant exchange. Bring your labeled plants to swap or give to others. You do not have to bring a plant to receive one. This is a wonderfully inexpensive way to expand your garden and to share those beauties.

The garden club meets on

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Second Row: Marjory Leidy, Carol Dunbar
First Row: Betty Milligan

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the "Area Reps" have redefined themselves as "Community Reps" and will welcome new members into the community. A "Newcomers Reception" for new Westsiders is being planned for next month.

Fellingham Award Goes to MacKay

Longtime volunteer Ray MacKay was presented with the Joe Fellingham Community Service Award for volunteerism during Sunday's meeting.

"My name mixed with Fellingham's," said MacKay, "is the greatest honor that I can have as a Seven Lakes West citizen."

A Director of both the SLWLA and the former Beacon Ridge Landowners Association, MacKay has volunteered not only in Seven Lakes West, but in the Greater Seven Lakes Area

and throughout the County. He has been appointed to three different committees by the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

"There is a volunteer that goes above and beyond," said John Hoffmann, who joined Fran Fellingham in presenting the award.

"Joe is so happy that Ray did it," said Fran Fellingham,

"and for all you've done, he thanks you again and again."

MacKay recognized Bud Sales as his "mentor and sponsor" during his acceptance speech.

Election finalized

Jim Pierman, Dan Blue, and Bruce Keyser, Sr. were elected to the SLWLA Board based on elections that were finalized at the Annual Meeting. Keyser led the pack in total votes, collecting 465 votes from the 572 ballots returned. Blue garnered 453 votes, and becomes the first ever non-resident member of the SLWLA Board of Directors. Pierman collected 339 votes. 586 members voted in last year's Annual Meeting elections.

Secretary Sessler announced that she will continue to chair the Nominating Committee for the coming year.

The Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget included a dues increase of two percent for homeowners, but more than six percent for undeveloped lots. 352 members voted in favor of the proposed budget,

206 voted against it, and 14 members abstained. Defeating a proposed budget requires that a majority of all members -- not simply a majority of those who choose to vote -- cast their ballots against the budget.

Board Goals Reviewed

At the beginning of the year, President Mick Herdrich reminded the landowners in attendance, the Board set two main goals: to increase communication in the com-

(See "SLWLA," p. 17)

Westside Election Results

BOARD

Keyser	465
Blue	453
Pierman	339

BUDGET

For	352
Against	206
Abstain	14

Joan Frost resigns

Joan Frost has resigned as Community Manager of the Seven Lakes West



Joan Frost

Landowners Association, the Board announced on the Community website this week.

Frost will stay on until mid-May to assist in the orientation of a new manager. She told *The Times* that her departure was motivated by family obligations.

Frost is the first CAS, Inc. manager to serve the West Side. She said the company will suggest one or more other CAS managers as candidates to fill the position, and likely candidates will be interviewed by the Board of Directors.

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munity and to make a decision on the mailhouse issue.

With Secretary Jane Sessler at the helm, communication on the Westside was greatly improved, with almost 700 members signed up to receive weekly "e-blasts."

The weekly "e-blasts" provide a way for the Board "to communicate with the community and let people know what's going on," said Herdrich. "It's also been very valuable to get information out into the community before rumors get started."

The website has also become a "forum" for the community to share ideas, leave comments, and communicate with Board members, Herdrich said.

As of last week, the second goal -- finalizing the mailhouse -- is well under way. The Board appointed outgoing Director John Hoffmann to be the project manager for the mailhouse and front entryway project -- the former is set for completion by the end of 2012.

After feedback from the community and US Postal Service, the Board voted for one mailhouse to be constructed near the West Side Park Community Center [WSPCC].

The Board also set goals for each of the Directors and the committees they chair. Herdrich reviewed progress toward those goals during Sunday's meeting:

- Under the leadership of Lake and Dam Director Adam Wimberly: Johnson Point docks were renovated, new piezometers were installed on the dam, a Lake Patrol was added, and the ski zone on Lake Auman was expanded.

- Legal Director Jack Stevens was able to successfully negotiate a deal with the Aberdeen Carolina and Western Railway Company, which granted Seven Lakes West their "independence" from the railroad. Stevens also handled an annexation of Parkwood and the Clubhouse Commons lawsuit.

- Infrastructure Director John Goodman was able to

complete culvert repairs throughout the community; and work on the lower pond roadway was finished after three months, which restored the front entrance view of Lake Auman.

- Finance Director Don Freiert implemented a new policies and procedures for investments, completed the 2011 audit, formalized accounting policies and procedure, and integrated the Long Range Plan of the community into the Financial Plans.

- Under Architectural Review Director John Hoffmann, the ARC committee established a two co-chair system that will allow easy transition for new directors of ARC. With the help of his committee, Hoffmann improved response times for applications, established a mentoring program and training syllabus for new ARC members, created a variance application procedure, and completed an update of ARC standards.

- Safety and Security Direc-

tor Jim McCarthy selected a new security company that will begin work on May 1. He developed a new access policy for the community and installed new lighting at the front gate.

For the upcoming year, the following projects are already on the table:

- Begin the mailhouse and entrance projects.
- Evaluate the recreational use of the abandoned roadway over the Lake Auman dam.
- Complete a road and storm

drainage management plan.

- The Amenities Committee will focus on upgrades throughout the community.
- The Board will continue to transfer day-to-day operations responsibilities to CAS.

Retiring Board Members

The Board bid farewell to three retiring Directors during Sunday's meeting and gave each a humorous parting

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FRIDAY, MARCH 30

• **Casual Friday at SLCC** – 5-9 pm, \$10 (all inclusive). Chicken & Spinach alfredo pasta casserole, salad, rolls & dessert. Pre-ordered Lenten special of Fish, potatoes & vegetable available for \$15. Food, games & socializing.

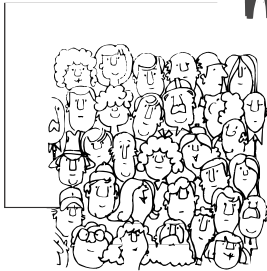
SATURDAY, MARCH 31

• **Weymouth Woods** – 8 am, Bird Walk - Birds that have wintered in the tropics are making the incredible flight north to spend the summer months in North America. Join the park ranger for a two mile hike to look for these winged wonders. Bring binoculars, tick repellent, sunscreen and field guides. Meet at the park office. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 692-2167.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

• **Palm Sunday**
 • **April Fool's Day**
 • **Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines** – Palm Sunday Service, 9:00 am. Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
 • **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes, 673-3838.
 • **Easter Cantata West End United Methodist Church** – at the 11 am service the Choir will present a special program for the Easter Season. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Highway 73, West End, 673-1371.
 • **Children's Easter Egg Hunt** – West End United Methodist Church, Easter Egg Hunt, lunch, and activities for Children through 5th grade after the 11:00 am Worship Service. Children are encouraged to bring their own Easter basket. Meet in the fellowship hall before the hunt. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Highway 73, West End, 673-1371.
 • **Dragons and Damsels** – 3 pm, Boldly flying along the trails of Weymouth are fierce dragons and tiny damselflies. Learn about the double lives of these amazing animals and how

to identify them. 1-2 mile hike. Bring bug spray, sunscreen and field guides. Meet at the park office. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free and open to the public.



What's When Calendar

Local artists are welcome join the group.

• **Congregational Church of Pinehurst UCC** – 7 pm, documentary film - "The Flow: For Love of Water" builds a case against the growing privatization of fresh water supplies with a focus on politics, pollution, human rights and the emergence of a domineering world water cartel. Free everyone is welcome to view and join discussion. Pinehurst Congregational Church, 895 Linden Road, across from Elliott's. (910) 295-2243 or contact John Arnold (910) 295-2456 or by email at jarno@nc.rr.com

MONDAY, APRIL 2

• **Moore Republican Women Luncheon** – meeting held at Pinehurst Country Club. Registration: 11:30 am - Luncheon 12 pm. Valet Parking available. Checks

payable at the luncheon. Cost: \$16, Inclusive Reservation, Joan Ward 910-295-6544.

• **Seven Lakes Artists Group** – 1 pm, meets every Monday at Seven Lakes Northside Club-

• **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 -6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. Group leader Rachel Carr.

• **Moore County Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 966** – meeting, 7 pm, at the Westside Park Community Center, Seven Lakes West. Membership is open to all Vietnam-era veterans who served honorably and associate membership is open to anyone who has an interest in supporting the activities of the organization. Visitors welcome. Membership Chair: Laud Pitt (910) 673-5521.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

• **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.

• **Moore County Board of Commissioners** – 5:00 pm, at the Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

• **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

• **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

• **Holy Thursday**

• **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am - 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). Fellowship and devotion and a meal for \$5.

• **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

• **Women of Seven Lakes** – meeting, at 2 pm at Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Featured speaker, Ashley Carpenter, Registered Dietitian, from the FirstHealth Center for Health & Fitness. Carpenter will present nutrition tips for better health, about nutrition education and the prevention of chronic disease through a healthy diet and active lifestyle. Refreshments served. Everyone is welcome.
 • **Wine Tasting** – at Sandhills Winery 5:30 to 8 pm, 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
 • **Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines** – Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service, 7 pm. A Service of Darkness, Light, and Communion. Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
 • **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church Maundy Thursday Service** – 7 pm, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes, 673-3838.



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• **Maundy Thursday Service West End United Methodist Church** – 7 pm. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Highway 73, West End, 673-1371.

• **Belford Baptist Church** – Youth Spring Revival 6:30 p.m. Elder Sherri Allgood of True Worship Ministries. held each night through Saturday, April 7. Belford Baptist Church, 925 Wind-blow Rd, Jackson Springs.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

• **Good Friday**

• **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 12 noon, Liturgy for Good Friday. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes, 673-3838.

• **Good Friday Service and Drama Presentation** – 7 pm. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Highway 73, West End, 673-1371.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

• **Passover**

• **Run for the Ribbons 5K and Family Fun 1K** – 5K 9 am and 1K 10:30 am. Run for the Ribbons community fitness event that will kickoff a colorful day of cancer awareness, survivor celebration and exciting horse racing at the 61st Stoneybrook Steeple-chase. Carolina Horse Park, 2814 Montrose Road, Rae-ford. Register www.run-fortheribbons5K.com or active.com

• **Seven Lakes Landowners' Association Easter Egg Hunt** – 11 am to 2 pm, at SL North Side Park. The Egg Hunt will start promptly at 11 am, followed by a block party. Bring an Easter basket. Bouncy House and refreshments provided. Victory hot dogs will be available to purchase.

• **Seven Lakes Baptist Church Easter Egg Hunt** – 11am – 1 pm, Preschool – 5th grade. Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. Everyone welcome!

• **Lt. Hoyle Upchurch Dedication** – 12 noon, a permanent memorial to Lt. Hoyle Upchurch at Gilliam-McConnell Airfield in Carthage. Senator Harris Blake with representatives from China will be present at the dedication ceremony.

Please join in to preserve this important piece of America's history.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

• **Easter Sunday**

• **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 6:45 am, Sunrise Service at Sequoia Point in Seven Lakes North. Seven Lakes, 673-3838.

• **Easter Sunrise Service West End United Methodist Church** – 6:45 am, at West End Cemetery with West End Baptist Church followed by break-fast at West End United Methodist Church at 7:30 am and regular Services at 8:30 am & 11:00 am. 673-1371.

• **Belford Baptist Church** – Sunrise service 6 am. Everyone welcome. Belford Baptist Church, 925 Wind-blow Rd, Jackson Springs.

• **Seven Lakes Baptist Church** – Sunrise Service 9 am, Coffee & Donuts inside immediately following the sunrise service. 11am, Easter Service. Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

• **Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines** –Easter Sunday Service, 9:00 am. Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

• **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes, 673-3838.

• **Nature's Easter Eggs** – Become an amateur oologist as you learn about the colors and markings of eggs produced by native wild birds. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 692-2167.

MONDAY APRIL 9

• **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 9 am, work session. Seven Lakes North Clubhouse Game Room. Open to all landowners.

• **Seven Lakes Artists Group** – 1 pm, meets every Monday at Seven Lakes Northside Clubhouse. All Local artists are welcome.

• **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 -6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. Group leader Rachel Carr.

• **Sandhills Photography Club** – meeting 7-9 pm, at Christ Fellowship Church,

Midland & Pee Dee Roads, Southern Pines. Competition on Night Photography. Judge for this evening will be George Butt. Guests welcome. sandhillspphoto-club.org

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

• **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association** – 9 am, work session. West Side Park Community Center. Open to all landowners.

• **Women and Finance Course** – 10 am to 11:30 am, Brianna Dillon, Financial Advisor with Raymond James & Associates, hosting a six session course, "Women & Finance: The Peace that Comes from Financial Understanding," will meet each Tuesday through May 15. 215-0900 to reserve a seat. Enrollment limited, Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, Pinehurst.

• **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.

• **Foxfire Village Council** –

7 pm, meeting. At Foxfire Village Hall.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

• **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

• **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

• **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am to 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). Fellowship and devotion and a meal for \$5.

• **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

• **Crazy for Coffee** – 3 pm, Mike Birky of Cactus Creek Gourmet Coffee Roasters, Aberdeen will be at the Senior Enrichment Center with an introduction into the world of gourmet coffee. 215-0900 to reserve a seat. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, Pinehurst.

• **Wine Tasting** – at Sandhills Winery 5:30 to 8 pm, 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com

• **Seven Lakes Garden Club** – 7:30 pm, Betsy Spencer, Master Gardener, will talk about vermiculture. Plant Exchange. Please label your plants; you do not have to bring a plant to receive one. At Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.

• **Ruth Pauley Lecture Series** – 7:30 pm. Joe and Terry Graedon, writers of the syndicated newspaper column and hosts of National Public Radio's The People's Pharmacy will speak on "Protecting Yourself from Medical Mistakes." Owens Auditorium, Sandhills Community College, Pinehurst. 910-245-3132.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

• **Casual Friday at SLCC** – 5-9 pm, \$10 (all inclusive). Baked Penne pasta w/marinara sauce, & salad. Food, games & socializing.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

• **McLendon Hills Community Yard Sale** – 8 am – 11 am. 1.5 miles past Seven Lakes on Hwy. 211, McLendon Hills.

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"token" of appreciation.

ARC Director John Hoffmann, who served as Safety and Security Director for two years, "successfully built an excellent [Safety and Security] program in Seven Lakes West," said President Herdrich.

Throughout Hoffmann's time on the Board he built a reputation "to comment on just about any topic -- at length," he added.

Presenting Hoffmann with a microphone, Herdrich added: "John is one of the few people we know who can ask a question and, in the next sentence answer it."

John Goodman, as Infrastructure Director, "has clear-

ly demonstrated his expertise," said Herdrich, "by successfully completing very significant community projects."

"Unfortunately, the more time the Board takes to discuss an issue and reach consensus, the more likely John will argue and support every side of the issue," Herdrich added, presenting Goodman with a pair of flip flops.

"We would like to thank you for showing your fellow Board members that positions are flexible," joked Herdrich, "and that it is possible to successfully be on both sides of the aisle."

Lake and Dam Director Adam Wimberly served in his current role for one year and as ARC Director for two

years. Herdrich presented Wimberly with a stuffed elephant.

"He [Wimberly] tried to keep us sensible," said Herdrich, "seeing a necessary, although sometimes unpopular solution, by identifying for us what he termed as the 'elephant in the room.'"

The Board will purchase a bench and place a plaque on it honoring the three retiring Board members.

"Each has donated their expertise, their time, their knowledge," said Herdrich, "to ensure the community continues to grow while maintaining the highest standards."



Retiring Westside Directors John Hoffmann, John Goodman, and Adam Wimberly show off the tokens of esteem given to them by their fellow Board members.

Beacon Ridge, Lake House to support Backpack Pals

BackPack Pals was created by Moore County Schools in December, 2005 to meet the needs of children known to have little or nothing to eat on the weekends. It started at one elementary school in the southern part of Moore County.

For the past six years, Seven Lakers for Backpack Pals have sponsored a benefit golf tournament at Beacon Ridge.

The Backpack Benefit Golf Tournament is scheduled to be played at Beacon Ridge on May 18. A 12:30 shot gun start is planned. Lunch will

be served at 11:30 and on-course beverages will be available. Entry fee is \$65 or \$300 for a corporate team.

For more information and to sign up for the tournament contact; Ginger Finney 673-1330 or Jo Nicholas, 673-3604, Tournament Co-Chairs.

One of the newest golf tournament teams is Lake House Bar and Grill, which is sponsoring a team and food drives for Backpack Pals throughout the Summer.

Lake House is launching an outdoor concert series called "7 Lakes After 5" begin-

ning on Wednesday, April 11, and will continue every second Wednesday of the month, from April to September. A different band will perform in the parking lot starting at 5:30 pm. Admission fee is a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the Backpack Pals Program.

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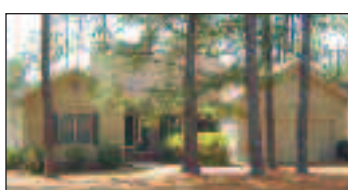
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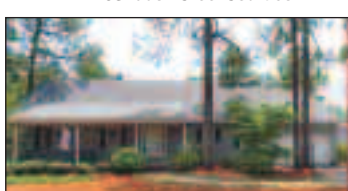
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None of their business

In North Carolina, we elect our County Commissioners to do a few basic things: make sure we have a courthouse, make sure we have a jail, and make sure we have public schools. Their job is basically to figure out what all that is going to cost and set the property tax rate at the right level to pay for it.

That's it. Of course, Commissioners often do a few other things, like develop rules for land use; administer the Medicaid program; fund mental health and transportation services; and, in Moore County, at least, oversee a water and sewer system.

That's good; we need someone to handle all that.

What we don't need is a Board of Commissioners that presumes to speak for the County on every controversial, partisan issue that comes down the pike.

And we sure as heck don't need them trying to tell us how to vote.

Yet the Moore County Board of Commissioners appear poised to do both those things at their Tuesday, April 3 meeting.

The April 3 meeting agenda includes a "Resolution in Support of Voter Participation on May 8, 2012 – Amendment to the North Carolina Constitution – Amendment One."

Amendment One is commonly known as "The Marriage Amendment" by its supporters and "The Marriage Discrimination Amendment" by its opponents.

Voters across the state will be asked to cast their ballot in favor or against this proposed constitutional amendment during the May 8 Primary Election. The core of the Amendment reads as follows: "Marriage between one man and one woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this State."

In other words, neither gay marriages nor gay civil unions — even if created in another state that allows them — would be recognized in North Carolina. This is already the case under the NC General Statutes; but the Amendment One proponents want to write the gay marriage ban into the state constitution, to make

it harder for a state court to overturn it down the road.

Supporters and opponents of the measure have been lining up like-minded county commissioners and town councilfolk to adopt official resolutions on Amendment One. Hence the pressure on Moore County's Board of Commissioners to weigh in.

That's just flat wrong.

And it's wrong whether we're talking about the Moore County Board of Commissioners supporting Amendment One or the Chapel Hill City Council opposing it.

To their credit, Moore County's Board have framed their resolution carefully to avoid the appearance of speaking on behalf of the County in support of Amendment One and to avoid the appearance of telling us how to vote.

But the long list of "whereas" clauses that begins the resolution is a litany of anti-gay marriage statutes. That, and public statements by individual Commissioners, make all too clear the intent that lies behind the carefully worded document. Moore County's Board of Commissioners wants you to vote on May 8, and they want you to vote for Amendment One.

And, frankly, this is none of their business. This is a matter to be decided by individual North Carolina citizens in the voting booth; that's the way our state constitution is written. Local governments have no role in amending the constitution.

So the Commissioners should butt out, at least as a public body seated to do County business.

The individual Commissioners have the same First Amendment rights as the rest of us, of course. So, if the five of them want to pull up chairs to a table down at Mac's Breakfast, draw up a letter in support of Amendment One, and all sign it — as private citizens — that's just fine by us. We'll even publish it in *The Times*.

But, as a duly-elected Board of Commissioners, they need to step back and do the jobs they were elected to do instead of wasting County resources and trying the public's patience on a matter that is quite literally none of their business.

Peepalicious!

I show up once a year. I'll arrive in pink or blue, but most often yellow. I keep my friends close and my neighbors even closer, and no force in nature can destroy me.

I am Peep. Resistance is futile.

Forget the Borg and their hyper-advanced weaponry taking over the universe; it's that time again when a billion globs of marshmallow crash our collective.

Now, I usually consider myself a fairly courageous person, but there are a few places I dare not tread. My daughter's closet, outside without sunblock, and the donut aisle in the grocery store quickly come to mind. But, lately, I've been stuck avoiding yet another cringe-inducing locale: the Easter candy display.

Put simply — food with a face creeps me out.

I think it's the eyes that get me. Piercing and cold, they stare out from plastic and cardboard packaging smug with confidence. You can almost hear them chirping out their siren song, "Eat me. You know you want to. Come on, just do it."

Forget subliminal messages on my favorite 70s rock albums; it's the irresistible pull of crunchy, crystallized sugar coating over a gooey core that corrupts my subconscious.

Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass



But my worst discovery is that those hard, flat eyes dissolve last. That is, if you can get them to dissolve at all.

About a decade ago, scientists at Emory University tried to do just that — 0 and failed.

According to their research, the sticky buggers were insoluble in a polar liquid, a non-polar liquid, a strong acid, or a strong base.

Let me break that down for you into fluent sarcasm. The Peeps still looked like Peeps even after swimming around in little beaker-like ponds of water, acetone, sulfuric acid, or sodium hydroxide.

Undaunted, these wacky warriors against all-things Peep tried injecting acid

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Too embarrassed to return to church?

Question: Before moving down from the North, my wife and I were very active in our church. I can't explain why but we never got started in a church after we moved. Except for a few memorial services, I have not worshipped in a church for over twenty years. Several months ago my wife died and now I am extremely lonely. I feel a need to attend church, but I just can't make myself get up in Sunday morning and go. I'm not sure I even remember what to do; and I'm afraid of what people I know will think, since they have never seen me in church during the whole time they have known me.

Response: I am so sorry about the recent loss of your wife, and I empathize with your loneliness and your reluctance to begin again a

practice that once meant so much to both of you. We are about to enter into Holy Week, the time when the Christian Church remembers the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.



Ask the 'Rev'
Rev. Don Welch

This may be an excellent time for you to renew your habit of worship. Any church you choose to attend will have a lot of visitors present. There is a funny story about a man who stated that he was never going to attend church again since the only hymns they ever sing are "Silent Night" and "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today." If you are self-conscious about what others might think, the church may be so crowded that your presence may go unnoticed. Be assured, however that God will notice and welcome you home. I suggest that you try to find a church of the same

denomination you once attended. Or, if you cannot, there are several interdenominational and non-denominational churches in the area. Don't concern yourself about what to do or how to act. Just follow the example of those worshippers around you, and soon you will see that things have not changed a lot over the past twenty years. Worshipping God has always been important to me. If it were suddenly taken away from me, I would suffer a loss similar to your loss when your wife died. I believe that there is something of the sacred in all of us that seeks communion with that great mystery of the universe we call "God." I pray that you will find a church and that you will discover again the solace and depth of meaning in worshipping God. Don Welch, the minister of the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines welcomes your questions and comments at: dwelch1@nc.rr.com You can listen to his sermons at: sevenlakeschapelinthe.pines.com

Tips for better nutrition at WSL Meeting

The Women of Seven Lakes will meet on Thursday, April 5, at 2 pm at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. The featured speaker will be Ashley Carpenter, Registered Dietitian, from the FirstHealth Center for Health & Fitness. Carpenter will present nutrition tips for better health. She is passionate about nutrition education and the prevention of chronic disease through a healthy diet and active lifestyle. A short business meeting will follow and refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

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The paradox of the two two-headed coins

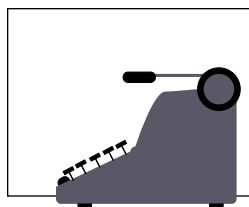
In 1985 my bride and I purchased our Seven Lakes lot on Pine Cone Court when the road was nothing more than a trail of sand. The following year the Seven Lakes Landowners Association was organized. In 1990 we retired, moved to Seven Lakes and built our home. What has occurred since then?

During the past twenty-two years, the number of Association Homeowners has doubled, from 642 in 1986 to 1,253 year-end 2011. Annual Home Owner Dues also doubled, from \$425 to \$900.

During that same period the Association's annual income and operating expenses tripled, due to an inflation

rate that averaged an annual increase of 3.2 percent. Since retiring, the purchasing power of my retirement income has decreased by 39 percent.

The Association's Board of



Your Turn

Manila G. Shaver
Maj. General (Retired)
Seven Lakes North

Directors and Members are now faced with the "Paradox of the Two Two-Headed Coins." One side of one Coin is the fact that Association's retirees are living on fixed incomes and have had the purchasing power of their

initial retirement income decrease by 40 percent or more since their retirement. Association Members, if fortunately employed, are prob-

ably using a gallon of gas a day or more to go to and from their place of employment. Gas is currently selling at \$3.80 or better per gallon. That equates to over \$950 per year, just to pay for the privilege of going to and from work.

On the other side of that "Two-Headed Coin" is the fact that the Association has not had a dues increase in four years.

The current annual Homeowner \$900 Dues passed in Fiscal Year 2007-08 has only \$886 in today's purchasing power. The \$50 per year dues increases initiated in years 2007 and 2008 are both

restricted to State-Mandated Dam Repairs or for paving programs, leaving the remaining \$800 of the \$900 annual dues for operational expenses.

It has been six years since that \$800 per year Dues was passed in 2006. Today that \$800 has a purchasing value of only \$765.

Currently, my annual Home Owner's Dues equates to \$2.47 per day to maintain the Association's infrastructure's appearance and value, while a bag of Potato Chips costs \$3.09.

The question of the Two

Two-Headed Coins are, on the one coin, whether the Association does not raise annual dues letting the appearance of Association's facilities and infrastructure deteriorate or, on the other coin, raise annual dues and maintain the appearance of the Association's facilities and infrastructure.

That is the "Paradox of the Two-Two-Headed Coins."

Bud Shaver retired this month from a full term of service on the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board of Directors.

Volunteers needed for Northside Easter Egg Hunt

Volunteers are needed to stuff and hide eggs for the upcoming Seven Lakes Northside Easter Egg Hunt.

The Egg stuffing will take place on Thursday, April 5, at 10 am, at Seven Lakes North Landowners Office.

Hiding of the eggs will be Saturday, April 7, at 9 am at Seven Lakes North Side Park. Teens are welcome to participate in hiding the eggs.

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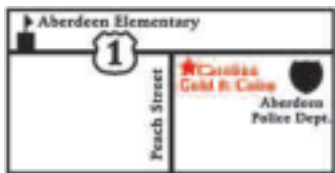
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Dear Editor:

I am completely bewildered by the immature antics of our West Side Board members in casting away the good will and fellowship we have been enjoying over the years with our North and South side community friends and neighbors.

By acting unilaterally on an action which effectively closes access to all North and South side residents without any indication whatsoever that our West Side Board members even tried to negotiate with the SLLA makes this unnecessary and outrageous action beyond my comprehension.

Would it have been so difficult to at least try to move toward greater rather than less unification by meeting with and reaching agreement with all community members, North, South and West? An agreement all of us could live with like making all four gates in Seven Lakes acces-

sible to every land owner of this community without adding excess cost, excess regulation and excess stress on every member living here.

All we would have had to do was to work out a plan

that would combine the gate software to recognize all Seven Lakers at any gate and at any time – no phone calls to gate guards – no sponsors required – no hassle at all. Just a community of friends.

Friends who respect one another for each of us having the great good will and expansiveness to be a real community.

George Jenner
Seven Lakes West

Financial Education for Women

Brianna Dillon, Financial Advisor with Raymond James & Associates, will host a six week interactive Financial Education course for women. This class be held at the Senior Enrichment Center on Tuesdays, April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15 from 10 - 11:30 am.

Just as women are different from men, so are their financial needs. There are many reasons why a woman might require a different approach to financial planning.

Some of these reasons are demographic; some societal; some family related.

Regardless of your financial situation, it is recommended that women create a personal plan for the future — whatever that may hold — because when it comes to financial security, it pays to invest in yourself.

Enrollment will be limited. Call 215-0900 to register. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, Pinehurst.

Peep

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directly into the heart of their test subjects.

Again the tiny confection was victorious.

But as Albert Einstein said, "Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."

You guessed it. Those Emory lab rats tried again; but, since they were unable to destroy the sugar molecules, they attempted a bold flanking maneuver on the proteins.

Yep, they went after the last vestige of Peep dignity: its gelatin.

Dropped into a pond of phenol — a nifty solvent that can cause vomiting, tissue necrosis, and cardiac arrest in even small doses — the candy chickadee held out for over an hour until nothing was left. Well, almost nothing.

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of the Board of Directors.

"George is a tremendous source of historic information," said Darr. "He has seen, up close, the transition from a manager to a management company. But what is most significant is that he honestly and forthrightly cares about his community."

Accepting the award, Temple encouraged more volunteers to step forward.

"Get involved," Temple said. "It is very gratifying — and the community needs your help."

Increased expenses stretch flat income

Much progress was made this year toward a more civil and transparent system of governance, Darr said, during his annual President's Report, but stagnant revenues and increasing expenditures will challenge the SLLA Board of Directors in the coming year. "I know the whole subject of numbers and finance is often boring and almost always disheartening," he said. "The cost of living is going up, food prices are up, gas prices are up, and we are all looking at way to make better decisions concerning our own finances. It is the same for the Association."

"This year we were able to contribute a nice sum to our fixed reserves, but our projections show we will be looking at problems very quickly."

Measuring his words carefully, Darr said he may be required to propose one or all of the following solutions to the problem: a dues increase, elimination of some amenities, charging fees for some amenities, or developing some other kind of revenue-generating activity.

"We are getting to the point with our increases in costs that we will have to look at one or all of these things," he said. "We are committed to being transparent . . . You must stay aware of what we are doing; and, frankly, you have to be active and help us to make the right decisions. It is for your benefit."

Acknowledging that the

past year got off to a rocky start when two directors abruptly resigned within days of the 2011 Annual Meeting, Darr said he was indebted to Bruce Keyser, Jr. and Andy Lowe for stepping into the breach.

Looking ahead, Darr was pleased to report that nearly \$500,000 has been set aside in the Restricted Reserve fund, and that paving work — primarily at fatigued and tree root damaged areas — will commence this Summer.

Other high priority issues in the coming year will be the installation of more security cameras at key recreation areas and ongoing work to reduce speeding and petty vandalism. Darr also said the community website will undergo a much-needed revamping, and the Board will continue to explore ways to cut expenses.

Reserve Study

From its inception in 1972

until 2009, the SLLA maintained only a minimal annual reserve fund to cover capital maintenance and infrastructure improvements.

To correct this oversight and improve long range planning, a Reserve Study — which analyzed both the physical and financial future needs of the community — was commissioned and formally approved last January.

From this comprehensive thirty-year plan, Director Bud Shaver developed a summary report and was tasked with overseeing the initial implementation of the plan. Work-

ing together with SLLA Treasurer Conrad Meyer, Shaver also compiled an extract of information which simplified the Study's recommendations into two categories: road paving and all other capital needs [dams, pool, and buildings].

"The purpose of the Study is to provide a long-range plan to maintain the Association's facilities and property in such a fashion as to encourage growth and maintenance of Association home property values," Shaver said.

He strongly encouraged the

incoming Board and future Boards to continue to use the study as they deliberate and prioritize needs.

Turning his attention to the recently completed Road Paving Study, which was conducted by the engineering firm S&ME, Shaver noted the majority of the community's roads are over thirty years old.

The study recommends giving first priority in paving to previously identified fatigued and tree root damaged areas, which represents 2.7 percent

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SLLA Election Results

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Buckingham	222
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of the community's total roadways.

While much of the twenty-seven miles of interior roads are not cosmetically attractive due to extensive crack-sealing work, the report indicated that 84 percent of the Association's roads have a remaining structural life of seven to twelve years.

Shaver provided a substantial summary of the road paving report and said a second extract and additional information on both S&ME reports is available for review at the office.

In addition, Shaver, who is retiring from the Board, said that he has submitted, for Board review, a proposed revision to Section 5.0 of the By-laws, which outlines the duties and responsibilities of the Community Manager and Talis Management Group, as well as recommendations for a SLLA System of Governance.

Finance

Beginning his annual report by recognizing his committee members, SLLA Treasurer Conrad Meyer thanked Jim Allen, Ed Sanchez, and George Temple for their attention to detail and dedication.

Meyer reported that, in addition to monthly reviews of financial statements and several cost studies, the committee instituted a formal collection process for past due accounts, updated internal controls and the signature authority process, rewrote the travel policy, worked with Talis to improve the clarity of financial reports, and performed an audit of improved lots in the community.

Meyer oversaw a separate team of volunteers that worked to improve the registration and billing process.

Home owner dues will remain the same for the coming fiscal year, at \$900 for improved lots, \$570 for unimproved lots, and \$397 for multiple lot owners. Renter dues were eliminated and replaced with a \$100 annual administrative fee.

Projected reserves in the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget

include \$498,000 in restricted funds, set aside for paving and state-mandated dam repairs, and \$410,000 in unrestricted funds, which may be used for any capital projects. Total revenue in 2013 is projected at \$1,343,316 and total antic-

ipated expenses at \$1,140,725; \$131,000 will be contributed to the restricted reserve, leaving \$71,591 available for unrestricted capital projects.

Security

Appointed to fill a Board

vacancy following the resignations of Chuck Mims and Melinda Scott last Spring, retiring Director Andy Lowe thanked the Board for the privilege to serve — and specifically thanked Bud Shaver for his work on the road paving project.

"In my time on the Board, I did what I could to improve community," Lowe said, noting that cameras were installed at the Yard Debris Site and that he also completed the tedious process of filing paperwork on several (See "SLLA," p. 28)



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abandoned boats and boat trailers.

Lowe said he was pleased with the new security firm, The Budd Group, and that roving patrol staff now use a GPS system to log their activities.

Grounds & Maintenance

Also appointed midterm to fill a vacancy, retiring Director Bruce Keyser, Jr. thanked the Board during his annual report.

"One year ago today, I stood here and told you what I had learned in the prior two — which was a lot," Keyser said of his first term of office. "This year, I'd like to take a moment to thank the Board of Directors. It has been a pleasure serving, and I wish them success. Short of a few disagreements, it has been a pleasure, and I feel we accomplished a lot."

Acknowledging that he has been very busy this year managing his own business, Keyser thanked the Board and SLLA staff for filling in and helping him accomplish work related to grounds and maintenance tasks.

Architectural Review

"This has been a fruitful year for construction in the community, and we are looking for more compliance as we go forward," Director Don Fentzlauff reported for the Architectural Review Board [ARB].

One significant accomplishment was the development of information sheets that offer comprehensive guidelines for residents on how to fill out ARB request forms and what information must be included for the committee's review. In addition, an ARB procedural manual that will help maintain better continuity from Board-to-Board is being developed.

ARB members thanked for their service were Donna Stephan, JoAn Moses, Edie Starkey, and Dennis Mueller.

Lakes & Dams

Reestablished at the beginning of last year, the Lakes & Dams Committee did a tremendous job, reported Director Don Fentzlauff.

"We have a lot of challenges ahead of us," he said. "As with everything else in the community, our lakes and dams are thirty-five years old. These things need main-

tenance and they need care. Our main goal is to keep Seven Lakes with seven lakes in it."

Looking ahead, Fentzlauff said the committee will conduct extensive lake water testing using both state facilities and in-house equipment donated by Northsider Ron Erskine.

"We are testing to try to maintain the water quality as best we can and, in general, put together a lot of information that we do not have at this time," Fentzlauff explained.

Community Standards

Director Bob Racine said the year commenced with a backlog of 185 violations and an additional 380 cases were reported. Of these, forty-eight cases were referred to Judicial Committee for non-compliance.

"Our goal is to provide the enforcement you expect with a minimal amount of confrontation," Racine said of the Community Standards Committee.

The process of notification of a violation begins with a courtesy phone call, followed by a 14-day grace period at each step, which provides a

speedy but helpful time frame to help resolve violations, explained Racine.

"We have moved from a predominately retirement community to a mixture of families, working adults and retirees," he added. "Our bylaws and rules must keep pace with the times. We are a vibrant community, and we must interpret what is acceptable. We must provide balance and uniformity in our enforcement, and we continue to seek your support."

Recreation

Describing the past year as one of great excitement

and disappointment, Racine thanked the small number of residents who serve on the Recreation Committee.

Notable special events this year were the Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July fireworks and Boat Parade, S'Mores Party at Sequoia Point, Halloween Party, and the annual Christmas Party, which included both children and adult-friendly activities.

In addition, Barb Keating was thanked for her help in reestablishing and coaching the Seven Lakes Stingrays Swim Team.

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JoAnn Allen, 2012 Moore County Event Chair, says "the numbers here are just numbers. The important thing about those numbers is that they represent families, friends, neighbors, coworkers and more. Almost everyone has been affected by cancer. Supporting the Relay for Life can make a difference in those lives."

In 2012, the Relay for Life of Moore County hopes to raise over \$55,000 in the fight against cancer. Last year the Relay achieved their goal of \$45,000 with over 300 people participating on 23 teams. With your support, Relay for Life can beat that dollar amount and participation rates in 2012.

There are several ways you

can get involved in this worthwhile cause:

- You can register as a survivor. Each year the first lap at the Relay is taken by the survivors with all the other participants standing by and cheering as those who are winning the battle parade by. This year there will also be dinner for the Survivors which will be held about a week before the Relay event. Information on how to sign up and the dinner are on the website identified elsewhere.

- You can volunteer to be a Captain and form a team. The teams formulate and implement plans to raise funds through a wide variety of events. The website has lists of possible fund raising activities that teams from around the country have found successful.

- Or you can sign up to be a part of an existing team and contribute to their success. There are already teams listed on the website (www.relayforlife.org/moore) and you can register online.
- You can also choose to

donate online using that same website.

Each year Relay for Life accepts donations for Luminaria which are lit and displayed at the Relay site during the all-night walk. Each one is either honoring a survivor or remembering someone lost to cancer. The minimum recommended donation for each luminaria is \$10 and there is no limit as to the number you can fund. Last year, one team raised in excess of \$1,000 to honor a friend lost to cancer that Spring — you can imagine the impact of all those luminaria. It is quite a sight when they are all lit and placed around the walking track.

American Cancer Society Staff Partner, Amy Albert, encourages everyone to participate, "Every day, the American Cancer Society is helping everyone to stay well

by preventing cancer or finding it at its earliest, most treatable stages. They assist families in finding the best resources to help their friend or loved one deal with a diagnosis and their journey to get well. The American Cancer Society is also rallying communities like yours through events like Relay for Life, to fight back and find cures for this disease."

The 2012 Moore County

Relay will be held on Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22 at Sandhills Community College.

The American Cancer Society is all about saving lives. The country's 11 million cancer survivors are a testament to the progress everyone is making together. When people take part in Relay for Life, they are saving lives by personally fighting back against cancer.

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efforts, the swim team was very successful and well-attended," Racine said.

Disappointment this year was due to the lack of volunteer participation in the committee and events. Racine said a Town Hall meeting to collect input on recreation drew little interest.

"We are open to new ideas, but we will not be able to add more recreational activities or events until we have more volunteers," he said.

Other business

In other business during the Sunday, March 25 Annual Meeting, the SLLA Board:

- Formally recognized outgoing Directors Bud Shaver, Andy Lowe, and Bruce Keyser, Jr. with certificates of appreciation for their service and leadership.

- Heard from Bob Stephan that potholes in the Yard Debris Site road area have reached hazardous proportions. "I think these could be remedied cheaply. It is dangerous, and dangerous things should be handled first," he cautioned.
- Accepted kudos from former Director Donna Stephan. "You are one of the best Boards [to serve] since we moved here twenty-two years ago," she said. "You have done a masterful job in making Seven Lakes a better place to live and improved our property values."

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