

West Side nixes planning process

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter



Seven Lakes West's Vision and Master plan will have to wait. After gathering feedback from landowners for three weeks on a Long Range Planning proposal to hire Clarion Associates to lead the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] in a Vision and Master Planning Process, the Board of Directors voted six-

to-two against moving forward.

This was the first of two votes that would have been required to approve the project, which had been designated "a matter of significant interest" by the Board. Only Long Range Planning Director Don Freiart and Infrastructure Director Jim Pierman voted in favor of the proposal. Legal Director Jack Stevens had planned to join the meeting via conference call, but was not available and thus

(See "Westside," p. 24)

SLLA road work gets underway

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



Roadmaggedon. That's what the next few weeks sound like, when Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] President Bob Darr talks about the road repaving scheduled in Seven Lakes North and South.

"We are going to be really, really, really messing up the traffic in this community,"

Darr said, during the Wednesday, July 25 Open Meeting. The fact that paving is planned at the gates presents a particular challenge.

"Gates will be closed, intersections will be closed," Darr explained. "We are going to have to exit traffic back off of Cardinal Lane. And we may have to do the same on the South Side."

Exactly which roads will be closed — and how traffic

(See "Roads," p. 26)

Stormy Summer



The strong winds of a Summer thunderstorm on Tuesday, July 24 wreaked havoc along the north shore of Lake Sequoia, toppling two dozen or more trees — including these, which landed on the roof of a home on Pinewood Court.

Land Use Panel faces delicate balancing act

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter



Moore County's Land Use Plan Steering Committee has the tricky task of creating a plan that balances economic development with preservation of the natural beauty and rural charm that that attracts new residents and new businesses.

As the Committee tried to strike that balance during its Monday, July 30 meeting, it appeared that the scales were tipping decidedly toward an emphasis on promoting economic growth.

The group of twenty-three volunteers is charged with updating the 1999 Moore County Land Use Plan, and is currently making a list of deletions, additions, and revisions.

One goal that appears to be emerging is to change the "negative" tone of the 1999 Plan, replacing words like "stop" or "limit" with more positive terms, like "encourage" or "support."

Instead of restricting growth, the Land Use Plan should encourage it, said committee member Pat Corso, who is also the Executive Director of Partners in Progress, the county's eco-

nomic development effort.

"The key here is to make sure that Moore County is playing on a level playing field," said Corso, adding that the County should "be careful that we don't inadvertently close the door because of regulations."

"I don't think our recent past has conditioned us for the competitiveness of the game we are about to play," said Hayter.

"Nothing has changed [the driver of] our growth, which has been inbound migration," Hayter added. "The challenge we will face in the next twenty years is to be competitive

(See "Land Use Plan," p. 29)

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Business Guild planning Chili Cook Off

by Cheryl Darwell, Secretary
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The Seven Lakes Business Guild met in July at Sandhills Winery. The meeting was co-hosted by Guild President Karen Milligan of Karen Simmons Designs.

Members discussed one of the most popular community events, the Chili Cookoff.

The Guild decided to move it from the Spring back to October 27 and rename it "Seven Lakes Fall Festival & Chili Cookoff." The Guild plans to expand the event to include lots of fun activities for the whole family, and invite more arts and crafts vendors, as well as non-profit groups such as the Lions, Kiwanis, fire, police and rescue to participate in the chili event.

Karen Milligan, Cheryl Darwell, Leslie Rose and Lorraine Scantlin will organize the event. It is open to both Guild

and non-Guild members. Please contact one of the organizers to participate in this fabulous Seven Lakes event.

The highlight of the meeting was a second presentation by Greg Hankins, owner and editor of *The Seven Lakes Times*. Hankins gave an

another insightful and entertaining session on small business marketing. He captivated the Guild members with examples of accidental advertising, evaluating print media and the best way to design a print ad.

Join the Business Guild at next month's meeting on

Monday, August 27 at Gorenflo & Campbell, PLLC, at 105 Seven Lakes Court (same parking lot as Carolina Golf Association) at 5:30 pm.

Gorenflo will make a presentation on Small Business/Estate issues. Topics he will briefly cover include: Entity Types, Busi-

ness Succession Planning, Asset Protection and Wills/Trusts and Elder Care documents. Drinks and light snacks will be served. Contact Cheryl Darwell, SL Guild Secretary at 673-SAIL or CDarwell@CruisePlanners.com to say you will attend the meeting.

Commissioners coming to 7 Lakes

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

The Moore County Board of Commissioners will journey to Seven Lakes on Thursday, August 16 to brief the Greater Seven Lakes Community Council — and Seven Lakes residents — on a wide range of topics.

The meeting, which is open to the public, is scheduled for 5:00 pm in the Great Room of the West Side Park Community Center in Seven Lakes West.

The Council — which is

comprised of the Presidents of the Seven Lakes, Seven Lakes West, and McLendon Hills homeowners Associations, as well as the President of the Seven Lakes Business Guild — has asked the Commissioners and county staff to address a number of issues:

- The expansion of the county water system, including the "status of the North West Water District and the projected impact on Seven Lakes residents as well as past assurances of

residents' ability to vote on whether to be included in the district."

- Fracking for natural gas — and how it could impact the man-made lakes in Seven Lakes and McLendon Hills.
- An update on the Moore County Veterans' Memorial,

which has become a flash-point of controversy since the public discovered that the Board of Commissioners had been considering an offer from the fast-food restaurant Bojangles' to place a new shop on County-owned land near the (See "Commissioners," p. 29)

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Freiert hosts second Town Hall on Master Plan

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



[Since this article was written, the Seven Lakes West Landowners Board

of Directors voted not to move forward with hiring an outside consultant to help the community develop a Vision and Master Plan. See our front page story on the decision. Input offered at this second Town Hall on the subject was undoubtedly influential in that decision.]

It may have been with some trepidation that Director Don Freiert asked for a show of hands by those who opposed a Long Range Planning Committee proposal to spend \$40,000 on a Vision and Master Planning Process.

After all, most of the comments made during the Thursday, July 19 Town Hall meeting on the matter had revealed deep skepticism about the idea, despite Freiert's yeoman like defense of the recommendation.

But, in the end, once hands on both sides had been

raised, opinion among the three-dozen landowners in attendance echoed the feedback received in an earlier Town Hall, via email and through the website: thirteen opposed, a dozen in favor, and a dozen or so not ready to commit one way or the other.

Matter of Significant Interest

The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board has designated the Vision and Master Plan proposal "a matter of significant interest" to the community, triggering enhanced opportunities for input by the membership, which has now weighed in at one morning Board meeting, and two evening Town Halls. The Board is expected to cast a first vote on the proposal during the evening Board meeting on Tuesday, July 24, with a final vote taking place on Tuesday, August 14.

Freiert began the meeting with a Powerpoint presentation explaining the rationale for the proposal, in which he was assisted by Roger

Walden, a principal in the Chapel Hill office of Denver, CO-based, Clarion Associates, the firm Long Range Planning is recommending to lead the planning effort.

Freiert explained that Seven Lakes West lacks a clear vision of how landowners want the community to develop in the future.

"A vision leads to strategies, which lead to the establishing of priorities to guide the allocation of resources," Freiert said, "which is my money and your money."

Without a written plan, based on community consensus, he added, the West Side is subject to the whim of every new Board of Directors, a body which has the potential to turn over one-third of its membership each year.

"This is not a criticism of the Boards," Freiert said. "But the community itself should be in a position of helping them understand

what makes sense from a broad community standpoint."

Answering a frequent objection to the prospect of spending \$40,000 to hire an outside firm to lead the community through a planning process, Freiert asked, "Why not do it ourselves?"

"One of the primary reasons is that we are not very good at it," he answered. The last survey of community priorities fielded by Long Range Planning generated "a couple hundred responses" from a membership that includes 1,700 dues-paying lots, Freiert explained. He argued that Clarion Associates "are experienced at this" and have developed techniques for maximizing community input.

Comments lean toward the skeptical

Once Freiert's presentation was complete, Judy Streit asked whether the community shouldn't vote on an

expenditure of \$40,000 and wondered why public input was being solicited in the Summer, "when so many residents are away and can't participate."

Freiert explained that it would be a Board decision adding that the extended public comment process for a matter of significant interest meant, in this case, that the issue would have been before the membership for six weeks prior to a final Board vote.

Bill Price read a prepared statement in which he strongly supported "the concepts and goals of long range planning." But he argued that the planning process should look beyond the gates of Seven Lakes West "to see how the whole area will be developed."

"What sorts of businesses do we want in the community?" Price asked. "How can we as a community control what sorts of businesses will

(See "Town Hall," p. 16)



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Postmaster Harold Jones hangs up his mailbag

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Harold Jones is hanging up his mailbag.

Not that the long-time West End Postmaster has spent a lot of timely, lately, actually carrying a mailbag. But that's how he started out: as a city carrier in Thomasville, then a bustling city fueled by the furniture industry.

In 1985, working for the US Postal Service wasn't a career that Jones had even considered — until his mailman suggested it.

"I was sitting on my front porch, looking unhappy, when he came up the walk," Jones told *The Times*, "and asked me why I didn't take the test and get on with the Post Office."

Jones' postal carrier explained that disabled veterans were automatically given the chance to take the exam, and Jones had a ten percent disability from his time in the US Air Force. He took the test and was hired as a city carrier in Thomasville, walking fourteen to sixteen miles each day.

"I didn't even have a vehicle," Jones told *The Times*. His route was close enough to the post office that he simply walked out the door with a full mailbag and began his route.

Over time, Jones rose through the ranks to become Superintendent of Operations. Unfortunately, the furniture industry that powered Thomasville's economy was beginning to drift away, and the city was gradually becoming a shadow of itself.

When the USPS went through a big reorganization in 1992, Jones' job was eliminated. Eventually, he found out he was moving to West End.

"West End is a pretty rough side of Thomasville," Jones said. "When I first got the news, I thought: 'What have I done that they're sending me to West End?' Then I realized there was no postal facility in the West End of Thomasville."

Instead, it was a tiny post office in Moore County that

was to be Jones' new post. He arrived March of 1993.

"My original intent was to stay here the required 18 months and then get a position, back home," he told

The Times.

But West End — and Seven Lakes — grew on Jones and his family. "I realized this was a good place to raise our kids — life's a little slower

here," he said. "I guess it was divine intervention, because, if I hadn't lost my job in Thomasville, I would never have moved here."

Jones and his wife Joanie bought a home in Seven

Lakes West, in a neighborhood that, at the time, had all dirt roads. There they raised son Chris and a daughter Nicki. Chris, a network engineer at Federal Sig-

(See "Jones," p. 21)



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Seven Lakes Baptist welcomes Pohlmann

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Because he grew up near New Orleans, music has always been a way of life for Andrew Pohlmann, the new music and worship pastor at Seven Lakes Baptist Church.

"I like a little bit of all," he said. "In New Orleans we had gospel, blues, and jazz. I like rock, and the church I grew up in had hymns. But, I also have a real passion for newer contemporary Christian music. Really, I like to listen to just about everything."

Pohlmann and family just recently settled in Seven Lakes North, and the last few weeks have been a whirlwind of activity, as the church's hugely popular Vacation Bible School drew over a hundred children in just his second full week on the job. But Pohlmann has plenty of experience to draw upon.

A recent graduate of Liberty University, Pohlmann's efforts as a volunteer leader working with the youth and music ministry at a church in East Texas led him to a new career in Christ.

"The pastor who married my wife and I knew my heart — and said I should look at the program at Liberty," he

explained. "We moved to Virginia, where my wife took a job on campus while I finished my degree."



Seven Lakes Baptist Church's new minister of worship and music Andrew Pohlmann

Pohlmann said his instrument of choice is the guitar, but he is versatile and also plays the piano and sings.

"My focus at this point is helping with music and the choir to grow in their ministry and leadership and their relationship with Christ. I put the focus where it needs to be, with Christ," he said.

Pohlmann is also excited about the opportunity to expand Seven Lakes Baptist's college outreach.

"At Liberty, I had the opportunity to work with college students, and my wife and I both have a passion for working with college youth. I am looking forward to pouring into them what God is teach-

ing us," he said, noting that initial outreach will include students living locally as well as those coming home to spend their holidays and Summer with family.

And things are only going to get busier in the next few months for Pohlmann and his wife, Amanda, as the couple awaits the blessing of their first child — due in December, one day after their wedding anniversary.

"We really love this community and love this church," Pohlmann said. Everyone has been very open and welcoming, and very friendly. We really feel this is where God was telling us to go to minister and grow."

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Earl Wesley Carter, 59, of Seven Lakes died Friday, July 27, at his home.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, August 3, at 11:00 am at Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Seven Lakes.

He was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, son to the late Oscar Travis Carter and Ethel Marie Kelly Carter. He was formerly employed by FirstHealth of the Carolinas as the Director of Laundry Services.

He spent 40 years in the medical laundry business, and was formerly a Reserve Police Officer for Hinds County, Mississippi. Mr. Carter enjoyed camping, fishing, canoeing, whitewater rafting, riding motorcycles, and was very adventurous. He was a kind and giving man, and was known for his acts of kindness.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Garrison Carter; two sons: Capt. (USAF) Earl Wesley Carter, II; Vernon Blake Carter; step-children: Angela Christian, Scott Osborne, and Marty Osborne; brothers: Allen Carter, Carl Carter, Glenn Carter, Jerry Carter, and Paul Carter; two sisters: Mary Carter and Shirley Ann Carter; grandchildren: Caleb, Hannah, and Haley Carter and Austin and Teddy Osborne.

Memorial contributions may be made to: FirstHealth Hospice, PO Box 5998, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes is serving the family.

Harold Thomas (Hal) Dauber, age 95, of Foxfire Village, died on Tuesday, July 24 at the Inn at Quail Haven.

Mr. Dauber was born in Brooklyn, NY, son of the late William Edward and Elizabeth Cleary Dauber, a 1934 graduate of John Adams High School in the Queens Borough of New York City.

He was employed by Texaco for 40 years, interrupted only by his service in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II, and served from January 1942 to December 1946

as a Chief Petty Officer, with a final assignment to Adak in the Aleutian Islands of Alaska. Prior to Texaco, Mr. Dauber worked at the Cocoa Exchange and attended Pace Institute in NY, where he met his wife of 69 years, Clara

Durstewitz Dauber.

He retired in 1979 and relocated with his wife to Foxfire Village, where he became an active member of the Foxfire Men's Golf Association.

He was preceded in death by his brother William E.

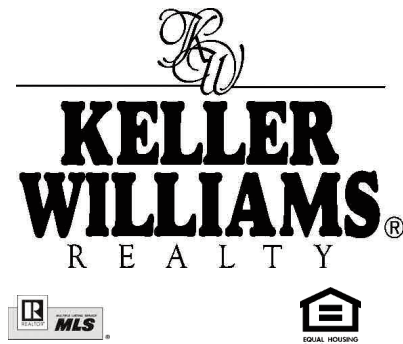
Dauber.

Survivors include his wife, Clara; sons: Gregory of Tyrone, PA; Steve of Simpsonville, SC.; and Russell of Ellicott City, MD; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held at McDonald's Chapel on Foxfire Road on Monday, July 30 with the Rev. Don Welch officiating.

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Boles Funeral Home assisted the family.

George Augustus Keating, age 86, of Seven Lakes, formerly of Sunnyside, Queens, NY, died on Sunday, July 22.

He was a WWII veteran and served in the United States Navy. Mr. Keating and his late wife, Barbara (Berry) Keating raised their six children in Wantagh, NY.

Mr. Keating served as a police officer on the New York Police Department for twenty-three years, and Local #1 Stagehand Union.

The Keatings later retired to Seven Lakes, where Mr. Keating worked as a security officer at Pinewild Country

Club.

He is survived by his six children: Barbara Keating and husband Kurt Kreuger of Pinehurst, NC; Michael Keating and wife Debbie of Huntington Beach, CA; Susan Nataro and husband Frank of Hudson, OH; Deirdre Florence and husband Michael of Seven Lakes; and Sean Keating and wife Amanda of Seaford, NY; thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild also survive.

A funeral mass was held on Friday, July 27, at Our Lady of Americas Catholic Church, Candor with Father Patrick Flanagan officiating.

Burial with military honors followed at Seven Lakes Cemetery in Seven Lakes.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Our Lady of Americas Catholic Church, 298 Farmers Market Rd., Biscoe, NC 27209.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

A joint venture between Wounded Warrior Project's Jason Pratscher, Fayetteville area outreach coordinator; Charles "Chuck" Spelman, President, Moore County Vietnam Veterans Chapter 966; and Bill Carl, Chapter 966 member, took place over several days in early July.

The venture centered on an Army spouse, who is eight months pregnant with a five year old child, that needed to be moved from Fayetteville to a location on the grounds of the Bethesda Naval Hospital, Maryland.

Her husband, an Army Sgt. and medic, was being treated after losing a leg in Afghanistan to an IED on May 28.

Over the course of several days, Spelman and Carl loaded up two storage pods with the family's household goods for long term storage. On July 6, Spelman single-

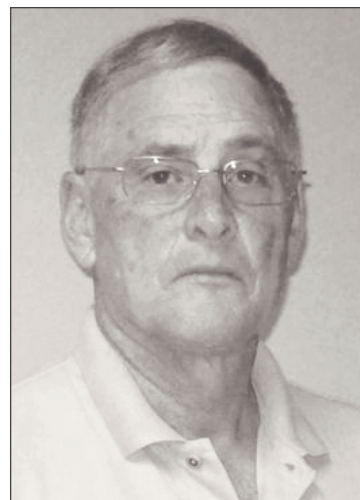
handedly loaded a U-Haul trailer with the family's

belongings, drove to Bethesda Naval Hospital, unloaded the trailer, and returned to Seven Lakes without sleep, all within a 24 hour period.

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6 Mushroom & Wild Rice Soup Sausage & Cheese Manicotti Dinner	7 White Bean Chicken Chili ♥ Chicken with Artichokes Dinner ♥	8 Crab & Shrimp Bisque Herb-Roasted Turkey Dinner	9 Beef Barley Soup Tilapia Florentine Dinner ♥	10 Vegetable Soup ♥ Beef Burgundy Dinner
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20 Broccoli Cheddar Soup Salisbury Steak Dinner	21 Goldie's Chili Chicken Paprikash Dinner	22 Chilled Cucumber Soup Ginger Beef Stir Fry Dinner ♥	23 Beef Vegetable Soup Spice Crusted Tilapia Dinner	24 Shrimp with Tomato & Rice Soup Smothered Pork Chops Dinner
27 Tomato Basil Soup ♥ Italian Meatloaf Dinner	28 Summer Vegetable Soup ♥ Chicken Tetrazzini Dinner	29 Gazpacho ♥ Southwest Pork Tenderloin Dinner	30 Curried Carrot Soup ♥ Bourbon Salmon Dinner ♥	31 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> CLOSED </div>

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Seven Lakers tour Eastern Europe

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Favorite trip experiences included a lunch river cruise to Melk Abbey through the Wachau Valley vineyards, a Magyar horse show on a Puszta Farm in Hungary, overnight in the medieval vil-

lage of Cesky Krumlov, a private tour and dinner and concert in the Schonbrunn Palace in Vienna, and a champagne cruise on the Danube to see Budapest illuminated by night.

The next Crawford group trip will be to Italy in May 2013. Peggy and Dudley can be contacted at peggycrawford@nc.rr.com or 673-0680 for information.

SLCC hosts North, South, West Open Tournament

Seven Lakes Country Club [SLCC] will host its annual North, South, West Open Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 18, with an 8:30 am Shotgun start.

The cost will be \$35 per player (or \$70 team), which includes cart fee, range balls, lunch, and prizes.

The tournament format is "Fourball Competition - Better Ball of Partners."

Both players on a team must reside in the same Seven Lakes neighborhood: Seven Lakes North, South, or West, with one exception. A SLCC member may invite a partner from their Seven Lakes neighborhood or someone from outside of Seven Lakes.

The tournament is open to Men or Women with official USGA Handicap. All players will receive 90% handicap. Teams that have a handicap differential of 9 or more will receive 80% handicap, as recommended by the USGA handicap book.

The winning team will have their names and neighborhood engraved on a trophy displayed in the Seven Lakes Country Club trophy case.

To register or for more information, contact the Seven Lakes Country Club Golf Shop or Pro Gene Roberts at 910-673-1092 ext. 2 or via email at slccgolf@nc.rr.com



Peggy & Dudley Crawford recently led a group of folks from the Seven Lakes area on a tour of Eastern Europe.



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Living green in Grande Pines

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

The summer heat index is soaring in the triple digits, and the air conditioning is off, yet it is cool and quiet inside.

Feeling more like an old stone church or a Tuscan retreat than a modern farmhouse surrounded by acres of hay and horses, the Hescoc kitchen is bubbling with activity and enormous soup pots filled with fresh produce from the garden. But the secret of the surprising coolness is not in the sauce: it's in the construction.

Traditionally styled, with a touch of contemporary elements, this Grande Pines house is a marvel of energy efficient features.

"We designed and built a green home with what is, essentially, an insulated lightweight block that creates hurricane proof exterior walls," explained homeowner Pat Hescoc.

More specifically called "Autoclave Aerated Block," or "AAC block" for short, these blocks are firmly fixed in place with rebar and glue rather than mortar. Once set, the walls are bonded into a single mass and covered in stucco.

"You can't even run a bulldozer through them," Hescoc joked.

Serving as her own general contractor when she built the 3,100 square foot home

on the twenty-plus acre property in Foxfire, Hescoc didn't stop at blocks to complete her green dream home. Other unique features include energy rated windows and appliances, spray foam insulation in the attic, and underground rainwater reclamation tanks that collect roof and surface run-off and are connected to an automatic irrigation system that waters the family's orchard, vegetable garden, and landscaping.

And there's more.

Cleverly concealed underneath the traditional farmhouse-style green metal roof is a solar array that warms the re-circulated water used by the home's radiant heat floor system and domestic hot water.

Built in 2008, the house was carefully designed to conserve energy but also as a comfortable retirement home for Hescoc and her husband, Jonathan. The layout is wheelchair-friendly and includes an entire wing that could accommodate a live-in caregiver, if ever needed, plus a separate apartment that is both income-producing and could house a farm laborer to take care of the outside chores.

And Hescoc made sure there were plenty of outside chores and open spaces to enjoy.

Not far from the kitchen is a large and lush vegetable garden, an herb garden, and

fruit tree orchard, and on another side of the yard is a small chicken coop.

"All Summer long we have fresh eggs to go with our fresh produce," she said. "Our orchard is kind of new, and will probably produce better next year. But this is our third year for our garden, and this is the first year that it really has come into its own."

"We just keep working with the soil and developing our own compost with the horse manure," Hescoc explained.

A retired horse trainer and also retired from a 35-year career designing kitchens and baths, owning a home that would accommodate her passion for horses was a top priority.

A four-stall barn sits only steps from the house, and Hescoc set aside over ten acres of their land in a Voluntary Agriculture District as a dedicated hayfield to feed her animals.

"I ride the horses frequently, and spend most of the summer canning, making tomato sauce and salsa," she said. "I just put up some carrot cake jam. I'll also make some strawberry jam and probably put up some peaches. Of course we have pickles. And I put up a lot of cold soups

(See "Garden," p.20)



Pat Hescoc has built a little slice of green heaven in Grande Pines.

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Brenda & Larry Yates celebrate 50 years



Brenda & Larry Yates in 1962

Larry and Brenda (Kirkman) Yates of Seven Lakes South, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 28, quietly, in each other's company, as is their tradition.

The country boy, 15, from Clinton, MD and the city girl, 14, from High Point, NC met one summer. A long distance romance ensued.

Three years later on July 28, 1962 they were married in High Point.

Although family and friends thought the teenager's union wouldn't last six months, the couple knew better.

The Yates lived in Maryland and both retired from the

U.S. Census Bureau, moving to Seven Lakes South in 1999.

Their daughter, Sherry, and husband Steve Gielda, reside in Clifton, VA. Sherry and Steve will be celebrating

their 25th Wedding Anniversary on October 17. Their daughter, Kayla, is a senior at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA.

Beach Party & Hawaiian Luau

Everyone's invited to a "Beach Party and Hawaiian Luau (two events combined into one night) on Saturday, August 25, at the Seven Lakes Country Club.

Festivities begin with Cocktails at 5:30 pm, followed by a fabulous Buffet at 6:30 pm featuring Hawaiian Chicken, Sliced Ham with Pineapple Sauce, Roasted Parmesan Potatoes, Summer Veggie Medley, Fruit Display, Rolls, Sheet Cake w/Whipped Topping, Coffee & Tea, Lemonade and Iced Tea. Music & entertainment provided by DJ

Chad Sain at 7 pm.

The all-inclusive price for members is \$28 and non-members \$33 inclusive. Reservations for Members may be made in person on July 30, at the club from 10:30 am to 11:30 am and call in reservations taken after 11:30 am. Non-mem-

bers may call 673-1100 for reservations starting August 6.

You do not have to be a member to attend this event.

Put on your favorite beach outfit, MuuMuu, Hawaiian Shirt or anything cool & casual and join in for an evening of fun.

Men's Bowling League

The Fall 2012 Seven Lakes Men's Bowling season will soon begin. An important meeting of all members will be held at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse on Monday, August 6 at 7 pm.

Some significant changes are impending for the league, so this is an important meeting.

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Presbyterians host music camp

by Christy Bowyer

West End Presbyterian Church

"Friday the 13th" may be a day of superstition for some but not at West End Presbyterian Church! On July 13, something very special was happening.

Twenty children from Seven Lakes and the surrounding communities presented "Spend Awhile on the Nile" a musical for children by Christy Semsden about kids on a mission trip who take a "Heroes of the Nile" cruise and learn all about heroes of the Bible.

This production was the culmination of the week-long Music Camp offered by WEPC.

The evening started with an Italian dinner prepared by church volunteers. The dinner guests were seated by the campers and the dinner orders were taken and served by the camper wait-staff as well.

"All week long we learn about music and being a musician. An important part of becoming a professional musician is learning how to wait tables," jokes Camp Director Jennifer Thomas Danis. Following the dinner, the campers presented the musical to an audience of 150.

"This was our second year in a row to offer this exciting camp to children ages 6 through 13. The interest and participation has been outstanding," says Danis.

"We are so blessed to be able to offer this program and more blessed by the children!" During the week, the campers were treated to daily concerts by semi- and professional musicians, helped build sets and engaged in dramatic improvisation exercises.

With the help of counselors Mia Todarello, Clay Petty, Tristyn Murphy and Jordan Cranford, the children grew in confidence and learned the true meaning of teamwork.

Campers included Alyssa

Blondin, Logan Ciokan, Courtney Olvey, Sydney Olvey, Savannah Zmiewsky, Shelby Zmiewsky, Victoria Thomson, Messa Smith, Christian Lawson, Maddie Gomez, Madison Grandolfo, Coy Paul Holland, Gavin Holland, Lacy McNeill, Melayna King, Brodey King, Amelia Herman, Aidan Herman, Ragan Jones, and Jessica Coxe.



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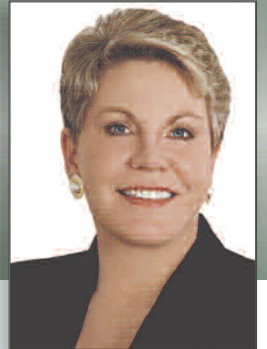


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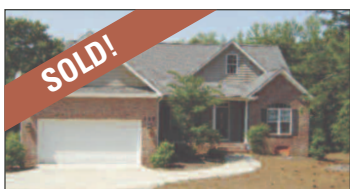
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Seven Lakes Dance cleans up at Nationals

Local dancers from Seven Lakes Dance completed the 2011-2012 competition season in North Wilkesboro at Dance Machine Nationals. All six Seven Lakes Dance competition teams; Itty Bitty, Beginner, Intermediate, Junior, Senior B and Senior A attended the National competition the week of June 28 through July 1. The dancers competed against more than 20 other studios from all over North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

Competing first were the Itty-Bitty competition trio members, Lexi Keyser, Kennedy Cauthen and Melody Moreton. They performed two routines. Whip My Hair, their hip hop dance, was awarded a Gold award. Their tap routine, Superstars, received a Gold award, as well as a 3rd Place Overall within the mini division.

The Beginner A Troupe members, Ainslee Wolters, Gracie Vest, Lindsay Douglass, Maggie Anderson, Claudia Edwards, Lauren Shepherd, Jennifer Ryder, Abigail Veit and Meghan Ayala competed with their tap dance, Get Up, earning a high Gold

award, as well as 8th Place Overall in the petite division. Joining Beginner A Troupe Members for a second dance were Macy Armstrong, Sophia Blatchley, Melanie Means, Emma Elliott, Melayna King and Lacy McNeill. This group performed a jazz dance, Put a Ring On It, which earned a high Gold, as well as 1st Place Overall in the mini large group division.

The Intermediate Competition Troupe, Madison Hadaway, Kennedy Cross, Alexa Giovanni, Caroline Hilliard, Zoe Richardson, Reilly Stromberg and Emma Harrison swept the junior small group division by receiving 3rd Place Overall with their Jazz dance, It's Raining Men, 2nd Place Overall with their tap dance, Cinema Italiano, and capturing 1st Place Overall were four of these girls; Alexa Giovanni, Kennedy Cross, Caroline Hilliard and Zoe Richardson with their jazz dance, Boyfriend.

The Junior Competition Troupe members, Maria Goudy, Sarah Sayce, Amanda Gosline, Miranda Miller, Meghan Quinlan, Rylee Styers, Cameron Harris and Pay-

ton Harrell brought home a high Gold award.

The Senior B Competition team; Carly Veit, Ashley LaFell, Mary Kathryn Hurst,

Amy Felix, Amy Hinds and Kirsten Alvarez performed their tap dance, Drop It, winning a Platinum award, as well as a 5th Place Overall

in the teen small group division. Two girls from this group; Amy Felix, and Ashley LaFell competed in the
(See "Dance," p. 20)



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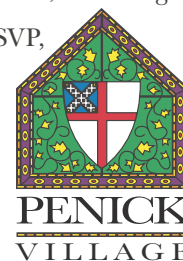
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Park Community Center starting August 1.

Plan Early – Margarita Night tickets are limited, so reserve your tickets ASAP before they are all gone.

Margarita Night Chair is Bernadette York; co-chairs are Sandi Carl and Michele Lasher.

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State rates SCC performance 'exceptional'

Sandhills Community College has scored big again. The college met all performance measures established by the State Board of Community Colleges and the General Assembly, according to data released by the state in July. The college also earned "Exceptional Institutional Performance" status.

"Everybody knows about our national championship in basketball, and we're extremely proud of that, but these indicators measure how effective we are in dealing with the thousands of students who come to Sandhills Community College," says President Dr. John R. Dempsey.

The scores of all 58 community colleges in the state are given in a "Critical Success Factors Report," the North Carolina Community College System's major accountability document. This annual performance report serves to inform colleges and the public on the performance of the state's community colleges.

"Because Sandhills scored so high on two very important categories – the success rates of developmental course completers and how well our students subsequently perform

at a four-year university – we are among only a handful of community colleges in the state who received the designation of 'Exceptional Institutional Performance,'" says Dr. Kristie Sullivan, Sandhills' dean of Planning and Research.

In fact, reports Dr. Sullivan, statistics show that students from Sandhills who transfer to any of the 16 University of North Carolina (UNC) public institutions outperform students who started as freshmen at a UNC school. "That's very impressive data, important news for anyone considering starting their bachelor degree work at Sandhills," she says.

"Our job is to serve our students and the people of this community," says Dr. Dempsey. "If we can do it with this level of excellence, that's something of which we can be really proud."

This year, the performance measures that judged each community college in the state were:

- The passing rates for those taking licensure and certification examinations.

- How well the college students who then transfer to a four-year university perform.

- How many developmental course completers in English, reading or mathematics earn a grade of "C" or better.

- The success rates of developmental students in subsequent college-level courses.

- How satisfied with the college are those who complete programs and those who don't.

- How many credential seeking students have graduated, transferred to another postsecondary institution, or was still enrolled at Sandhills.

- The satisfaction of clients who use the college's customized training services.

"With each of the performance measures, Sandhills exceeded the standard for the state," says Dr. Sullivan.

News of the achievement was distributed at a recent meeting of the Sandhills Community College Board of Trustees. "The college is to be commended for the results," stated Trustee Raymond G. Washington, Sr.

Dr. Dempsey called the accomplishment a college-wide achievement. "There's not a professor or a staff member who hasn't had a

hand in it," he says. "I am grateful to everyone at Sandhills and am exceptionally proud of what they have accomplished."

Fall Semester begins on August 20 at Sandhills. New students can apply online or in person. High school and any college transcripts must be requested from the issuing institutions. New students need to take an assessment

test to determine correct class placement.

There is an open door policy, which means no student is denied admission. After testing, pre-advisement is held to review the scores and discuss the intended program of study.

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be outside our gates." Noting that the SLWLA Board had strongly opposed a recent drive to incorporate the greater Seven Lakes area, he said, "I think we should take another look so we can influence what is happening outside our gates."

Betsy Mikula noted that "we've had the long range planning ever since I have been here, and the community has expanded very nicely. I feel we have lots of people here who can be visionaries."

"Visions and Master Plans are nice buzzwords," George Reynolds said. "They sometimes become wish lists instead of needs lists." Noting that Seven Lakes West has very little opportunity for expansion, and that the Board already has several long range projects in the works, including the mailhouse, entry redesign, and road repaving, he said, "I don't understand what \$40,000 is going to buy us . . . Before you spend the money, I say have the Board come up with a vision and a master plan. It won't take rocket science to do it."

Responding to Price's idea that a planning effort should encompass the entire community, Reynolds said "I think all the communities could get together and plan for that. That's where the vision and the master plan belongs."

Grace Kirkpatrick — a 26-year resident of the West Side — said: "I can't think of any place I'd rather be than just as it is. We need to think about safety, beauty, and our home values, and let the rest be as it is."

Clarion's experience

Bob Fewkes objected that the \$40,000 expense of the study had not been included in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 operating budget proposed by the Board and approved by the membership.

Fewkes asked whether Clarion had worked on a Vision and Master Plan for a gated community. Clarion's Walden replied that they had not, and Freiert argued that

it would be impossible to find a firm that had done planning for other communities that matched the unique characteristics of Seven Lakes West.

"That firm doesn't exist," Freiert said. "It's not about matching someone else, it's about what we want as a community. It's about what we want, and whether they can help us get that down in a plan."

Jean Downer asked for examples of communities that Clarion had worked with on similar planning projects.

"We have done a lot of work with neighborhoods," Walden explained, "but not gated communities."

In that work, Clarion aims to be "clear about what's out there in terms of factors that might be impacting Seven Lakes West," he said.

"My reconnaissance says that there is divergence of opinion, that not everyone feels the same way about the future of the community . . . We can help facilitate that dialogue and help come to some consensus about what you want."

Downer asked whether Board members had spoken with previous Clarion clients to get a sense of their satisfaction with the firm's work. Freiert replied that checking references was part of the process that a subcommittee of the Long Range Planning Committee had used to screen Clarion and other firms considered for the proj-

ect. "The people we talked to were not unhappy with the work that had been done," he said.

Nancy Workman asked whether Walden could provide examples of some Clarion success stories. He mentioned working with community associations in Chapel Hill that were facing challenges related to demographic change, and working with the town of Clemmons to protect the historical areas of the community that were being threatened by development.

Ron Workman wondered whether Freiert had asked CAS president John Stone about other CAS communities that have undertaken a Vision and Master Planning Process.

Freiert replied that he had asked for input from CAS. Stone said most of the communities that CAS manages have not undertaken a planning process; some still have a developer involved who is essentially providing the vision and planning. St. James Plantation has been involved in some planning work, he added. Freiert said Stone was supportive of the West Side's involvement in a planning process.

Is now the time?

"I have to say I really do believe we need long range planning," former SLWLA President Mary Ann Fewkes said. "And I do believe we

need a vision plan."

However, Fewkes suggested that the present might not be the best time to undertake the planning process. Internally, several major projects are already in the works; and, externally, the widening of NC Highway 211 will soon be completed and the 2014 Men's and Women's US Opens will likely bring a large number of visitors to Seven Lakes West.

"We have things to do now — the mailhouse, repairing the dams and roads — I think 2015 would be the time to bring in an outside firm," Fewkes said.

Bill Streit, who noted he had moved to Seven Lakes West "before the roads were paved," said "Almost every-

thing the developers did was on the cheap. The roads were on the cheap, the dam was on the cheap. We have a lot of things to correct that are not right. I applaud the Board for working on the roads . . . The first thing we ought to do is get our roads and our dams in first-class condition. Those are the things that we need right now."

Questions about process

Freiert mentioned in his presentation that the planning process would involve gathering a steering committee of twelve to fifteen residents representing various constituencies within the community. Carmela Chase asked "How are you going to

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go about accomplishing that? How do you propose to get representation for the community?"

"We don't have a game plan on that," Freiert said. "That will be one of the very first things that we would be involved in. We have to solicit participation . . . There is no predetermined plan at this point."

Expressing support for having a plan, Max Foley asked, "Is there anything that can hold the Board to that plan in the future?"

"It is a great question," Freiert replied. "How do we compel the Board to do what's in the plan? As you point out, the simple answer is that you can't compel them . . . If we are successful in putting something together that is the community's consensus of what it should be, I think it is persuasive to future Boards."

Bill Berger asked whether someone was taking notes

on the meeting and whether the comments would be available for other landowners to review on the website. Freiert said the session was being recorded, and he would use that recording to prepare a summary of the meeting for the Board that would also be posted on the website. He noted that *The Times* would also likely be reporting on comments made at the meeting.

Fred Allen asked how the plan would be changed in the future. "That is part of the output of the planning process," Freiert said. "That is one of the deliverables that we have asked Clarion to develop. We have not predetermined that."

"Every plan that we have done addresses that point," Walden added. "There is the vision, the goals, the expectations — and, if new conditions arise, how that will be handled."

Jim Krisner said he was in favor of having a plan for

the community, but skeptical of paying an outside firm to help develop it. "It is a good idea to have a plan," he said. "The question is how do we get that. I would vote 'Yes' we need a plan. But 'No' we don't need to pay \$40,000 for it."

Wrap-up

"We have heard from some tonight: 'I like it just like it is.' Others are saying that it must change," Freiert said. He explained that the purpose of developing a vision and master plan is to navigate the territory between those two poles — to determine "what we as a group think our future should be."

The completion of the NC 211 widening and the 2014 US Opens are "a great opportunity to begin marketing

the community in a way that makes it understood and attractive to the folks who are going to descend on the county," he added.

Noting that the community has very limited acreage that can be used for public spaces, Freiert asked, "What if the Board walked in one day and said that we'd like to buy that twenty acres down the road for the future. Where does that fit in? Why does that make any sense?" A vision and master plan would

help answer those questions.

Finally, Freiert explained that the cost of the planning process was not included in the current year's operating budget because that would have made it seem like a done deal — like the Board had already decided to move forward with the project without first gathering community input. He explained that the cost of the study would come from capital reserve funds.

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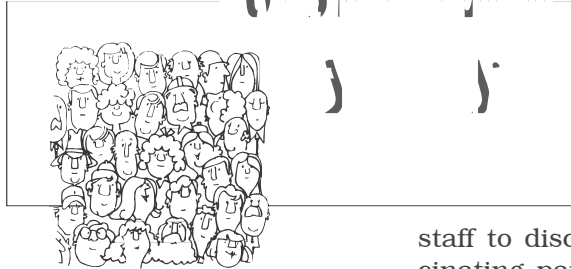
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- **Farmers Market at Sandhills Winery** – 9 am - 12 pm, local produce and handcrafts. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 5**

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Artists League of the Sandhills** – "Jewels in the Sandhills" An Exhibition of Small works and Fine Art Miniatures - featuring the works of Full Members of the League - opening reception today, 2 pm to

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MONDAY, AUGUST 6

- **Moore Republican Women's Luncheon** – at the Pinehurst Country Club. Valet Parking avail-

able. Registration: 11:30 am - Luncheon 12 pm. Checks payable at the luncheon to: Pinehurst LLC. Cost: \$16 Inclusive. Reservation, call Joan Ward 910-295-6544.

- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. Group leader Rachel Carr.
- **VBS at Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines** – a community Vacation Bible School, August 6-10 from 5:30-7:30 pm each night. All school age children through fifth grade are invited to attend. The Seven Lakes Chapel will have a kid friendly dinner each night, then play exciting games, create awesome crafts, and sing and dance. Parents are welcome to drop their children off and go enjoy some free time, or they may stay and join in the fun. No pre-registration required.

- **Seven Lakes Men's Bowling 2012 Season** – meeting, 7 pm. This is an important meeting of all members. Meeting will be held in the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Some significant changes are impending for the league so this is an important meeting. Please attend and bring any newcomers as well.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

- **AARP Driver Safety** - 10 am to 3 pm, classroom course, designed for drivers 50 and older. Participants will earn proven safety strategies to help maintain their confidence behind the wheel and to compensate for age related changes. AARP is offering educators a \$5 classroom fee. Others \$12 (AARP members) and \$14 (non members). 215-0900 to register. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, Pinehurst.

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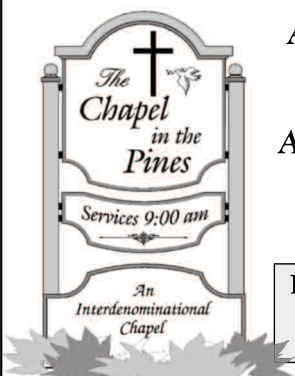


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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

- **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. Rev. Dr. Won Namkoong will lead this session. Meet in the WEUMC Fellowship Hall.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

- **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, meal for \$5.
- **Understanding the Value of Your Home in Today's Market** – 2 pm, Join Kay Beran, Realtor with Prudential Gouger O'Neal & Saunders Real Estate at the Senior Enrichment Center for an informal and eye

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Venomous or Poisonous at Weymouth Woods** – 3 pm, Find out the difference between these commonly confused terms and learn examples of local plants, insects, spiders, and snakes that fit the description. Meet in the auditorium. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free and open to the public.

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

- **Seven Lakes Landowners**

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

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

- **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.

- **Basic Gun Familiarization and Safety Course** – 7 pm, Sgt. Tom Brady will be conducting a two hour "Basic Gun Familiarization and Safety Course" at West Side Community Center. Reserve your spot, call the West Side Community Center or Rosemary Weber rosemaryw@7lakeswest.com

- **Foxfire Village Council** – 7 pm, meeting. At Foxfire Village Hall. Open to community and public.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

- **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. Rev. Dr. Won Namkoong will lead this session. Meet in the WEUMC Fellowship Hall.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

- **Holistic Financial Planning** – 10 am, Brianna Dillon, Financial Advisor with Raymond James and Associates offers advice for planning. 215-0900 to reserve a seat. Senior Enrichment

Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, Pinehurst.

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

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

- **Welcome to Medicare** – 7 pm, Jill Sherman & Jeanette Peterson, offer a seminar to sort through Medicare options. 215-0900. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Hwy 15-501, Pinehurst.

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Prior to heading South, Hescock and her husband lived in a horse community in Westchester County, NY. Before settling in Foxfire, they lived in a small custom-built cottage in Vass.

"We discovered the Grande Pines community and found it allows us to have a private setting with riding rings and trails," she said. "We are on a high spot with a pretty view, yet it is not too far away from the grocery store or hospital," she said. "There is still some open pasture land, and I'd love to see more horse farms added. This is a great hidden little community, and we really enjoy it here."

But, aside from a healthy lifestyle and horses, Hescock said decisions made in building her Foxfire home were based on saving money —

not spending it.

"I am interested in conservation, but also in not using so much energy — so I save money. We run electricity to the garage, the barn, the in-ground swimming pool, pumps for the irrigation tanks, a shed for the horses, and the house — this all runs through my home's electric system — and our bill is always under \$200," she said.

The only other utility costs include gas for the stove and for an emergency tank-less heater for the radiant heat flooring and the domestic

hot water.

"Last year was a very mild winter, but we find, more and more, living in the house that it is capable — that it really works," Hescock said. "I can't believe it is 100 degrees and we do not have the air conditioning on. In the Winter, with the floor heat, we set a temperature for the house and it stays constant. It does not fluctuate, and there is never any blowing air or noise, never any hot or cold spots."

Hescock admits the construction process to build her green dream home took extra time and required very detailed pre-planning, especially to provide the large open windows and floor plan

she wanted. But she insists that it was a well-worthwhile endeavor.

"By building a green home, we were able to get a great tax advantage and tax credits," said Hescock. "We have a huge tax credit available to us that we can use at any time. for as long as we live in the house. A lot of people may not realize that they can qualify for these programs too."

"Yes, it is more expensive to build like this . . . but in the long run you will find you are saving money. You put the money in up front, but we are saving now and that is important."

Dance

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duet/trio division with a tap dance entitled Tigh trope. This duet earned a High Platinum rating as well as a 1st Place Overall in the teen duet/trio division. Senior A Competition Troupe members, Caitlyn O'Hara, Kate Morris, Katie Kearns, Briana Goodwin, Brittany Keyser, Sydney Turner and Samantha Laurita received a Platinum rating with their hip hop dance, Chuck Ya Deuce Up, as well as a 3rd Place Overall. They also received a High Platinum rating, as well as a 1st Place Overall in the senior small group division for their acapella tap dance, Working. Two of these dancers; Sydney Turner and Briana Goodwin competed in the senior duet/trio division with their jazz duet, Put Your Hands on Me. This duet was The Junior and Senior Troupes combined to perform three large group dances. They received a high Gold award for their jazz dance, Body Language as well as 10th Place Overall. They were also awarded a Platinum award and a 2nd Place Overall for their tap dance, Burlesque. These girls also competed with a group lyrical dance, Cosmic Love, which was awarded a Platinum award, and received 5th Place Overall in the teen large group division.

Seven Lakes Dance brought five solo dances to Dance Machine as well. Madison

Hadaway started off the solos with her tap dance, Let's Get Loud. Madison received a high Gold award, as well as 8th Place Overall in the junior solo division. Katie Kearns performed a modern/lyrical dance, Wonderwall, which was awarded a high gold award. Briana Goodwin performed a jazz solo entitled Express, which earned her a high Gold rating, as well

as 10th Place Overall in the senior solo division. Sydney Turner competed with her jazz dance, What Turns You On, and was awarded a Platinum rating. Kate Morris performed her jazz solo, Son of a Preacher Man, which received a High Platinum award and 5th Place Overall.

Madison Hadaway and
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Jones

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nal, now has three sons of his own, and Nicki, who works at Pitt Community College, has just married.

When Jones arrived in West End, he took charge of a 2,200 square foot facility, built in 1983, that gradually found itself overwhelmed by the growth in Seven Lakes. By the late 1990s, the staff had to unload mail outside; there simply wasn't space inside the Post Office. The current 7,500 facility was built in 2000.

As one might expect of a 27-year veteran, Jones is concerned about the future of the US Postal Service — and particularly about how it will affect the staff at West End.

Though skeptical that anything will be done prior to the November election, Jones

said legislation pending in Congress would give the USPS the ability to have greater control over its own business. He stresses that, though some folks don't seem to know it, the Postal Service is not supported by the taxpayer, but is a business that funds its expenses with revenue generated from the services it provides.

That pending legislation would allow the closure of some marginal rural offices, like the one in Jackson Springs. The rural carriers who were once based in the Jackson Springs Post Office — those serving Foxfire Village, for instance — are now based in West End. Jones explained that, because Congress has prevented USPS from closing some rural post offices, the Postal Service has instead closed major dis-

tribution centers, including those in Asheville, Fayetteville, and Rocky Mount. That means mail bound for counties in the North Carolina mountains must be trucked all the way from Greensboro, and mail bound for the coast must travel from Raleigh.

"That is going to impact our delivery time," Jones said.

The pending legislation would allow USPS to end Saturday delivery, and it would also allow the Postal Service to recapture overpayments into its retiree pension and health care funds.

Jones said the recession that began in 2008 resulted

in a huge decrease in mail volume. Letter writing had already become a lost art and moved onto email. But the recession resulted in a massive decrease in the use of direct mail by advertisers. That knocked a big hole in USPS revenues — and in the paychecks of rural carriers, who are paid based on the volume of mail that they deliver.

"I do worry about the future of the Postal Service," Jones told *The Times*. "And I worry about my people here. We have really hard-working people here, and they deserve a future."

Jones' early retirement is

itself a part of USPS cost-cutting; the service has offered thousands of postmasters a buyout in order to reduce expenses. There's no word, at the moment, of who will be replacing Jones at the helm of the West End facility.

Asked about his own plans for retirement, Jones said he plans to sleep late, walk his dog, and try to make some progress against a pretty long honey-do list that his wife Joanie has waiting for him. And, like a lot of Seven Lakes retirees, he'll have a part-time job on the side, at Carthage Farm Supply.

Dance

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Kate Morris also competed for the America's Junior and Teen Miss Dance titles during Nationals weekend. Madison received top photogenic and interview awards, as well as being named a top 10 finalist out of 23 contestants. Kate was awarded finalist photogenic, and competition solo awards against 28 contestants.

All dancers are students at Seven Lakes Dance under the direction and instruction of co-owners Marcie Milbredt and Lauren Kicklighter, as

well as co-instructor LeAnn Garrison.

Seven Lakes Dance is now taking registration for the 2012-2013 season. Classes for the 2012-2013 dance year will begin Tuesday, September 4.

To sign up for classes or for, please attend the registration meeting on Monday, August 27 at 6:00 pm, or visit sevenlakesdance.com.

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Training for the gold medal in 'Mom'

Thank you, Mom.

If nothing else, the London Olympics will be remembered for this tear-jerking ad campaign from Proctor and Gamble and pixie gymnast Aly Raisman's parents.

Their side-by-side swaying and grimacing contortions as they watched their daughter fly through her uneven bar routine quickly went viral on YouTube. Dubbed "Synchronized Squirming" by the press, I'm pretty sure the IOC is already deep in negotiations to add this event to the 2014 games in Russia.

And that is great news, because I think I have a good shot at scoring that medal.

Forget helicopter parents

or Tiger Moms, I am neither of those.

I am a scout mom. My mantras are: "Keep it simple, keep it fun. Look before you leap, be courteous, be pre-

pared, and don't poke your eye out with a stick."



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Laura Douglass

pared, and don't poke your eye out with a stick."

So, hoping to hone my God-given talent, I started training yesterday.

I knew the water was cold, and that it was reasonably

deep. The chattering teeth of the otherwise uninjured children already in the water-fall pool provided those clues.

"Can we get in too? Please!" like little frogs, chorused my own set of mini-adventurers.

"Of course. But jump to the middle and no, I mean NO, diving!"

That was it, the end of my safety lesson. In life — as in the Olympics — sometimes you just have to let them leap. But I looked . . . very carefully.

Quickly securing the high ground, I watched their every

slip-sliding step on the jagged rocks. Swaying and hollering as I coached them through the rough spots, I offered cheering encouragement when the moment of truth arrived.

Would it be the thrill of victory or the agony of defeat for my Princess and Pirate?

First jumping from the low rocks before climbing ever higher, each and every time Jack and Lindsay launched themselves into the dark, cold abyss, I held my breath right alongside them.

It was victory! And it was a ten: a perfect ten of a day on vacation in the mountains.

So today training will continue for this Olympic cham-

pion-to-be with event preparation in boulder busting, advanced hiking while chewing gum at the same time, and forcibly restraining myself from nagging, "Did you pick up your wet towel?"

I am their ATM, their guidance counselor and chauffeur, their chief chef and bottle washer. But more importantly, I am the wind beneath their wings and the one who pushes them to take risks — albeit with a box of Band-Aids and a handy tissue to sop up tears — because I also had a great role model.

Thank you, Mom.

You too deserve the Gold!

Are you born again?

Question: I am a born again Christian, and I read all of your columns. Most of the time, I agree with what you write, but I wonder why you never write about being born again. Have you been born again? If you have not been born again, I fear for your salvation and pray for your eternal soul.

Response: I rarely use the phrase "born again" to describe myself as a follower of Jesus.

I am very knowledgeable about the origin of the phrase in the third chapter of the Gospel of John when Jesus told the Pharisee, Nicodemus, "except a man is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." (KJV).

To fully understand this metaphor, one must ask a number of questions. Should the word translated "again" in the King James Version be translated from the Greek as "anew" or "from above?"

All of these are correct. Would it change the meaning if the words were different?

Is "seeing the kingdom of God" the same as salvation from sin or entering eternal life or accepting Jesus as a personal savior? Is the Kingdom of God the same as heaven, or does it refer to the reign of God on earth?

I often wonder why this phrase is used almost exclusively only by twentieth century evangelical Christians in America and not by other Christians of many communions throughout the earth.

Since the middle of the twentieth century, this "new birth experience" has come to mean "a personal experience of God through Jesus, established by an instantaneous, existential experience of conversion, often accompanied by intense emotion."

This is usually equated

with "getting saved," meaning that all sins are now forgiven and a person is ready for heaven. It is the point where a person accepts the forgive-

Ask the 'Rev'

Rev. Don Welch

ness of God and becomes a Christian.

In some churches, being born again is the mark of a true Christian, so that those who do not claim this experience are not really Christians, even though they bear the name. This often leads to rejecting other Christian traditions as not authentically Christian, because they do not emphasize this singular moment of decision, nor do they require it for baptism and membership.

This explains why I rarely use the phrase "born again" to describe my own experi-

ences of transformation. There are many ways that one can be transformed from death to life and enter into a relationship with God.

At the end of the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus describes a new way of living in the Kingdom of God, he says "Not everyone who says to me 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my father in heaven."

Or as Paul writes to the Romans: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect." That is what the new birth means to me: transformation. You ask: "Have you been born again?" My answer is: "Yes! Again and again and again and again." But please don't stop praying for me.

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What's so complicated about divine inspiration?

Dear Editor:

As I have read articles in *The Seven Lakes Times* and have spoken to people from different ethnic and religious backgrounds, including unbelievers, I felt moved to share my view on a major issue concerning the validity of the Bible.

I can fully understand that why an unbeliever would not believe in God's Word because they don't believe in God's existence. What puzzles me is those so-called "Christians" who say there is an Almighty,

all powerful God, who is the Creator and in control of their life, but did not divinely inspire chosen men to pen the books of the Bible.

Many of who I am referring to are well-educated and intellectual. With that said, my concern is that the intellectualism sought after by scholars and others might just be a stumbling block to their faith that permits them to believe that the Word of God was not divinely inspired. This is a reflection of their true faith. This is not to say

that all intellectuals are unbelieving.

Why is it impossible for people to believe that God inspired men to give us a manual for life we can all benefit from by reading and living out the spiritual truths contained within the pages?

Not giving God the credit for His written Word does not make any sense. Evidence of its validity does exist. Our God is powerful enough to all things. Mark 10:27 states, "With God all things are possible." Why couldn't God be the Bible's author? What makes this so hard to swallow? I welcome a response

to these questions.

The Lord enables us to study, learn, and advance intellectually. This is a God-given gift for which we should be thankful. But even those who are educated but believe God for who He is and the power He possesses, find little difficulty in accepting His Word as truth.

For Christians to believe Our Heavenly Father did not inspire men to script the contents of the Bible, I believe is sad and hypocritical. What other book stood the test of time with prophecy fulfilled? Man has tried to extinguish the Bible, but it still is the

bestselling book of all time. And better yet, Jesus referred people to the Scriptures many times.

Paul said in 2 Timothy 3:15, "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness."

I fully agree with Pastor Chuck Black's article in the July 20 issue of *The Seven Lakes Times*, which supports the truths in the Bible. When Jesus chose the disciples, He chose "ordinary" men. I wonder why?

Ralph Rubino
Seven Lakes West

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Westside meeting

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did not participate in the vote.

The other six Directors present at the Tuesday evening, July 24 Board Meeting cited cost, community input, and the timing of the project as reasons they could not vote in favor of it.

Pierman argued that the community needs a vision and master plan — and that there may never be a good time for it, so it should move forward at this point.

However, other Board members did not share Pierman's sense of urgency.

"I don't like to be rushed," said President Mick Herdrich, "and I don't feel we should rush this."

Herdrich called for more study of the the master planning process, leading to a new proposal that would be presented to the community for input. If a decision is made to move forward at a later date, he said, funding for the project should be included in the annual budgeting process, rather than being taken from reserves. Long Range Planning had proposed using \$40,000 in reserve funds to pay for the study.

Herdrich also asked for more community feedback, especially from younger members of the Association.

Safety and Security Director Jim McCarthy agreed with Herdrich's position, saying any decision to move forward with such a project should be left up to the membership.

Other board members questioned the cost — and taking money from reserves to fund the project.

"For \$40,000, someone better be telling me something more than a pretty report," said Architectural Review Director Dan Blue, who expressed concern that the Board had seen little information from Clarion Associates about the outlines of the project.

Other members of the Board noted that the community already has planning in place for major projects over the next two years,

including the new mailhouse and the reconfiguration of the front gate.

Any action items coming out of a Clarion-led planning project would not be implemented until at least 2014 — the same year that NC Highway 211 is scheduled for completion and the men and women's US Opens will be taking place in Pinehurst.

Member opinion divided

Freiert told his fellow directors that only 47 of the 1700 voting members of the Association had submitted comments on the project. Of those, twenty were in favor, eighteen were opposed, and ten took no position.

Even those in favor expressed concern about the price, Freiert added. Those opposed said the money could be better spent on roads and other immediate needs.

Some landowners who were neither in favor nor opposed to the project expressed con-

cern that the issue was being considered during the Summer months, when many families are away.

Westsider Dale Erickson, who has voiced his support of the project in the past, said he was in favor of the planning project, as long as it is confined to Seven Lakes West. He disagreed with the suggestion, made by some members, that the focus should be broadened to encompass the greater Seven Lakes community.

"I believe it is necessary and provides a road map, guidance, and justification for the number of things we have to do — and I think it's great for the community," said Erickson. But, if the scope were broadened to include the entire community, he said, "perhaps it could be used as a vehicle for incorporation, which I believe is the wrong thing . . . If it is a scope that encompasses Seven Lakes West, I continue to support it."

Barbara Gerhardt took the opposite view during member comment. "We have to think bigger than Seven Lakes West," she said. "This community cannot just isolate itself . . . I think we need to plan for the future, but I don't think we can sit here in Seven Lakes West and act like we are not part of a bigger community."

Events Director Rosemary Weber agreed. "We can pave the roads in gold; but, if we don't have other attractive areas for people that want to move here, such as businesses . . . I think that is an important factor."

"It's not just what goes on

here in Seven Lakes West," she added. "It is also what happens outside the gate."

Charlie Merial said the Board should focus on expanding what the West Side already has and do something "practical" with the money. "There are a lot of things in this community that we can do with that \$40,000," said Merial.

Nancy Workman, agreeing with many of the Board members, said that the community's reserve funds should not be tapped into to cover the cost of this project.

"We should budget it, and plan it, and, when we have

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the money for it, then we should do it," explained Workman.

Freiert will take input from the community and the Board back to the Long Range Planning Committee to consider next steps.

Architectural Review Committee Report

ARC Director Dan Blue reminded landowners that all exterior modifications to Westside homes require an ARC application, which serves two purposes:

- First, it alerts the front gate to vendors that will be in the community.

- Second, it allows ARC to ensure that community standards are maintained.

The repair notification form is changing, Blue reported. The ARC is fine-tuning the process for basic repairs on homes, such as deck resurfacing and house painting, which will alleviate the need to go through the entire permit process for basic repairs. The new process should be available within the next two weeks.

The permit application for storm damage will be sus-

pended, reported Blue. Anyone needing to make storm damage repairs should contact the CAS office, and Lucy Hadlock will expedite the form.

Blue recognized Ed Schempp and Ray Sibiga, longtime ARC members who are retiring from the committee. "They have done a great job with us," said Blue. "They have done a great job for our community. They will be missed."

Communications Report

Secretary Jane Sessler announced that 773 Associations members have created accounts on the SLWLA website, which has become the primary source for community information. Everyone with a website account can be contacted through the website's email functionality, she explained, so it provides a way to contact membership in case of an emergency.

As the website has grown, other modes of communication have undergone changes, Sessler said. The SLWLA newsletter is more focused on non-time sensitive information, she explained, and the Area Reps are now the

"Neighbor-to-Neighbor" group, welcoming new families to the community.

"In a nutshell, we still have those three components going — they are all just doing something a little different," said Sessler.

Over the Summer there has been a "surge" of ten new members a week being added to the website, she added.

Lake and Dam Report

Lake and Dam Director Bruce Keyser reported that the Carriage Park Pond — the one closest to the Beacon Ridge Golf Course — is being drained to further investigate dam repairs.

Dam Engineer Dr. Dan Marks asked that the water be drained from the pond; remediation should take place in November of this year.

Events Report

The next date in the Johnson Point Summer Concert Series is Friday, August 3 at 7:00 pm, with the Fog Blues Band playing.

On Tuesday, August 14, Sergeant Tom Brady and Officer Steve Clark will host a gun safety class. Those inter-

ested should call the CAS office or email Rosemary Weber.

On Saturday, September 15, the Events Committee will host the Margaritaville Night at the WSPCC from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The cost is \$7 per person. Tickets will be available at the SLWLA office. Plans for the event include light appetizers, Margarita mix, and a limbo contest at the event.

The Board appointed Bernadette York to the Events Committee.

Other Business

In other business during

the Board's Tuesday, July 24 meeting:

- Director McCarthy explained that a Moore County EMS vehicle was recently unable to enter the community through the back gate. All Moore County EMS vehicles have now been issued barcodes. "This will never happen again," said McCarthy.

- Community Manager Jeanette Mendence reported that the Amenities Committee is considering replacing the ovens in the Community Center and adding a dishwasher upstairs.

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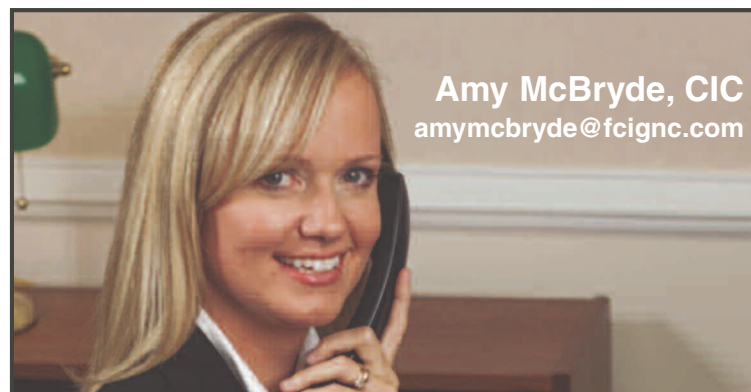


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Roads

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will be rerouted around those areas — is information the Association will have only one day in advance, Darr said. For residents, the best place to obtain the latest information will be the newly-redesigned SLLA website.

"The plan for tomorrow will be there every night, so that you know what is going to happen," Darr said. Treasurer Conrad Meyer suggested that paving plans also be delivered via email to landowners, as well as through postings in the mailhouse.

"This will be a trial at the gates," Darr said. "Stay tuned in to what's going on, and you will have a better time of it. We will have people directing traffic. But it will be very inconvenient at least for a couple of days."

Riley Paving, the contractor the Association has hired for the job, is currently patching the most severely distressed areas. Once that work is complete, paving can begin, perhaps as early as the week of July 30.

Noting that the Board had received some complaints about the roughness of the patches, Darr explained that all the areas that have been

patched will be repaved in the next phase of the project, which will smooth out the surface.

Vote on Management Change Delayed

The Board was scheduled to vote Wednesday evening on the awarding of the management contract to CAS, Inc., but President Darr explained that a few points in the contract were still being finalized. He expected to call the Board into a Special Session for the vote as soon as those details were nailed down.

[As The Times went to press Wednesday afternoon, the Board had not yet met for the formal vote to approve the contract.]

Despite the delay, "we are not backing up in terms of: that is the contract that we are going with, and that's the company we are going with, and September 1 is the date," Darr said.

Treasurer Meyer said the Board has not been able to provide a firm number on the cost of the new contract with CAS, because that will

depend on whether existing SLLA office employees are retained, and on the benefits choices of all employees.

"So we can't with precision tell you what the number is," he said.

During the Manager's report, Alina Cochrane announced that this would be her last Open Meeting as Community Manager.

"Thanks for allowing me to be your community manager," she said. "It has been a pleasure seeing you all. I thank you very much." Her statement was met with warm applause from the audience.

Boating Rules Tabled

Director Don Fentzlaff presented a set of rules changes aimed at keeping unregistered boats off SLLA lakes. But Director Leach pointed out that language in the proposed rules would require that boat and boat trailer registration be handled in person at the office.

"That's over 200 interruptions to the staff," Leach noted, asking, "Can't it be handled through the mail?"

"We have a lot of counterfeit boats," Fentzlaff replied. "People will get a permit and give it to their friend. We have a problem with unregistered boats in our lakes."

But, under the proposed rules, "they go in office and get sticker, they leave, and then give it someone else," Leach countered. "I think that needs to be thought about."

"Part of the problem is that we don't have any way of making sure that the sticker gets on the right boat," a resident interjected. "Your proposal doesn't address that."

In the end, Fentzlaff asked that the item be tabled so that the proposed rules could

be refined with some "sharp pencil" work.

Expedited Justice for Repeat Violators

Director Bob Racine introduced an action item that was not on the agenda, aimed at expediting the rules enforcement process for repeat violators.

He noted that some residents, notified of a violation — for instance, vehicles parked on the right-of-way — will correct the infraction in order to avoid a hearing before the judicial committee. Once the matter has been dropped by the Association, the vehicle reappears in the

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• Director Friert said Busby and Company will review the Association's financial statements for the year for \$5,000; the cost is included in this year's budget. The report will be returned by the Fall.

• Mendenhall said a project to update street signs and posts is now complete. Recent repairs include a broken arm on the back gate, a leak in the Community Center roof, and the compressor for the sprinkler system. The Great Room kitchen has been cleaned.

• The Board appointed Dan Lambert to the Long Range Planning Committee.

• Pierman and McCarthy will investigate the possibility of installing additional speed signs in the community.

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The new rule, approved unanimously by the Board, will allow any resident who is charged with a violation that they have been charged with in the previous two years to be referred directly to the Judicial Committee for action, without being offered a grace period to correct the problem.

Vandalism

President Darr reported that the Association had to refund the rental fee for a picnic shelter during the weekend of July 21 because vandals had painted profanity on the facility in a way that prevents it being cleaned off.

He noted that many Southsiders were upset by vandalism at the Southside mailhouse, but added that similar incidents had been taking place on the North Side for some time.

"Some folks are talking about a community organization in order to catch the people that are doing this stuff," Darr said. "That very well could work. We all have to get involved in this. I would like to have all of us being very well aware of what's going on."

Grounds & Maintenance

Director Leach reported that water has been infiltrating the South Gatehouse during every rain storm, a problem that will be investigated and repaired during the month of August.

He said his committee is investigating the cost of a new roof for the North Clubhouse, as well as replacement of the fascia boards, soffits, gutters, and downspouts. The cost of fencing repairs is also under investigation.

President Darr complimented Director Leach and his Grounds & Maintenance Committee for recent

improvements, including the cleaned and polished floors in the North Clubhouse, the redesign of the debris site, and clean-up at the maintenance yard and the boat storage area.

Architectural Review

Director Fentzlaff reported that the Architectural Review Board has been busy considering projects. Approved projects included a reroofing, two dock replacements, removal of a sea tree, a new fence, two deck repairs, a new driveway, a deck expansion, and the screening of a propane tank.

"ARB is also going to be tightening up on folks not filling out applications for work they do on their house," Fentzlaff said. "If you have doubt about whether approval is needed, contact the office and find out."

Security

Director Ritter reported that he had met with representatives of The Budd Group, which handles SLLA

security, and they had redesigned reporting procedures so that incident reports, whether on the lake or elsewhere in the community, are more easily identified and reported to Board members and the Judicial Committee.

Ritter said he had discussed recent incidents of vandalism with Budd and asked for their recommendations on how additional cameras could be used to cover specific areas. They are also investigating whether some of the cameras currently in use at the gates could be put to better use elsewhere.

Communications

Director Dave Buckingham reported that the number of landowners who had created accounts on the newly-redesigned SLLA website had grown to 297. He noted that accessing much of the information on the site requires that the user log in.

Buckingham said he is still looking for members for the communications committee.

Member Comments

During member comments, Andy Lowe, speaking for the lot owners on his cove, said the spraying of Diquat in that area had been inadequate for the past five years, resulting in an enormous growth of algae and the disappearance of fish from the cove. "I hope the last application was more effective than the last five years," he said.

Phil Thingstad said a newly-hired guard at the North Gate had a reputation for threatening women, including Mrs. Thingstad. He said he had informed The Budd Group of the officer's reputation but had been rebuffed. "This guy is a loose cannon," Thingstad said. "I would be real concerned with having that individual there. I think you are talking a big liability there."

Rick Long said he was losing faith in the security operation at Seven Lakes because he has had difficulty getting roving patrol to check his

home when he is away on extended trips.


"We will be addressing all of those issues, and, in some way, will get back to those who have made those comments," President Darr said. "We will make sure to get back to you."

Other Business

In other business during the Wednesday, July 25, SLLA Open Meeting:

- Director Fentzlaff reported that work on the Sequoia Island bulkhead has been completed.
- The Lakes & Dam Committee completed a second testing of water in the lakes for total coliform and e. coli at the end of June and "the numbers are really wonderful," Fentzlaff said.
- Director Racine renewed his pledge that the Community Standards Committee would be redoubling their efforts to spot and deal with violations. He

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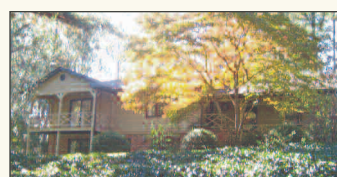
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Land Use Plan

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enough to keep that going on.”

One of the challenges in updating the 1999 Plan is encouraging growth while maintaining “open space” — and exactly what constitutes as “open space” is something the committee will have to determine.

The Land Use Plan is used as a touchstone for the creation and application of zoning and subdivision standards. So, for example, an emphasis on preserving open space in the 1999 Land Use Plan resulted in the Subdivision Ordinance including incentives for developers who preserve open space. And the fact that the development plan for the Pine Forest PUD near West End preserved open space was a key consideration for the Moore County Board of Commissioners in approving that project.

“The more specific we are on elements of the environment we want to protect, the more likely we are to get there,” said biologist Jeff Marcus. “You are not going to see government take over property for wildlife. It is

more about common sense.”

Committee member William Cochrane, on the other hand, was concerned about too much government regulation.

“How do we work into this policy declaration that we don’t become confiscatory?” he asked. “That we don’t confiscate . . . to make it impossible for development or have prosperity.”

“I’m not worried about growth. I am worried about lack of growth,” said Corso. “This document has to reflect a very contemporary approach to land use . . . the status quo doesn’t exist anymore.”

Limiting sprawl

The 2010 US Census found that Moore County grew by eighteen percent from 2000 to 2010, adding more than 13,000 residents. Rapid growth always poses a risk that the population will outgrow the infrastructure: schools, roads, water, and sewer systems — as well as public safety resources.

The 1999 Land Use Plan calls for “sprawl” — or development that is not supported by current infrastructure — to be limited in the County.

Seven Lakes resident Carolyn Mealing said sprawl could include all of Seven Lakes and many other places in the County. And limiting sprawl could hinder economic growth — something the committee wants to avoid.

Committee member Sandy Stewart said the County has encouraged sprawl by pushing new business into rural areas. Many members asked that the word “sprawl” be removed from the updated document.

But sprawl has a cost; for instance, when development requires the expansion of the County water system to serve new developments — expansion that must be paid for by rate payers.

The Public Works Department has successfully incorporated the East Moore Water District [EMWD] into the County’s water system, but has failed to get enough sign-ups for a similar project, the North Moore Water District [NMWD].

“You [EMWD] are willing to pay \$24 a month to make sure you have water,” said Public Works Director Randy Gould. “One day, they

[NMWD] will be willing to pay that price.”

The Public Works Department has been working with the Commissioners to iron out a plan for the future water needs of the County. This includes the northwest portion of the County and the Seven Lakes area.

Considering the challenges facing northern Moore County, former Planning Board Chairman Harry Huberth asked, “How do we make this document reflect the northern part of the County? I want to make sure we are relevant to the northern part of the County.”

The committee agreed that this will have to be considered

as revisions are made to the plan.

Gould expressed his hopes for the revised plan: “You want to come out with something concrete. We are not going to dictate where growth is going to be, but we are going to help steer it in a direction.”

To make the updated plan as simple as possible, the committee plans to include an index with definitions of words such as “open space” and “sustainability.”

The Committee’s goal is to have fully reviewed the 1999 Plan by August and begin constructing a recommendation for revisions in the Fall.

Commissioners

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Memorial.

- Fire district insurance ratings. The folks in McLendon Hills are particularly concerned about fire districts, since they are covered by the Eagle Springs squad, which is further away and has a less favor-

able rating than the Seven Lakes Fire Department.

- Information regarding the budget and projected taxes for the coming year.
- Land Use Plan, including an update on Pine Forest.
- Information regarding the County GIS Service. Council President Pete Dotto explained that the County’s GIS system may be more accurate than some of the maps in use by area developments, in terms of identifying the exact location of commons areas, roads, and other infrastructure.
- Safety concerns with respect to a gaming business located in the Seven Lakes community.
- Any other issues relevant to area residents.

The meeting will include time set aside for questions from the audience.

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said the Judicial Committee would meet as often as necessary to hear cases.

- In Recreation, Racine reported that a S’Mores Party is planned for September. Meanwhile Pony Camp is “going great.”
- The Board approved the minutes of the June 27 Open Meeting and the July 9 Work Session.

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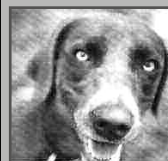
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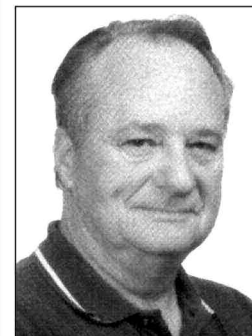
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