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# **Board approves** repaving plan

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

The smell of asphalt may soon punctuate the Summer heat in Seven Lakes

> North and South. The Seven Lakes

Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors, during the Wednesday, June 26 Open Meeting, unanimously approved moving forward with Phase 1 of a sixteen-year plan for paving SLLA streets.

President Bob Darr presented an abbreviated version of the plan that he rolled out

at the Board's June 11 Work Session, and the Directors voted unanimously to proceed with the first phase of the plan, at a cost not to exceed \$575,000.

That amount, which can be covered with funds available in SLLA reserve accounts, will allow the Association to repair the worst areas, where pavement is actually breaking up or being damaged by tree roots, as well as sections of pavement that the engineering firm S&ME has classified as having five years or less of usable (See "Paving," p. 29)

# SLLA considers management switch

by Greg Hankins Times Editor



The Seven Lakes Landowners Assocould soon have a July 4 holiday. new management

company — or not.

President Bob Darr announced during the Wednesday, June 27 Open Meeting that the Board had asked seven management and this Board have talked companies to submit pro-

posals, and would be interviewing two finalists during the next week. He told The Times that a decision could ciation [SLLA] be made shortly after the

> The decision to look at management alternatives is a part of the Board's broader scrutiny of expenses, Darr

"One of the things that I (See "Management," p. 27)

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# Seven Lakes Beauty



Southsider Amy Felix (center) — Miss Capital City Outstanding Teen — with Miss North Carolina Outstanding Teen 2011, McKenzie Faggart, and Miss North Carolina 2011, Hailey Best. See story on page 9.

# **Architect settles on site** for Westside mailhouse

by Stacy Naughton Times Editor



The architect designing a new mailhouse for Seven Lakes West has selected a

site for the structure, former Director John Hoffmann reported during the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association's [SLWLA] Tuesday, June 26 Board meeting.

Canoy Architects evaluated four possible locations for the mailhouse in and around the West Side Park Community Center [WSPCC], explained Hoffmann, who has been appointed by the Board to oversee the mailhouse and entries projects.

currently wooded area between the exit lane of Lakeway Drive and the the driveway leading into West Side Park, halfway between the swimming pool and Longleaf

"We considered many things in this decision," said Hoffmann, "primarily, convenience and safety."

Vehicles will be able to access the mailhouse via entrances off both Lakeway Drive and the West Side Park

"We believe we have a site that will work extremely well for traffic for the long haul," Hoffmann said.

The next step is designing the mailhouse, driveways,

The site selected lies in the and parking lots. The parking lot spaces will increase from the current thirteen to at least twenty, with the option to add more in the future, Hoffmann said.

> Floor plans will be available for review in two weeks, he added, noting that the lowest mailboxes will be twentyeight inches from the floor.

> At one time, the Board and Postal Service had discussed the possibility of substituting street addresses for the box numbers Westsiders currently use, but that appears unlikely.

> "I'm ninety-five percent sure that your PO Box number will remain exactly what it is." Hoffmann said.

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# SLLA bans wake surfing, stiffens ARC fines

by Greg Hankins Times Editor



Wake surfing is one of those activities that seems, when you first see it, physically

impossible. A surfer, on a board, pulled along solely by the wake of the boat, with no ski rope connecting the

But Seven Lakers won't be seeing any wake surfing on Lake Sequoia; the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board of Directors voted unanimously during the Wednesday, June 27 Open Meeting, to ban wake surfing on community lakes.

A relatively new watersport in the Eastern US, wake surfing places a rider with a very short ski rope on a surfboard behind a heavily-ballasted powerboat throwing a signif-

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icant wake. Once up on the likely be property damage wake, the rider can drop the rope but continue to ride along, propelled by the wake itself. The heavy ballast, often several hundred pounds of water added via "ballast bags," allows the boat to produce a wake several feet high.

Director Don Fentzlaff explained that Lake Sequoia and Echo are too small to allow such a wake to dissipate by the time they reach docks and bulkheads on the shore. The result of a wake surfing on SLLA lakes would over time, he warned.

On motions from Fentzlaff. the Board banned wake surfing, non-factory ballasting, and the use of a ski rope shorter than 30 feet.

In other boating-related action, the Board also approved a change to Rule 8.4.1.2.1 making it clear that both powered and non-powered boats must carry a personal flotation device for each passenger. A change that would have required stickers on all boats and trailers on

Association property was tabled, without explanation.

### **Penalties Stiffened** for Unauthorized Work

Director Fentzlaff presented and won approval for two rules modifications that clarify the penalty for landowners who undertake improvements to their property without first obtaining the approval of the Architectural Review Board

A change to Rule 13.1.6 makes clear that management will notify both owner and contractor in event of a rules violation, giving them 15 days to take corrective action.

A new rule, 13.2.10, sets a maximum \$100 fine, plus a stop-work order, for

improvements begun without ARB approval. Ignoring the stop-work order subjects the owner to an additional daily fine until work is stopped. If the ARB refuses to approve the project, the owner is required to restore the property or building to it original condition, before work commenced, or face additional daily fines.

### New website up and running

Director David Buckingham reported that the newlyredesigned SLLA website is up and running at www.sevenlakesnc.org. Landowners are encouraged to visit the site and register as users. The Association plans to use the database of registered (See "SLLA," p. 26)

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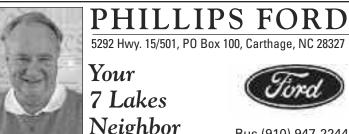
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# Board seeks input on Master Plan proposal

by Stacy Naughton Times Reporter



The proposal to develop a Master Vision Seven Lakes West has been des-

ignated a "matter of significant interest" to the membership, triggering a Bylaws requirement for extended public comment.

The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board made the designation during the Tuesday, June 26 Board meeting, and scheduled a Town Hall meeting on matter for Wednesday, July 11 at 7:00 pm in the Community Center.

Long Range Planning Director Don Freiert presented the rationale for developing a plan during Tuesday's meeting, and asked that it be deemed a matter of significant interest.

"One of the key objectives of the Board is to promote a vision for the community that takes us from a group of

a Planned Community," said Freiert. "In our view, this presents a compelling need for the community to take a fresh look at the community's values and vision for the future "

mergers and annexations to mer of 2013, Freiert said.

"There have been no commitments to spend money at this time," he assured the Board and membership. "There is nothing set in con-

The SLWLA Bylaws require

"This presents a compelling need for the community to take a fresh look at the community's values and vision for the future."

- Westside Director Don Freiert

The Long Range Planning Committee recommends that the Association hire Clarion Associates, a consulting firm, to lead the community through the vision and planning process, at a cost of \$40,000.

If the Board decides to move forward with Clarion and the project, work could begin as early as September 1 and would be completed by Sum-

that the Board take public input on any matter deemed to be of significant interest to the community at two separate meetings. The Board must also vote on the matter at two separate meetings.

The first of those two meetings will be Tuesday, July 10 and the second, on Tuesday, July 24, both regular

Board Work Sessions. The job, Freiert said, Clarion will: July 11 Town Hall will provide one additional opportunity for input.

Director Dan Blue asked for more than one Town Hall on the matter. "I just want to give folks a chance," he

Legal Director Jack Stevens said the two Board meetings, plus a Town Hall, allows three opportunities for the community to give input. In addition, there is an opportunity to provide input via the website.

The Board agreed that additional meetings could be held, if needed, after the three scheduled meetings.

Former Director Hoffmann asked that the community website include a link to work done by Clarion Associates.

Freiert said representatives of Clarion will attend the July 11 Town Hall to make a presentation and answer any questions from members. If they are selected for the

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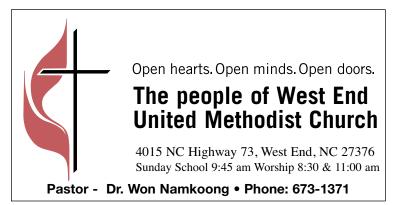
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endeavor," said Freiert, who emphasized the importance of community participation.

The Board will make a final decision on whether or not to postpone the Town Hall meeting during their Tuesday, July 10 work session.

(See "Westside," p. 20)





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# County switches to commingled recycling

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

The commingled recycled program recently introduced at all seven Moore County waste collection sites has been a year in the planning.

"This is the wave of the future as far as technology and as an advance in the industry itself," said Chad Beane, Solid Waste Division

Rather than multiple containers, the commingled recycling program — sometimes known as single stream or single sort — allows for all paper fibers, plastics, glass, and other recyclable materials to be collected in a single, mixed compactor. Once the compactor is full, crushed materials are transported to and separated for reuse at a materials recovery facility.

Under the traditional recycling system, recycled materials were separated at home and deposited in specific containers at the collection sites. Glass was hauled to the county's landfill, where it was crushed and stored in a bunker, before eventually being sold and hauled away. Aluminum was taken to a recycling facility in Aberdeen. Newspapers and magazines were picked up by the Raleigh News & Observer for recycling. Plastics were hauled to Troy, and cardboard was taken to Wagram or Troy for recycling.

Beane said the county was paid little for these materials, with the exception of scrap metal or white goods [appliances], which continue to hold a higher value.

The new commingled compactors will be filled on-site and hauled to recovery facilities in Troy, Wagram, and possibly Fayetteville, where the contents will be separated mechanically on conveyer belts, with some hands-on labor involved.

Cost was a primary factor in switching from the traditional recycling system, as there are several advantages to commingling, But these benefits are often offset by the initial startup expenses to acquire the necessary

equipment. A grant from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources [NCDENR] resolved that concern for Moore Coun-

"We had been on the fence for a while, on whether to take the leap to commingle," Beane said, "because some items — such as cardboard — bring in money. But others, like plastic, we get nothing for it."

With the NCDENR grant in hand, Moore County had

the opportunity to purchase the large recycling compactors for each collection site. Thus far, the program has been very popular, Beane said, once customers understand the concept. "We have had lots of posi-

tive feedback, but we've also had a lot of questions," Beane said. "Once people understand that everything is still being recycled — just more efficiently — then they are usually supportive," he said.

In 2009, North Carolina became one of the first states to require plastic recycling. Other items banned from disposal in a landfill include aluminum, yard waste, acid batteries, used oil and

antifreeze, whole tires, and white goods [appliances].

However, compliance is voluntary and can be spotty.

According to Recycle More NC, every four hours North Carolinians send more than a million plastic bottles to landfills — and only half of all aluminum cans are ever recycled. In fact, nearly nine times more waste is thrown away than is recycled in the state, with nearly \$270 million worth of recycled materials tossed.

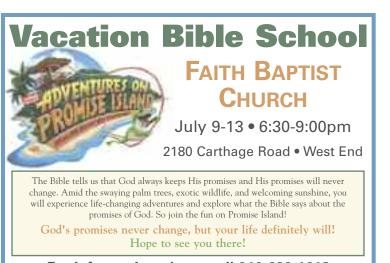
Beane anticipates a thirty percent increase in recycling participation from residents, as it is much easier to combine all the household's recy-

(See "Recycling," p. 16)



Don Mabe and Chad Beane, Moore County Solid Waste Division Manager, demonstrate the new commingled recycling compactor at the West End Collection Site.





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# Youth triathlon raises \$600 for St. Jude's

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

newly-established ACS Lakers Tri Club, a youth triathlon rounding roads in Seven held in early June was a major success and raised over \$600 as part of a "Workout for St. Jude" charity fundraiser.

Sponsored by Seven Lakes Health & Fitness Center, and A first-ever event for the conducted at the facility's swimming pool and sur-Lakes North, the event was held in honor of Mary O'Connor, said owner - and O'Connor daughter — Marjorie Nurnberg.

The first institution established for the sole purpose of conducting basic and clinical research and treatment of catastrophic childhood diseases — primarily cancer — St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was close to O'Connor's heart.

"St. Jude's was her favorite charity," explained Nurnberg. "She loved children; and, seeing children in need, she felt the need to help. We hope to make this an annual event and make it even bigger next year."

Members of the Piranhas swim team, coached by Bryan Coleman, participated in the Workout by swimming laps, and, on Saturday, June 9, twenty-four local children competed in the youth triathlon event organized by the ACS Lakers Tri Club.

"It was an outstanding day," said Dennis McLaughlin, chairman of AC Sandhills and one of three organizers of the ACS Lakers Tri. "The athletic club did a great job with the triathlon, with everybody jumping in to help."

"You don't always see that in sports, but a triathlon requires an enormous number of volunteers," he explained. "Everyone was really involved in the whole process. It was a true clubbuilding event, because everybody helped. Here, parents were not on the sidelines, cheering, but actually on the course, helping to execute the race."

McLaughlin, along with Mark Miller and Rodney Tolintino spent the past year putting together the new

youth triathlon club and, thus far, have forty kids involved.

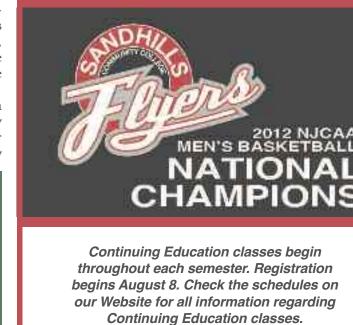
The early June event in Seven Lakes was their first official race and included two age divisions. Children age seven to nine years old first

swam 50 yards, before biking 1.4 miles and running a half mile to the finish line. Children aged ten years and up competed in the same categories with the distances were doubled.

(See "Triathlon," p. 6)



Dennis McLaughlin with his children, Cade and Kylie, before the Lakers Tri event.



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# In memory of

William Marr Chriscoe, transferred to Albany, New **Jr.** 84, of Seven Lakes died on June 29, at FirstHealth Hospice House, Pinehurst.

son of the late William, Sr. and Stella Chriscoe.

A funeral service was held on Monday, July 2 at West End United Methodist Church, West End. Burial followed at West End Ceme-

He is survived by his wife Mary Tom Chriscoe; two sons, Martin Lewis Chriscoe and David Wayne Chriscoe; sister, Patricia Bullard; and his grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to FirstHealth Hospice Foundation 150 Applecross Road Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Boles Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.in Pinehurst is assisting the family.

Robert B. Allen, 75, of Seven Lakes, died on Monday, June 25, at Manor Care.

Mr. Allen was born in Conneaut, Ohio, son of M. Blair and Margaret Cassady Allen. He graduated from high school in Frankfort, Indiana in 1954, where he was a member of the golf team.

He attended Purdue University, graduating with a degree in Civil Engineering. After graduation, he worked for the Metal Products Division of Armco Steel Corporation, Middletown, Ohio. He

# Triathlon

(Continued from page 6)

Event sponsors and volunteers included parents, members of the Sandspurs Triathlon Club, and staff from Campbell Soup Company's processing facility in Maxton.

"It is not just a bunch of adults doing all the work in this club," said McLaughlin. "Our goal is to have the kids help us run the club and be involved in every step."

For more information about the ACS Lakers Tri Club, contact Jill McLaughlin at mclaughlindj@nc.rr.com

York, where he would live and work until his retirement in 1993 as a Senior Sales He was born in Pinehurst, Engineer, for the division of Contech Construction Prod-

> Upon retirement, he and his wife Millie moved to Seven Lakes and built a home on Beacon Ridge Golf Course, and spent their Summers on Lake Abanakee in Indian Lake. NY.

His was a member of the Beacon Ridge Golf Association, and he sold real estate at the Property Center for several years.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Millie; son Scott of Albany, NY; daughter Laura Kozlowski (Olivier); and his grandchildren.

There will be no memorial

Memorial donations for Mr. Allen may be made to the Seven Lakes EMS, 969 Seven Lakes North, West End, NC 27376 or to Community Autism Resources, 33 James Reynolds Rd., Swansea, Mass. 02777 or www.community-autism-resources.com to assist his granddaughter and other autistic children.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

# **Mental Illness Support Group**

National Alliance on Mental Illness - Moore County (NAMI-MC) holds its monthly meetings at the Community Room at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital Specialty Clinic Building, at the corner of Memorial Drive and Page Street.

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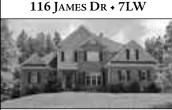
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# Bebouts make Pawn Stars debut July 9

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

He didn't have a clue what is was - or even what it was worth.

But it wasn't long before Scott Bebout discovered he had found treasure this past Spring, after purchasing a brass pitcher for a pittance.

"I just like the look of brass, so I bought it," Scott explained, noting his sole intention was to clean it up to add to the display case at Ornaments, the little antique shop he runs with his wife, Kris, and daughter, in the Seven Lakes business vil-

However, after wiping away the grime, Bebout spied a mark identifying it as property of the U.S. Lighthouse Board and soon realized he had a bona fide piece of American history.

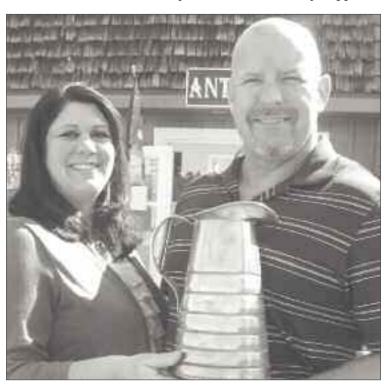
So instead of burying it on a deserted island or in the bottom of a display case, he

place to take modern treasure: Vegas, baby!.

knew there was only one Channel's most popular show, 'Pawn Stars,' on Monday, July 9, at 10:00 pm to Tune in to the History find out what really happened

when the Bebout's visited authentic 19th century lightthe World Famous Gold & Silver Pawn Shop with their

house oil can.



Kris & Scott Bebout with the br ass lighthouse oil can that won them a slot on "Pawn Stars."

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# Snees celebrate 50th

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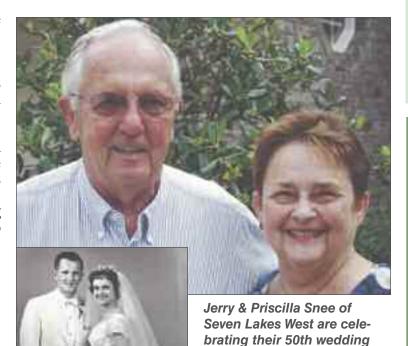
They exchanged their vows July, 7,1962 in a beautiful wedding ceremony in St. Hedwig's Church, Kingston, PA.

Jerry was employed as a teacher in the Sayville Public Schools, NY and Priscilla was an RN and worked as a childbirth educator. After living in Sayville, NY for thirty-two years, they retired to Seven Lakes West in 1994.

They have three children: Karen, resides in Seattle WA; Jerry in Brooklyn, NY; and Kathleen in Bayport, NY, and three grandchildren.

Their children have planned a 50th anniversary celebration to be shared with family and friends.

Preceding their celebration, a mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church and dedicated in their honor



# Pertussis vaccine offered

Department is currently responding to the first confirmed case of Pertussis (whooping cough) in 2012.

Because of an increase in Pertussis across the state. health officials are encouraging citizens to get a Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis) vaccine.

For a limited time, the North Carolina Immunization Program is offering free Tdap vaccines. This free Tdap vaccine will be given until supplies are depleted. The Tdap vaccine may be given to anyone seven years and older (including adults) regardless of their insurance status.

To receive a free vaccine, make an appointment with your primary care provider (you may be charged an administration fee) or call the Moore County Health Department at 947-3300.

Pertussis is a highly contagious respiratory disease characterized by severe uncontrollable episodes of coughing. Infants, young children and the elderly are

The Moore County Health at greater risk for this disease

### Symptoms of pertussis:

Usually appear 6-21 days (average 7-10) after exposure to an infected person.

Usually starts with cold symptoms (runny nose, cough) followed by episodes of severe coughing that can last 1-2 months.

Vomiting may occur after coughing spells.

The person may look and feel healthy between coughing episodes.

anniversary. Above, the Snees

today; at left, the Snees on

their wedding day in 1962.

Immunized school-age children, teenagers, and adults have milder symptoms than young children.

If you or a family member is experiencing symptoms of Pertussis, please consult your healthcare provider immediately.

For more information visit moorecountync.gov/health

# Make your yard mosquito free!

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# Amy Felix: a perfect mix of strong & sweet

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

Amy Felix, the reigning Miss Capital City Outstanding Teen [OT] is not unlike a glass of Southern iced tea: a perfect combination of strong and sweet.

A resident of Seven Lakes South for nearly eight years, the rising tenth grader, is a senior level competitive dancer and a first degree black belt. Felix has been competing in pageants for several years and earned the Little Miss Moore County title in 2009. But what makes her really special is the tenacity and courage to get back on stage again and again, despite coming in shy of her goal. Felix has always placed in the top five in pageant competition and twice took home the first runner-up

"My goal in pageants is, I always say, I'm going to win at least one thing," Felix said. "You're never going to be winner, winner, winner. But there is always going to be the one girl that has everything they are looking for."

In January, she was "that girl," and finally reached her goal. Since being named Miss Capital City OT, she has spent the last few months heavily-involved with promoting her platform, Relay for Life. Her mother Toni Felix's battle with breast cancer inspired Amy to take up the cause.

"The entire objective of the Relay for Life organization is to find a cure for cancer," Amy said. "I like that idea. It will benefit all of us later in life."

It was an unfortunate happenstance that Amy's interest in pageants coincided with her mother's diagnosis. Both she and her older sister, Amanda began competing in pageants and chose cancerrelated causes for their service platforms.

"Once Amy sets her mind to something, she usually achieves it," said her mother, Toni. But she added that her fight with cancer was particularly difficult for her youngest child.

well with me, so we stayed home a lot," she said. "Then, with surgery and radiation, I was still not feeling up to par. It was hard on Amy. She didn't want to leave my side."

"The whole family has been impacted, but they have been very supportive. It's just been an ordeal these past couple of years," Toni said.

While in Raleigh last month competing for the Miss North Carolina Outstanding Teen title, Amy drew upon those

"Going to chemo didn't set experiences during her onstage interview, when she was asked what advice she would offer if a friend's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer.

> "I would tell them you are not alone," was Felix's response. "I said that I had gone through it, and that it was important to keep positive thoughts, and that everything would be okay."

> Her answer was short and sweet and heartfelt, though she stopped short of the

entire truth — that she had and do the same routine, so also been very scared.

"I cried a lot. I couldn't imagine going through life without my mom," she said. "There were bad and good things going through my head, but it all worked out."

But it wasn't Amy's abbreviated pageant answer that caused her concern, it was when her evening gown snagged on a stage prop.

"I felt comfortable with the Fitness competition. All the girls where the same outfit

we were all kind of equal at that point. The hardest part for me was the evening gown, and having to walk down steep stairs in high heels," said Felix. "The stage was spinning and my dress got caught. I had to quickly pull, and it popped out right before the spotlight hit me!"

After neatly sidestepping that wardrobe malfunction, Felix said other highlights from the pageant included

(See "Felix," p. 15)

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The Sophisticated Ladies

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County at their Annual Meet- Mealing, LWVMC New Pres-

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# Ladies win gold

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The Sophisticated Ladies began in 1992 under the direction of Barbara Hamm a former Radio City Rockette. They have continued dancing at nursing homes, retirement homes and social functions throughout the area.

The Sophisticated Ladies Dance Troupe will interview prospective members 50 years and over, on Monday or Thursday mornings at 8:30 am at the Village Hall in Pinehurst. Dance experience is helpful but not required.

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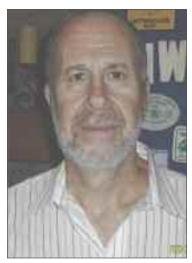




# Kiwanis get history lesson from Vietnam Vets

by Rollin Tomberlin Seven Lakes Kiwanis

veterans the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club entertained two Seven Lakes vets in June, Mike Shapiro and Joe Kristek. Both men are contributing their time and energies towards the on-going development of the Vietnam Veteran's Chapter 966.



Mike Shapir o

Shapiro, a native New York city resident, was a math major and successful consultant. Although he was attending night school, he was drafted at the age of 19.

Shortly thereafter, he found In honor of our Vietnam himself in the Mekong Delta fighting the VC guerilla's from rice-paddy to rice-paddy. Being the tallest in the platoon, he was given the assignment of toting the 24-lb. M-16 machine gun. This was obviously a mixed blessing: a powerful weapon, but a huge load to carry all day and night.

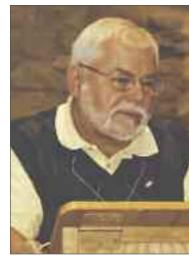
> "The Delta itself was truly primitive – all rice paddies - and was like living in the Stone-age," Shapiro said. "This area had two primary weather components: the hot season and the monsoon season. With wet-feet all the time, most of us stopped wearing socks to avoid fungus and other skin maladies."

> The men daydreamed of simple pleasures like hot showers and quality meals. Survival was the main goal and returning home in onepiece was everyone's moti-

Joe Kristek, like Shapiro, is from Seven Lakes West. His civilian career encompassed 40 years with two

heed-Martin. Kristek, himself an ex-GI, was appalled at the little attention given to Vietnam Veterans. Upon retirement from industrial work, he elected to become involved with VVA. Inc. Their slogan, "Never again will one generation of veterans be abandoned by another" motivated him.

The statistics of the war are mind-boggling. There were 2.7 million people who had boots on the ground in Vietnam. 58,000 or so were killed. 1,666 were MIAs or POWs. "Now, after many



Joe Kr istek

companies - IBM and Lock- years of denial, there is a 900 lb. gorilla in the room," Shapiro said. "The federal government has finally granted that "agent orange" exposure might be a very large health problem to a sizeable group of veterans. They have authorized the Veteran's Administration to study 900,000 potential claims."

> Vietnam Veterans Chapter 966 meets the first Monday of each month at 7 pm at Seven Lakes West Side Community Center. The membership is open to anyone that served on active duty between February of 1961 and May of 1975.

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# **Future of the Marine Corps**

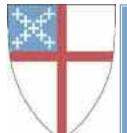
The Marine Corps League, Sandhills Area Detachment #1001 is hosting a presentation on the future of the Marine Corps by Col. John Bouldry, USMC ret., and Col. Peter Dotto, USMC ret., Wednesday, July 11 at 7 pm, at VFW Post, 615 South Page Street, Southern Pines. All Marines, active or retired, are invited.

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# **Boles Funeral Home honors deceased vets**

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Jamie Boles and staff after careful research in the protocol of dignified retirement

Boles Funeral Homes and of the American flag have found a way to show appreciation for veterans and love for their nation's leading sym-

> The stars and stripes "Old Glory" is a symbol of our freedom and the reminder of the sweat, blood, and tears of veterans that it took to build this great nation. Just like those who have served,

the flag has a life span and flag and military honors. every flag should be decommissioned honorably.

Families wishing to have a retired American flag cremated with their loved one are still entitled to receive a new ceremonial American

In conjunction with the local Marine Corps League Sandhills Area Detachment 1001 of Moore County Boles Funeral Home received support in this endeavor. You may drop off your retired

American flags at Boles Funeral Homes and Crematory with locations in Moore, Lee, and Robeson Counties during normal business hours, or by calling and they will make arrangements to come and pick-up your flag.

# Edward Jones gives prize



Ed Hill of Edward Jones Financial Advisors presented a gift basket from their "Meet the Merchants" drawing to Kaye & Bob Zalkan of McLendon Hills.

Special thanks to Leslie Rose at Seven Lakes Winery for helping with wine selections for the basket.

Hill is a resident of Seven Lakes North, with his wife Alicia and two sons William and Caleb.

For information about Edward Jones services, Ed Hill can be reached at 910-691-2616.



NC Representative Jamie Boles, owner of Boles Funeral Home, with Commandant Dave Berger & Past Commandant John Harding of the Moore County Marine Corps League.

# Got a great recipe?

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# Three from West Pine win O'Neal scholarships

Three rising ninth graders, all from West Pine Middle School, have been chosen to receive four-year scholar-



Gillian Munro

Gillian Munro has been awarded the Helen Pringle Holmberg Scholarship. Chloe Hoffman has been awarded the Nuzzo Family Foundation Scholarship. Darby Linn is the recipient of the Hannah Marie Bradshaw Scholar-

The Nuzzo, Holmberg, and Bradshaw Scholars are selected based upon the students' demonstration of scholastic ability, leadership potential and strength of character.

# **Methodists** host Vacation Bible School

Join West End United Methodist Church for VBS on Sunday, July 29 through Thursday, August 2, 6 pm – 8:15 pm each night. Vacation Bible School is for children age 3 years through 5th grade.

Come enjoy Bible Stories, Music, Crafts, Drama, Snacks and Recreation as the group learns about Sonrise Nation Park. Each night children will learn about true peace, true riches, true power, true love and true hope and each night the church will collect a special offering for the Food Pantry at WEUMC.

included an extensive application with essays and an interview with members of O'Neal's Board of Trustees and O'Neal's Headmaster. Alan Barr.

The Helen Pringle Holmberg Scholarship is given in honor of Helen Holmberg, an O'Neal graduate and the School's first John Motley Morehead Scholarship recipient. Helen's father, the late Centre W. Holmberg, Jr., served as chairman of O'Neal's Board of Trustees. Current O'Neal students as well as students from other schools are considered. Gillian Munro, daughter of Carol Munro of Seven Lakes, becomes the fourteenth Holmberg Scholar. Munro is currently working towards her Silver Award in Girl Scouts. She plays soccer and tennis and participates in the All-County Orchestra playing the cello.

The Nuzzo Family Foundation Scholarship is given by Mr. and Mrs. Sal Nuzzo in honor of Father John Nicola, a retired priest who was a beloved Latin teacher at O'Neal. Students not currently enrolled at O'Neal are considered. Chloe Hoffman, O'Neal's thirteenth Nuzzo Scholar, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hoffman

The scholarship process held leadership positions in student government, has been an active participant in the debate team and enjoys playing soccer.



**Chloe Hoffman** 

The Hannah Marie Bradshaw Scholarship is given in memory of Hannah Marie Bradshaw. Hannah spent half of her life as an O'Neal student and she loved the School as a positive place that helped her reach her true potential. Students not currently enrolled at O'Neal are considered. Darby Linn, the seventh recipient of the scholarship, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dale Linn of Pinehurst. Also a soccer player, Linn has been involved with student government and is active with

Applications for these scholarships are accepted at the beginning of each calendar year. They can be obtained by visiting The O'Neal School website.

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more information, contact Alice Droppers, director of admissions at (910) 692-6920 or visit www.ONeal School.org.



**Darby Linn** 







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mately, who is the more intel-

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# Why won't my dog behave on the leash?

What are the words almost all dogs love to hear? "Lets go for a walk." The excitement generated by those few words can be incredible. The panting, the tail wagging, the body moving around uncontrollably are some of the behaviors we see in our dogs after uttering those words.

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sions? The first point to consider

> is: Does my dog listen to me in the house with no distraction? If that's not happening, you can forget about

getting your dog's attention on the walk.

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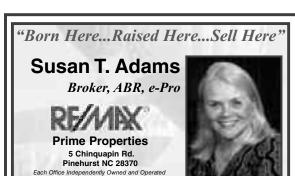


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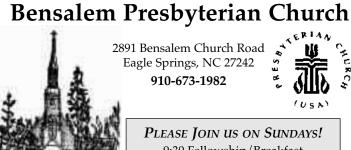
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# **Felix**

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meeting Mark Ballas, of "Dancing with the Stars," and visiting with many of the forty-four former Miss North Carolina title holders present for this year's 75th anniversary show.

With her mother now in full recovery, the Felix family is braced for a new challenge, as Amy's father, Brad, has been ordered to report for military duty in Tampa, Florida, in July.

"I have really enjoyed representing my title in positive ways and the opportunity to promote my platform as much as possible," Amy said, noting that she is looking

forward to keeping close contact with her pageant friends.

"We're basically all sisters," she said.

Those sisters include an impressive number of Moore County girls, including Elizabeth O'Brien of Aberdeen, Miss UNC-Pembroke Outstanding Teen; Morgan Hendrix of Pinehurst, Miss Durham Outstanding Teen; Alessandra Gironda of Southern Pines, Miss Moore County Outstanding Teen; and Paige Adkins of Pinehurst, Miss Greater Carolina Outstanding Teen.

In the "Miss" division, competing for a chance at the Miss America crown were

Summer Hennings of Whispering Pines, Miss Moore County, and Kensley Leonard of Southern Pines, Miss Greater Sandhills.

In addition, younger title holders from the immediate community participating in the Miss America pageant system include Carolina Princesses, Alexa Castro-Giovanni of Seven Lakes West, Kendall Hilliard of McLendon Hills, and Macy Armstrong of Seven Lakes North; as well as Moore County's Outstanding Little Miss title holders, Jennifer Ryder and Isabella Arnot, both of Seven Lakes West.

# **Upcoming pageants**

Local young ladies interested in pageant competition have several opportunities this Fall to earn a title and crown of their own.

Miss Greater Sandhills pageant [17-24 yrs] and Miss Greater Sandhills Outstanding Teen [13-16 yrs] and Little Miss Greater Sandhills [3-12 yrs] pageants will be held on Saturday, September 8 at the Robert E. Lee Auditorium at Pinecrest High School. In addition, the Miss Greater Carolina and Miss Greater Carolina Outstanding Teen pageant will coincide with the event. Orientation meetings have been scheduled for July 8 and July 22. applications are available at www.missgreatersandhills.org

The Miss Moore County and Miss Moore County Outstanding Teen pageants will be held Saturday, October 13, at a location to be announced. Orientation will be held September 5, applications are available at www.missmoorecounty.com

Sponsored by the Sandhills BPW, the Miss Noel Scholarship pageant is an independent annual event [four age categories for girls 5-15] scheduled for Saturday, November 10, at Aberdeen Elementary School. Orientation will be held Tuesday, September 25, for information contact Pat Ann McMurray at 910-944-7408.

# Museum presents 'It's Electrifying!'

On Saturday, July 14, the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex will open the exhibit It's Electrifying!

This traveling exhibit from the North Carolina Museum of History highlights how the distribution of electric power changed lives in the early twentieth century.

As more homes and communities got power, the demand for electric appliances grew, which manufacturers promised would make housewives' chores easier. The exhibit contrasts preelectric devices such as waffle irons, toasters, coffeepots, clocks, fans, and irons with their electric counterparts.

"Today, we have become accustomed to rapidly changing technology and how it affects our lives," noted David Reid, museum administrator.

"Imagine less than a century ago, most North Carolinians lived without electricity." By 1905, electricity was commonplace in cities, but did not reach some rural communities until the 1940's.

The exhibit also highlights the advantages of electric lighting and the creation of distribution systems that made the electrification of the state possible. It's Electrifying will be on display through September 16.

The museum is located at the corner of Bradford and

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# Program offers students a window into government

Moore County Government Leadership Academy 2012 is a program that places High School and College students in internships throughout county Government.

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The program serves as a way to say to these young and emerging leaders, professionals, and citizens that we value their service and we want them to stay and grow right here in our great county.

### Schedule

August 1

10 am – 1 pm, Orientation Agricultural Center, Carthage August 6 -10 9 am - 4 pm Internship

August 21

6 pm, Graduation Recognition

Commissioners Meeting
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Program information and applications can be found at www.moorecountync.gov or contact Linda Gore, 4-H Coordinator, at (910) 947-3188, Eli Arroyo-Allen or Mary Phillips at (910) 947-6363.

All Moore County youth ages 15-21 are eligible to apply.

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# Recycling

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clables in one bin than to separate the glass from the plastic from the paper, and so on.

The ability to transport all recyclables from the convenience center in one large load, rather than a variety of smaller loads, is expected to save fuel and reduce wearand-tear on vehicles.

In addition, the commingled waste is a "marketable material" which will generate a modest revenue stream. If the convenience of the system encourages more residents to recycle, there will be more marketable materials available for reuse.

In making the switch, Beane said, he took a gradual approach: first converting the furthest sites from a freight standpoint — at Robbins and Cameron — before introducing the technology at more heavily-used collection sites, specifically West End and the facility near Hillcrest Park outside of Carthage.

"We didn't convert all at once," explained Beane. "We felt it would be easier to educate people as they get to the site... This allowed us to work out any kinks before we went into the more populated areas."

Plastic bags are a major concern and an important sticking point in that educational process.

"Those thin, grocery bags get caught up in the machinery," explained Don Mabe, in demonstrating the new compactor at the West End collection site. "The plastic tears and gets in the gears."

But otherwise, Beane noted, people have been quick to appreciate the convenience of using a single container rather than multiple bins at the site.

"The collection sites are less cluttered," he said. "Where before we had various containers sitting everywhere, this simplifies the whole matter. And it is much safer for people walking around. That is just one of many advantages."

However, the new program does not resolve every recycling issue for Moore County. Beane explained that electronic recycling remains difficult — primarily because materials have to be collected and palletized in a certain method.

"You just can't throw electronics in a dumpster," he explained. "Inside are hazardous materials that have to be separated and disposed of properly."

White goods and appliances will continue to be collected in the traditional containers — with Freon and other hazardous materials removed — before being sold as scrap metal. And the donated clothing bins will remain at the site for customer use.

New containers for used fryer oil [UFO] are being installed and oil, once recycled, will provide some revenue back to the county.

"We like to offer our citizens any services that we can," Beane said. "Each item that we can keep out of the household garbage compactor is a cost savings to the county because we don't have to pay a disposal fee for that material. So with every little bit we can keep out of compactor — we're saving money."





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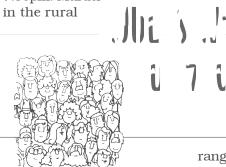
- · Casual Friday at SLCC 5-9 pm, Buffet 5-6:30, \$10 (all inclusive). Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, salad & dessert. Food, games & socializing, 673-1100.
- Johnson Point Concert Series – 7 pm, "Redline" a beach/country/rock and oldies band that loves to entertain and will get the crowd involved with the show. Free, please bring your own chairs, blankets, snacks and drinks. (Event for SL West Side Residents)

# SATURDAY, JULY 7

- · Taking Better Photographs in the Garden Sandhills Horticultural Gardens - 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, at Ball Visitors Center, Sandhills Community College. Photographer Laura Gingerich will lead participants from a drab snapshot to a stunning photograph. No experience necessary. \$10 for Horticultural Society members, \$15 for non-members. Space is limited. Bring your digital camera (preferably new within the last four years) with a good charged battery, a small pad & pencil. Pre-payment required. Call Tricia Mabe 910-695-3882.
- Farmers Market at Sandhills Winery – 9 am - 12 pm, local produce and handcrafts. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- · Indoor Tag Sale To Benefit "The Haven-Friends For Life" – 9 am until 12 pm, Southern Pines, inside the Air Conditioned NC Self Storage Building, 209 Trimble Plant Road, across the street from Hamilton Beach factory, just off Yadkin Road. Rain Or Shine. Call Diana Barton at 315-1650 to arrange for pick-up. The-Haven-FrendsforLife.org
- · Elliott's Provision Co. Free Cooking Demo - 12 pm - 2 pm. Corn Sweet corn locally grown, and a Summer staple. Enjoy some new ideas on how to prepare your next dish. 905 Linden Road Pinehurst, (910) 255-0665.

· Elliott's Provision Co. Free Wine Tasting - 12 pm - 4 pm. Feraton Rose. 905 Linden Road Pinehurst. (910) 255-0665.

• Sunflix at the Sunrise – movie: Bernie, 2:30 pm & 7:30pm. Murder



town of Carthage, TX, Watch as assistant funeral director Bernie Tiede one of the town's most beloved residents becomes the leading suspect in the case. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

# SUNDAY, JULY 8

- St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church - 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- Sunflix at the Sunrise movie: Bernie, 2:30 pm & 7:30pm. Murder in the rural town of Carthage, TX, Watch as assistant funeral director Bernie Tiede one of the town's most beloved

residents becomes the leading suspect in the case. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

The Perfect Protection -3 pm, Camouflage, stinging hairs, and playing

> dead are a few examples of things that animals have or do to protect themselves from predators. Join

ranger to learn about some of the amazing defense mechanisms that certain species utilize. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free and open to the public.

The Rooster's Wife – 6:45 pm, doors open at 6 pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. Music guests Town Mountain, Wurlitzer Prize. Buy your tickets online. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org (910)944-7502.

# MONDAY, JULY 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 join the group.

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

**Faith Baptist Vacation** Bible School - continues through July13, from 6:30 to 9 pm each evening. "The Adventures on Promise Island" where kids discover God's lifesaving love. Amid the swaying palm trees, exotic wildlife, and welcoming sunshine, everyone will experience life-changing adventures and explore what the Bible says about the promises of God. See you there. Faith Baptist Church, 2180 Carthage Road, West End.910-947-3797 fbcwestend.com and select the Events tab.

- Youth Sporting Clay **Shooting Presentation** -6:30 West Side Park Community Center. Rich Mitchell of the NCYSF will give a presentation on the NC Youth Sport Foundation and all that it offers North Carolina Youths 4th through 12th graders in Sporting Clay Shooting Events. This is a family oriented, education and safety program. To sign up, call the West Side Community Center or RosemaryW@ 7Lakeswest.com
- Sandhills Photography Club - 7-9 pm, at Christ Fellowship Church, Midland & Pee Dee Rd, Southern Pines. Artist Eric Ton on "Fractal Art" Guests are invited to join the meetings. sandhillsphotoclub.org
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# TUESDAY, JULY 10

- Seven Lakes West Landowners Association – 9 am, work session. West Side Park Community Center. Open to all landowners.
- 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. Carol Burgess, Deacon. All are welcome.
- Foxfire Village Council 7 pm, meeting. At Foxfire Village Hall. Open to community and public.

# WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

- American Red Cross Blood Drive 1:30 pm to 6 pm, at Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. There is a dire emergency and need for blood and platelet donors of all blood types. All donors will be automatically entered in a drawing for the chance to win a \$3000 gift certificate. Please join in giving in the "Gift of Life!"
- Rosary at Chapel in the Pines 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.
- Future of the Marine **Corps** – 7 pm, presentation on the future of the Marine Corps by Col. John Bouldry, USMC ret., and Col. Peter Dotto, USMC ret., at VFW Post, 615 South Page Street, Southern Pines. All Marines, active or retired, are invited. The League's regular monthly meeting will be held following the presentation. Marine Corps League, Sandhills Area Detachment #1001 is hosting the presentation.
- Welcome Home Bible Study – 7 pm, West End United Methodist Church. Bible Study designed for the reverts; who went to the church when they were young and strayed away or were not active in the

church, then came back later to know God and seek the purpose of life. Rev. Dr. Won Namkoong will lead. Meet in the WEUMC Fellowship Hall.

# THURSDAY, JULY 12

- 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 for \$5.
- Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting - 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com

# FRIDAY, JULY 13

5-9 pm, Buffet 5-6:30, \$10 (all inclusive). Pork Ribettes, baked beans, coleslaw & dessert. Food, games & socializing, 673-1100.

# SATURDAY, JULY 14

- Farmers Market at Sandhills Winery 9 am 12 pm, local produce and handcrafts. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- Elliott's Provision Co. Free Cooking Demo 12 pm 2 pm. *Mak'in Bread* Nothing is as satisfying as a loaf of bread out of the oven. Come explore how to make bread in your home kitchen. 905 Linden Road Pinehurst, (910) 255-0665.
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# SUNDAY, JULY 15

- St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- Sandhills Squirrels-Nature's Nutcrackers – 3 pm, Flying, fox, and gray squirrels are all found in the Sandhills. However, they have distinctly different life styles. Program will focus on adaptations and life histories of rodents. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free

and open to the public.

• The Rooster's Wife – 6:45 pm, doors open at 6 pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. Music guests Reggie and Kim Harris. Buy tickets online. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org (910)944-7502.

# MONDAY, JULY 16

- Seven Lakes Artists Group – 1 pm, meets every Monday at Seven Lakes Northside Clubhouse. All Local artists are welcome join.
- Weight Watchers Meeting
   5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary
   Magdalene Episcopal
   Church, 1145 Seven Lakes
   Drive, Seven Lakes. Group
   leader Rachel Carr.

# TUESDAY, JULY 17

- 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.
- Moore County Board of Commissioners – 6 pm, at the Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

- Rosary at Chapel in the Pines 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.
- Welcome Home Bible Study 7 pm, West End United Methodist Church. Bible Study designed for the reverts; who went to the church when they were young and strayed away or were not active in the church, then came back later to know God and seek the purpose of life. Rev. Dr. Won Namkoong will lead this session. Meet in the WEUMC Fellowship Hall.

# THURSDAY, JULY 19

• 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 for \$5.

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

## FRIDAY, JULY 20

• Casual Friday at SLCC – 5-9 pm, Buffet 5-6:30, \$10 (all inclusive). Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, rolls & dessert. Food, games & socializing, 673-1100.

# <u>SATURDAY, JULY 21</u>

• Farmers Market at Sandhills Winery – 9 am - 12 pm, local produce and handcrafts. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com

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# Westside meeting

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# **Rule Prompts Debate**

The Board approved a motion by Architectural Review Committee [ARC] Director Dan Blue to amend ARC Standard 7.11.14, which deals with antennas or satellite dishes, by adding one clarification. The standard now reads:

"No antennas or satellite dishes may be installed without prior written approval from ARC. No antenna may be higher than 24" above house or roof line. No towers are allowed. Satellite dishes, 18" or less in diameter, appropriately screened from roads, neighbors' view, lake views, and fairways must be approved as to location and screening prior to installation. Any previous satellite dishes or antennas must be

Legal Director Stevens asked why members should have to pay for a permit simply to replace an existing dish disabled by, for example, a lightning strike.

"We are going to force that permit to get that fixed?" asked Stevens, "That's not right. It's absurd."

"I'm not going to argue the point with you," said Blue. "But it is still in the rules and regulations and ARC standards." In other words, before adding the new language that Blue proposed, the standard already required a permit for a replacement dish.

Retired ARC Director John Hoffmann said the additional permit is to ensure that the new installation meets the community's standards.

"I don't think that's right," said Stevens, "I don't think we should do that to our citizens.'

Secretary Jane Sessler also pointed out that permits are used to track which vendors are coming into the community.

Blue reiterated that the new language added to the standard aims to clarify that two antennas or satellite dishes can not be up at the same time.

The Community Picnic held on June 23 was attended by over 300, reported Events Director Rosemary Weber, who proclaimed it "a tremendous success."

The Events Committee Chair for the event was Joyce Freiert with co-chairs Tina Viscuso and Ruth Caldara. "They did a really big outstanding job," said Weber.

On Friday, July 6, the Johnson Point Summer Concert Series continues with a performance by the Redline Band. A 50/50 raffle will benefit the Moore County Special Olympics.

On Monday, July 9, Rich Mitchell from the North Carolina Youth Shooting Federation will give a presentation at the Community Center at 6:30 pm on the Youth Shooting Foundation, which involves fourth through twelfth graders in Sporting Clay Shooting events.

A handgun safety course will be held on August 14 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center. The event is free, those interested should sign up for the event with Weber or the CAS office.

### Lake and Dam

The gravel areas on the crest of Lake Auman Dam have been paved, reported Lake and Dam Director Bruce Keyser. "They did an extremely good job," Keyser said of the contractor.

He added that further proposed improvements to the dam area will be presented to the Board in the near

Keyser asked that everyone "be safety-conscious on and off the lake" for the Fourth of July weekend.

Boat patrol volunteers have been checking boats for their current registration stickers, which is required on all boats and kayaks. Those without stickers may receive a fine.

The new electronic gate has been installed at the storage area, Keyser said.

### Infrastructure

The radio tower owned by Seven Lakes West will be taken down and sold, if Infrastructure Director Jim Pierman has his way

The tower, which has Moore County as its only tenant, is one that will no longer be needed once County emergency communications are converted to the new VIPER system.

Pierman expects the County to remove their equipment from the tower in the first half of 2013. He asked that any member questions or comments about this issue be emailed to him or placed on the website.

All of the pond dams have been marked for utilities. said Pierman. All three small pond dams have water lines. as well as communication and power lines, running through them.

According to Dam Engineer Dr. Dan Marks, pressurized water running through an earthen dam is "not a good (See "Westside," p. 21)

# A Taste of the Stat es

The Women of Weymouth and Mark Elliott of Elliott's On Linden have set the date for the annual summer fundraiser. This year enjoy "A Taste of the States" at the Weymouth Center for the Arts & Humanities on Tuesday, August 14, 6-9

pm. Small plate stations will have foods and wines representing different parts of the country.

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# Westside meeting

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thing" since it could cause a break, Pierman explained.

"It is a serious issue," said Pierman. "At this moment, we really don't have a solution for it because that is the way the developers set this up." He said he plans to discuss the issue with Moore County Public Utilities for suggestions and feedback.

Gerhard Hergenhahn told *The Times* that the utilities are only running through the pond dams — and not Lake Auman Dam. "The pond dams are also streets," said Hergenhahn.

Pierman praised the County for their work fixing a recent water main break. "The County did an absolutely super job for us fixing the water main break," he said.

An erosion team is working with homeowners to find solution to erosion resulting from storm water runoff.

### **Amenities Committee**

Director Weber asked that

CAS obtain bids for painting the activity room, craft room, and library, as well as stripping and waxing the tile in the craft room.

A request made by CAS to replace the ice machine in the activity room and to purchase a full size refrigerator is being considered.

The Amenities Committee has decided that no reservations will be accepted for the Johnson Point gazebos during busy holidays, in an effort to ensure that all residents can use the area on those days.

The \$50 fee for pool passes for nannies will be waived from now on, Weber announced. Those who have paid the fee for the year will be reimbursed.

### **Other Business**

Other business conducted during the SLWLA Board's Tuesday, June 26 meeting included:

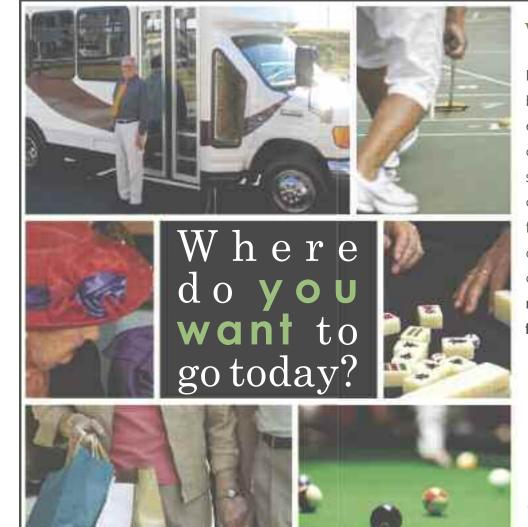
 During member comments, Westsider Jim Ballew asked about the status of the rail crossing project that was to be completed this year. Freiert explained that it will be done by early 2013. The project is currently in the design phase, and, once the design is approved, it can take ninety days for contracts and equipment to be ordered before work can begin.

- Treasurer Don Freiert reported that \$250,000 was placed in a money market fund with Merrill Lynch, \$95,000 was reinvested into a step up callable CD with Harris Bank and \$100,000 was invested in a step up callable CD with United Community Bank. "We will continue to look at our cash flow and adjust our funds accordingly," said Freiert.
- Community Manager Jeanette Mendence reported that the front exit gate was repaired after someone had "crashed" into it. Locks

- at Johnson Point were replaced, a new American flag has been put up, and light bulbs on Pier B have been fixed. The gazebo has also been cleaned and will be sprayed for spiders said Mendence.
- Seven Lakes EMS is hosting a cookbook fundraiser project, Sessler reported, and is soliciting recipes for the project. In addition, anyone who wants their phone number listed in the EMS telephone directory or has any changes to their current information should contact them.
- Sessler said the Community Reps have initiated a Neighbor to Neighbor program to welcome new residents to the community.
- Mendence reported that the Community Center emergency fire lights have been repaired; the room in which the Lake Auman Sports Club stores fish food room was cleared out and cleaned up; and the upstairs air conditioner has been repaired.
- Safety and Security Director Jim McCarthy was absent from Tuesday's meeting.

# **Pointing Breeds Club**

The Sandhills Pointing Breeds Club meets at 10:00 am, the first Saturday of the month, at the Club's meeting house located at 3280 Jackson Springs Road, Jackson Springs. The SPBC is open to anyone interested in the pointing dog breeds. Dog ownership is not required. For information, contact Janet Aruscavage at janarus@nc.rr.com or 910- 215-9313.



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# Memories of Summer camp

One kid is waiting expectantly at the door with a milewide smile and a sack filled with sassy shorts, sun block, and glitzy camouflage gear.

The other kid has taken refuge in his thigh-high Lego pile and is questioning the sanity of his parental units.

"You want me to go where? Seriously, do you think this is a good idea, Mom?"

Yes, folks. Its 'Camp Granada' time and rain is definitely in the forecast. So today like every other day for the Douglass duo - these two disparate souls remain firmly entrenched on opposite sides of the camp fence.

She's raring to go. He's hollering, "Whoa!"

Actually, I should be fair and share that this is the fourth weeklong solo trip for our flaxen-haired maiden; as opposed to our boy-hero, who has camped many a night in the forest — just not all alone.

Well, alone meaning sans 'Mudda and Fadda,' who have spent the last week assuring said unhappy scout that he will sleep — eventually; that he will eat — occasionally; and that he might even have a little fun — frequently.

Darling Hubby has regaled him with tales of his own idyllic camp memories, but I dared not go there. You see, while I look back fondly on my first sleep-away advenJack would be less than impressed with my stories of waking up in a rain-soaked sleeping bag, of getting lost while orienteering

in the wilderness of busting my knee on a slimy boulder, and of plucking leeches off

various extremities after traversing creeks.

Good times, honest.

In fact, the most traumatic day at camp was our final one: when our leaders decided we should play a little game they called Extinction. The kids didn't call it anything, we were too busy run-

ning away!

Laura's -Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

In my hand I cradled seven corn kernels because I was a bear. This was a good job, as contact with a superior species meant losing a kernel. The less fortunate rabbit population — with three kernels

a piece — spent the game huddled miserably under a

I know, because I found them . . . and ate them.

Life was good in the woods for Yogi Laura, until the leaders showed up with barely concealed murderous zeal. They were Disease and Pestilence — or something like

One day not long ago I realized what this game was really about. No, this was not about the circle of life or the facts of life: this was camp counselor payback . . . for a week in the backwater with two-dozen 10 year olds!

Mudda, Fadda, kindly disregard this letter.

# Lose your faith at college?

Question: I have just completed my freshman year in college, and I am very disturbed. I'm afraid I have lost my faith. I have learned that most of the stories from the Bible that I learned about in Sunday School and church didn't actually happen. Why did my parents and Sunday School teachers and even my pastor lie to me? Is there anything in the Bible I can believe?

**Response:** I think you may be a little hard on your parents, pastor and teachers. They were teaching you what they learned as truth and felt that you should learn also. The stories you learned from them contained great truths, but these truths were not scientific or historical truths.

These were spiritual and ethical truths told by teachers and writers long ago before anyone knew the things you learned in high school and college about the earth and the universe.

None of these writers knew about the anatomy of human beings, or the

laws of physics and the evidence for evolution: nor did they have any sense of the passage of time as they report-

ed ancient events and stories about their ancestors long before these stories were written. They only knew that their foreparents believed in a supreme being, and that belief shaped not only their thinking but their lives and the life of their tribe or nation.

It troubles me that your teachers and pastors either did not know these things, or perhaps felt that you would not understand.

Their main interest was leading you into a relationship with God and a life pat-

terned after the life of Jesus. Your college teachers were not guided by these same interests, but instead wished for you a life in pursuit of



Should your parents and Sunday School teachers have taught you these stories from the Bible? Of course! No person is fully educated unless he or she has an acquaintance with the great stories from Genesis, Exodus, Judges, and, especially, the

But they should be taught as stories, not as historical and scientific facts. The earth never stopped turning on its axis and there was never a boat that held all of the species of the world, but

life and teachings of Jesus.

these stories spoke about the power of God and God's covenant with humanity.

I believe that church programs of religious education should never teach children anything as absolute truth that the child, when he or she is an adult, will have to unlearn. Myths should be taught as myths; stories as stories, poetry as poetry, and metaphors as metaphors.

During the many years I taught religion and philosophy to college students, I watched a lot of students like you "lose their faith" only to find it again when they realized that God is a God of truth — and all truth reveals God to us, not just the truth of the Bible. I pray that you will find both truth and faith as you continue vour studies.

Don Welch, the minister of the Chapel in the Pines welcomes your questions and comments at: dwelch1@nc.rr.com or listen to his sermons at sevenlakeschapelinthe pines.com

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# Thanks to those who serve

I want to take an opportunity to thank those warriors who defend and serve this Great Nation.

I am proud to have served in the United States Air Force for eight years, during which time I met some of the finest people that I will ever meet.

Serving in the armed forces gives you a window through which to view this country that most people never see. As we celebrate our independence this year, I want to give you a glimpse through that window.

Most people in today's armed forces have the chance to visit "exotic and strange" destinations to witness first hand how other people live. They are exposed to so much of the world that is underprivileged and governed by tyrannical governments.

They get a glimpse of the evils and atrocities that most of us will never see. In many cases that exposure makes them appreciate home so much more. Seaman, Soldiers, Marines, and Airman are separated many times from families and friends, taken out of his comfort zone and forced to live with people who he may not otherwise choose.

Admittedly, the Air Force sent us to some pretty decent places compared to the other branches, but still separated us, nonetheless.

Through all of this, bonds are formed that go well beyond social and political barriers. Those with whom you serve become family. They are able to look past race and religion. They understand something that most people never have the opportunity to see.

Jesus said that greater love hath no man than that he lay down his life for his friend. Members of the armed forces see what real love is. That kind of love changes a person. It makes things that, to civilians, may seem so important become less important and even trivial. It makes one less likely to be offended by something as ridiculous as color of skin, political party, or choice of music. Service

because of the love that is exemplified by the actions of their peers.

I think the transformation begins at basic training. You see, your first day of basic

training they strip you of all

They begin by shaving your

head and they give you all

the same clothes right down

to your underwear. They don't

even give you a name tag for

the first two weeks. Everyone

is given the same name, like

"maggot," "grunt," or

of your individuality.

members are transformed "dummy." I think they give you your name tag later on to make sure you remember who you are.

This seemingly humiliating exercise is for the purpose of making you understand

that you are all the same.

If we can



focus on our similarities rather than our differences, perhaps we will learn to love in the

way that is exemplified by our military and taught by Christ who loved us.

Thank you for your service to this great nation and for the example that you have given us to follow.

May God bless our troops and may God bless Ameri-

# Memory Loss Support Group

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# Relying on the finite instead of the infinite

Dear Editor:

Re: Rev. Don Welch's article, "So how do you read the Bible?" [The Seven Lakes Times, June 8, 2012]

Many biblically grounded people alive today, or long dead, have reached far different conclusions than Rev. Welch, who limits God and explains away the parts of His Word he doesn't agree with.

I call that a "gut-feeling gospel," because it is not based upon the whole truth, but instead, upon what mere mortal men make it out to be. They put God in a box, make a liar of Him, and in essence relegate Him to a status less than that of the Creator God of the universe.

The early church would not have grown as it did with such an insipid, lukewarm theology. The Gospel message they embraced was so powerful they would die for it. I wonder how many would die for the "god" of Rev. Welch's gospel. The points he makes that are contrary to what are time-tested, accepted beliefs, can be refuted.

Rev. Welch mentioned the

"serious Christian scholars of the last 200 years who have pondered these questions." I'm quite certain that many people over the centuries have raised questions about the Bible, but it has stood the test of time.

However, a number of those in the past 200 years who have "pondered these questions" have tried to diminish it, debunk it, and rewrite it from finite man's wisdom instead of an infinite God's wisdom.

That is "humanism," which makes man the measure of

all things instead of God and trusts science to save us. Scripture warns us against this, and there are special admonitions to prophets and religious leaders about leading the people astray. People do themselves a great injustice when they don't search the Scriptures for themselves, so they can separate truth from error.

Rev. Welch won't find in the Bible "a God who sanctions hate," but if he means by "exclusivity" that there are other paths to God than through Jesus the Christ, that's another matter altogether. He can't have it both ways.

Christ said, "No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6b). He also said, "I and the Father are one." (John 10:30) If Jesus Christ is God in the flesh, and there is no other way to go to the Father, except through Him, then that sounds pretty exclusive.

Gloria Tarver Southern Pines

# Lions say thanks for successful tourney

Dear Editor:

This year's 16th Seven Lakes Lion's Club Charity Golf Tournament was a great success.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsor's for their continued support of our charity golf tournament. Due to your generous support the Lions are able to contribute to many of local charitable organization, such as, Boys and Girls Home, BackPack Pals Program and the main goal in contributing to the research for the blind, and hearing impaired.

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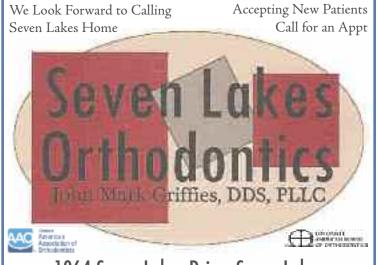
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# Hot, dry weather pushing up water usage

Three times in the past two weeks, water usage in Seven Lakes has nudged up against the 880,000 gallon daily maximum that Moroe County Public Utilties has set as a conservation goal for the system.

But that goal is only 80 percent of the 1.1 million gallons per day that the pumps and water mains feeding Seven Lakes faucets and showers can churn out, running full tilt.

Almost all of Seven Lakes'

water is supplied through a water main that runs along NC Highway 211 from Pinehurst, pushed and pulled along by pumps located near West Pine Middle School.

The water comes from a variety of sources: wells in Pinehurst, reservoirs in Southern Pines and Aberdeen, and from as far away as the Cape Fear River in Harnett County.

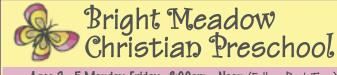
When Seven Lakes uses 863,691 gallons, as it did on June 30, those pumps run more than 20 hours out of

More than half the water consumed in the community on those hot, dry days is used to irrigate lawns and other landscape features. On a typical winter day, Seven Lakers use a little more than 350,000 gallons of water.

Another indication of the importance of irrigation in driving water usage is the bend in the usage curve itself. On June 25 and 26, Moore County reports that Seven

of an inch of rain. But scorching temperatures in the days

Lakes received three-quarters that followed had homeowners watering to save their landscaping.



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# **SLLA** meeting

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users to do blast emails on items of interest to the membership.

Instructions for registering are available at the top of the website home page. The first time members use the site, they must register as a New User. Once registered, most landowners will already have a record in the database that can be linked to their username.

"If you have any trouble logging in, I want to hear about it," Buckingham said.

Now that the new site is up and running, Buckingham said, he is looking for volunteers to help build out the website.

### **Finance**

Treasurer Conrad Meyer offered only a brief report, but indicated he would have more to talk about in the July Work Session and Open Meeting, as the Finance Committee is wrapping up work on its annual inventory of capital assets, developing a policy for SLLA reserves, and developing support material for a potential dues increase.

Manager Cochran reported that, as of May 31, the Association had \$1.8 million in cash accounts and \$1.1 million in reserve funds. She noted that the financial reports had been modified to allocate salaries and personnel-related costs by "cost center." A line item has also been added for income derived from stables operations.

### **Grounds & Maintenance**

Director Chuck Leach said the Maintenance Committee had identified seventy items that need attention and decided to focus on nine of those to start with. Among those projects is an analysis of the roofs on Association-owned buildings, four of which need to be redone by 2017. Leach said three companies have been asked to evaluate the work needed, adding that the work will be phased over a number of years. As the buildings are roofed, venting will be added and gutters and downspouts will be replaced.

Other projects on the committee's short list include:

- Painting bathroom doors, and shower walls and floors in the pool area, a task which has been mostly completed.
- · Installing landscape timbers to facilitate parking at Lake Seguoia.
- Power-washing and painting of the Landowners Office.
- Power-washing the pool area.
- Removing a tree near the pool.

Leach thanked the community for their patience while the yard debris site was closed for repairs that included improving drainage, adding additional gravel, and cleaning up the site.

Resident Bob Cook asked whether any progress had been made in developing a cadre of volunteers who could man the debris site, to help prevent unauthorized dump-

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ing. Leach and Security Director Steve Ritter will be working on implementing that idea. President Darr noted that it may be necessary to shorten the hours of operation at the site in order to provide coverage by volun-

### Lakes & Dams

The recent hot weather and lack of rain mean lake levels are beginning to recede, Director Fentzlaff noted. He explained that the Lakes and Dams Committee has developed a formula for pumping water from one lake to another in order to maintain lev-

"Any lake that becomes four inches lower than the lake that supplies that lake, we will turn on the pump," Fentzlaff said, with the caveat that a foot of water must be maintained over the intakes of the dry hydrants used by Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire and Rescue.

"We don't want anyone's lake looking like it is going to be a mud puddle," Fentzlaff said. "We will keep the lakes as full as we can.'

He added that the lakes would be tested for e. coli and total coliform on Thursday, June 28, with results to be posted on Monday July

### **Community Standards**

Director Bob Racine expressed considerable frustration that registration-related duties and other work imposed by the Talis office in Raleigh had left the Seven Lakes Talis staff unable to devote any time to Community Standards and ARB enforcement issues.

"The Committee is fed up!" Racine said. "To go forward, I will jump start this on July 1," he said, pledging to check on known violations every day and to schedule two meetings of the Judicial Committee during the month, if necessary.

"If I haven't reenergized the Standards Committee by the

Open Meeting in August, then I will resign," Racine said. "However, if I have been obstructed by management, then I will see that any problems there are corrected before submitting my resignation."

### Recreation

Racine said the Wednesday, June 20 meeting of the Recreation Committee had attracted eleven participants and focused on the reinvigoration of programs at the stables. "We had a fantastic meeting," he said.

A "wish list" for the stables has been posted in the mailhouses, and new sign-in forms are in use at both the stables and the pool that will provide the Board with better data on the usage of those

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# Management

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about for over a year is that we have been in the business of looking at all of our expenditures," he said. He noted that the Board had recently switched to a new vendor of security services, and saved money in the process.

"We've taken a look at almost everything we can look at, and we are going to continue to do that," Darr said. "One of the issues that we are taking a look at is the expenses as it relates to our management company. We have promised all of you that we are looking at every dollar that we spend, and we are continuing to do that, and we need to get the most bang for our buck."

Darr said that he had asked seven companies for proposals, including the current management company, Talis. Four responded.

"Two of the four are so cotton-picking expensive that we aren't going there," Darr said. That left two to be interviewed, with one interview scheduled for Thursday, June 28 and another for Tuesday, July 3. After interviews are concluded, he said, the Board will meet to make a decision.

"At that particular time,

we will, from one of those two companies, be signing a new contract," he explained, noting that the current contract with Talis allows it to be cancelled with 60 days notice.

"You will know at the end of all of that what it means as it relates to finances," Darr said. "It's one of those issues that we need to do as a Board and then come back to you and let you know what we did," rather than involving the community in the selection process.

Darr refused to name the companies involved, or to confirm that Talis was one of the two finalists. One resident asked whether the Board had considered foregoing a management company and instead hiring a manager and staff. Darr said that was not an option under consideration.

Another resident asked whether the landscaping contract with Davenport could also be renegotiated.

"We are locked into Davenport for three years, unless they really, really mess up," Darr replied. Community Manager Alina Cochran confirmed that the Davenport contract runs through 2014.

# SLLA

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"What's going on out there at the stables is blowing me away," President Darr added. "The horses look good, and the place is getting cleaned up. The folks that were in here voicing their support are out there volunteering. I want to applaud Alina for the great choice of a manager."

### **Architectural Review**

Directory Fentzlaff reported that the ARB Committee, during the past month, had approved a new deck, two deck resurfacings; a concrete pad at the base of a driveway, four new roofs, one aluminum and one split rail fence, the renewal of a gravel driveway, the installation of a drain line from the road to lake, the application of vinyl siding, one new dock, and renewing a railing on one front porch. The Committee denied four applications based on inadequate information.

### **Security**

Director Steve Ritter reported that he is continued to work on "retooling" access policies based on discussion and input during the June 11 Work Session — as well as repairing some of the "technology" at the gates, including the monitors and intercoms that connect the North and South gates.

Ritter said he hopes to establish the second Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm as the regular time for the Security Committee to meet, with the first meeting scheduled for July 12.

### **Other Business**

In other business during the June 27 SLLA Open Meeting:

- The Board approved a change to Rule 5.1.1.1 which makes clear that renters, as well as owners, are not allowed to park commercial vehicles on their property or SLLA streets except for loading, unloading, or other temporary needs.
- Manager Cochran reported that work on the Sequoia Island bulkhead has begun and is about one-third complete.
- Cochran thanked new stables manager Kate Pennington and Dana Olds for finding a new home for Bonnie, a member of the SLLA herd who was lame and could no longer be ridden. She thanked volunteers from the community for pitching in to clean up the stables.

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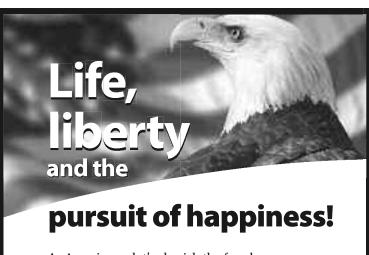
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# **Paving**

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"Where we are right now is that we are about ready to accept proposals from the paving companies to actually get a contract," Darr explained.

"We have the numbers almost totally solidified," he continued. "We have basically picked the contractor. We will be taking what we have put together to the contractor to ask: Will you do it for this price? We think our numbers will hold up and we will get a contract. I am really hopeful and quite excited about it, quite frankly. If we can get it altogether, they might be able to start paving on the ninth [July 9]."

"We will have one heck of a mess at the gates" during paving in that area, Darr said, adding that the extensive work required to repair areas of Dogwood Lane that have tree root damage will also create so inconvenience for residents.

Traffic will need to be rerouted at various points in the process, and the details of how that will be handled will be posted on the Association's newly redesigned website, at www.sevenlakesnc.org. Darr said it could take three to five days to complete paving in the gate

The initial round of paving will include two types of surface, Darr explained during the June 11 Work Session. The "Cape Seal" technique involves spreading tar and gravel, rolling it, and then topping it with slurry, the liquid asphalt sealer recently used on Seven Lakes Drive.

The other technique uses a layer of asphalt in place of the slurry. Darr said there is some debate in the paving community about which application is better; he declined to provide cost comparisons of the two techniques. Both options will be used on different sections of SLLA streets in Phase 1 of the repaving project, allowing

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the Board and Community to evaluate which should be used in future repaying efforts.

The Board, during Wednesday's Open Meeting, approved only Phase 1 of the paving plan. The total plan stretches sixteen years into the future, spacing the work based on S&ME's assessment of the likely lifespan of various stretches of pavement and on the availability of funds to pay for the work. The Association reserves \$100 of each landowner's annual dues for road repaving and state-mandated dam repairs.

If nothing else places a demand on those funds and the price of asphalt does no rise significantly — then the paving reserves will cover the cost of future paving planned. But Darr said he is skeptical that the stars will align so perfectly.

"If paving costs don't increase in next 16 years, if roads don't deteriorate, if we don't need to do crack sealing. if we have no state mandated dam repairs, then we can do it and we won't have to ask for a road-paving related dues increase," Darr said.

"If all of that stuff lines up,

think, quite frankly, that we assumptions."

that will happen. I don't can make those kind of

# **Gun Safety Class**

Seven Lakes West residents are invited to attend a Basic Gun Familiarization and Safety Course on Tuesday, August 14 at 7 pm.

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