

## Ritter tapped as SLLA President

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



Steve Ritter was elected President of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] in an organizational Board meeting held after the Association's March 24 Annual Meeting.

"With me, you are looking at at a team player," Ritter, a resident of Seven Lakes South, told his fellow Directors. Saying he felt the previous Board had done "phenomenal work," he added

that he had "no hidden agendas, no place that I personally want to take this community."

"We are all here because we have a commitment to the community," Ritter said. "We are more effective when we come together as a team to work on problems."

Ritter and Director Chuck Leach were elected to the SLLA Board last year. The Annual Meeting elections added three more Board members, incumbent Director Bob Racine, former Director

(See "Ritter," p. 25)

## Stevens elected Westside President

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



Jack Stevens was elected President of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] during the regular Tuesday, March 26 meeting of the Board of Directors.

Bruce Keyser will serve as Vice President, with newcomers to the Board, Dale

Erickson and Brian Benjamin, taking on the roles of Treasurer and Secretary.

Board members made those nominations in an organizational meeting early Tuesday evening, and then approved the appointments in a secret ballot vote during the regular meeting.

Committee assignments for returning members will remain essentially unchanged, resulting in the fol-

(See "Stevens," p. 26)

## Tired of flat water?



*If your canoe or kayak is getting a little bored just tooling around the lake, Bear Creek and the Deep River in Robbins can put a little spice in your paddle. [See story on page 8.]*

## Sale of Foxfire water system to County 'not a done deal'

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter



What had been a decade of steady growth for Foxfire Village slowed in 2008 with the downturn in the economy. But the pause in growth bought the Village more time to address its limited water resources and research alternatives.

Those alternatives were the focus of a Special Meeting of the Village Council on Thursday, March 21.

In February, the Long Range Planning Committee recommended to the Council

that the Village merge its water system with the much larger Moore County system. Moore County would absorb the Village's Water Department debt of \$400,000 and take over the water tower and the current water delivery system. The County would also lay the water lines needed to connect the two systems.

In order to pay for those water mains, Village residents would continue to pay their current water rates, which are higher than the rates paid by other Moore County customers, for the next twenty years.

### Water long a concern for Village

In 2005, Foxfire hired Hydrostructures, PA of Pittsboro to conduct a study of the Village's water system. Hydrostructures submitted the Water Source Alternatives Study in 2006 and updated it in 2008. The report balanced prospective growth with the quality and quantity of the Village's existing water system and made immediate and long-range recommendations.

The immediate recommendations were to address the high radium levels in one well, to put in place ordi-

(See "Foxfire Water," p. 28)

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# Business Guild plans Street Fair & May Fest

by Cheryl Darwell, Secretary  
Seven Lakes Business Guild

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The Guild is inviting all local businesses and organizations to register now for a booth to showcase your services in what will be the biggest event for the Spring. The is Guild is partnering with members to combine

events such as an artisan alley, games, live music and a children's corner. Spaces at Street Fair and May Fest is only \$35 for non-Guild businesses, and is it Free to all members of the Business Guild.

Don't wait to reserve your space! Contact Cheryl Darwell at CDarwell@CruisePlanners.com or 673-SAIL

Join the Business Guild at the next meeting on Wednes-

day, April 17 at Seven Lakes Country Club, from 5:30-6:00 pm for social networking – bring your business cards, and the general meet-

ing follows from 6:00-6:30 pm with more details on this exciting May event.

Guest speakers will be featured after the meeting.

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## Caregiver skills class

The Chapel in the Pines will offer a three week class in "Basic Skills for the Family Caregiver" on Mondays, April 8, 15 and 22 at 3:30 pm each day.

Lynne Drinkwater, community educator for St. Joseph of the Pines will be the presenter; along with Deanna Heck, St. Joseph of the Pines, home-care coordinator and registered nurse.

They will provide basic skills and tips on daily care-

giving along with teaching the techniques in proper transferring of a patient.

If you are caring for a loved one or just want to learn about caregiving, come to this event to learn new caregiving skills, how to reduce your stress and to learn how to better care for your loved one and your self.

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bors or purchase take-out dinners. The price is only \$8 per dinner.

There will be a 50/50 raffle this year.

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# Commissioners hear budget requests

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



Sandhills Community College [SCC] is seeking a 4.85 percent increase in operational funding from Moore County for Fiscal Year 2014, plus an additional \$500,000 for capital projects. That's an overall jump of \$700,000.

SCC will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary in December, George, Little, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, told the Commissioners during their Tuesday, April 2 regular meeting. SCC President John Dempsey said the consistent support that the college had received from the communities it serves — and from the commissioners of Moore and Hoke Counties — had made it “perhaps the best in the state, and one of the best in the nation.”

Noting that the college has a physical plant worth roughly \$100 million, Dempsey said SCC's fund for capital maintenance was nearly exhausted and asked the Commissioners to replenish it with a \$500,000 infusion of cash.

Commissioner Larry Caddell, who served on the SCC Board of Trustees for eight years, explained that the college had been able to complete bond-funded construction projects under budget, and had used the savings to fund capital maintenance. But the capital improvement fund has now shrunk to about \$400,000, Dempsey said.

Commissioners Chairman Nick Picerno said the County's budget process is well underway behind the scenes, and will get its first public discussion at the Commissioners Critical Issues Summit, a day-long meeting scheduled for April 18.

## Agencies seek increases

For the ninth year in a row, Sandhills Center for Mental Health is seeking no increase in the \$274,706 it receives from the County, CEO Vic-

toria Whitt told the Commissioners.

However, Moore County funds several local agencies through Sandhills Center, and two of those are seeking an increase.

Monarch, formerly known as Pinetree Enterprises, has opened a Creative Arts and Community Center in Southern Pines, and seeks to increase its \$71,123 allocation from the County by \$50,000 — \$25,000 for a creative arts teacher and \$25,000 for adaptive equipment in a technology room.

Sandhills Children's Center, which assists young children with special developmental needs, is seeking a \$9,000 increase, to \$112,859.

## Pinehurst lease tabled

The Commissioners tabled a proposed lease renewal with the Village of Pinehurst for a one acre lot on Rattlesnake Trail that Moore

County Public Utilities has used for equipment storage and as a staging area since 2003.

The Village had previously leased the lot to the County for \$1 per year, but, for the renewal, asked the County to agree to install up to 15 irrigation meters and taps for \$600 each. Public Utilities Director Randy Gould explained that the Village is interested in expanding its irrigation options, because the Village is hosting the Men's and Women's US Opens in 2104.

Gould said the \$600 fee would cover only the cost of materials; the county normally changes more than \$1,900 for an irrigation tap.

The Commissioners were none too keen on the Village's proposal. Rather than leasing the property, “we ought to be able to buy it for 15 taps,” Commissioner Caddell said, moving to table the proposal

until he, Commissioner Jimmy Melton, and County Manager Wayne Vest could meet with Village officials to attempt to negotiate a deal more favorable to the County.

## Resolutions aimed at Raleigh

At the suggestion of Chairman Picerno, the Board approved two resolutions aimed squarely at state government, one aimed at making sure counties receive their fair share of funds raised by the education lottery and the

other recommending mandatory drug testing for citizens on public assistance.

Citing data compiled by the NC Association of County Commissioners, the lottery resolution stated that the General Assembly has failed to follow the statute that created the lottery, which requires that forty percent of lottery proceeds be set aside for the Public School Building Capital Fund, which counties can draw on for school construction and renovation projects. Governor

(See “Commissioners,” p. 12)



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# SLLA members approve \$100 dues increase

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



Members of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association approved a \$100 across-the-board dues increase by a margin of 215 to 172 in balloting concluded at the Association's Sunday, March 24 Annual Meeting.

New annual dues will be \$1,000 for homeowners, \$670 for owners of an undeveloped lot, and \$497 for each additional undeveloped lot. Treasurer Conrad Meyer noted that the additional revenue generated by the higher dues levels will be directed to reserves, rather than to any increase in operational expenditures.

Four open seats on the Board ultimately attracted only three candidates. Incumbent Bob Racine attracted 295 votes; newcomer Richard Faraci garnered 284; and former Director Steve Hudson collected 236 votes.

## Laura Douglass is SLLA Citizen of the Year

Northsider Laura Douglass, a stalwart of the SLLA Recreation Committee and a former Board Member, was named Citizen of the Year by the Association.

Presenting the award, Pat Weber said Douglass has devoted her time and energy to developing resources and activities for the younger members of the Association. She pointed to Douglass' work to secure new playground equipment for Northside Park and her role in establishing summer camp programs. Weber noted that Douglass has been active in Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts, had served as President of the Women of Seven Lakes, and had shared her life with the community by writing a column for *The Seven Lakes Times*.

Accepting the award, Douglass said she had fallen in love with Seven Lakes the very first time she visited the community. "I saw all the kids' bikes parked up by the pool and knew this was where

I wanted to live," she said.

## Public Comment

Early in the meeting, Douglass was first at the mic during the Public Comment period. "As you choose the committees you will work with," she told the Directors, "I would remind you that they are there not to be a rubber stamp, but to offer input, make recommendations, and shoulder a lot of the work that has to be done."

Over the past year, members of the Board have occasionally found themselves in conflict with various committees — including the Recreation Committee on which Douglass serves — over proposed policy changes, for example, concerning the stables, guest fees, etc. Douglass' aim appeared to be to remind the Board that the Association's committees offer an important grassroots resource for developing policy, as well as actually implementing it.

Greg Gosslein, who described himself as a long-time West End area resident who moved into Seven Lakes in February, expressed concern that the Board could change guest fees for the pool and stables without a vote of the membership. Noting that each landowner is a part owner of the pool, he said asking a guest to pay a \$3 fee to use it is "like inviting them over for dinner and handing them a bill at the end of the night." He asked that the new higher guest fees be repealed.

"Let us congratulate the

board in bringing to the members the facts and a program which they planned concerning the challenges ahead," Hal Blake said. "They need our support — both the present and the incoming board. Let us give them that support."

## Directors review the year

As votes were counted by members of the Judicial Committee in a downstairs meeting room, Association members gathered in the Joralemon Fellowship Hall of Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines and heard reports from each of the Directors.

## Finance

Treasurer Meyer explained that the dues hike, if (See "SLLA," p. 13)



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# Foxfire Council pares down its 'wish list'

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



No one even mentioned a tax increase.

But that was just about the only option not on the table when the Foxfire Village Council met on Thursday, March 28 in their first Work Session on the Fiscal Year 2014 budget.

Council members had submitted proposed expenditures for their respective departments, the finance team had looked at the prospects for an increase in sales tax and other state shared revenues, and the bottom line was not pretty.

"As we stand right now, we are \$30,000 in the red," Councilwoman Leslie Frusco said, "and we are not going to do that this year. We have debt service issues, and we need not to be taking money out of fund balance. In fact, we need to be putting money into fund balance."

The "fund balance" is the Village's savings account — which grows when income exceeds expenses, and is sometimes tapped when expenses exceed income.

With this year's General Fund budget just under \$950,000 and the Water Fund at \$370,000, Foxfire began the year with a little under \$1.1 million in fund balance in the General Fund and nearly \$1.4 million in the Water Fund.

Among the challenges the Village faces for FY 2014, Frusco said, is an estimated nineteen percent increase in the cost of employee health insurance — \$1,524 for each employee.

That led to considerable Work Session conversation about the structure of the compensation plan for Village employees, which includes salary, individual health insurance, contribution to a state run pension plan, and a contribution to the employee's 401K retirement savings plan equal to five percent of salary. Added to that are standard payroll taxes.

No FY 2014 salary increas-

es had been projected.

Homing in on the 401K contribution, Frusco noted that many employees make no additional contribution or their own money to their 401K accounts, and wondered whether they might prefer to collect that five percent in salary, instead. The Village's 401K contribution totals \$8,500.

She encouraged members of Council to discuss the matter with Village employees, in order to better understand what they would prefer in a compensation package.

## Public Safety

Councilman Mick McCue's public safety budget included a number of upgrades sought by the Foxfire Police Department, including more secure evidence storage, rifles for the officers, a video camera for one police vehicle, and additional hours for officer Chad Shue.

McCue noted that West End Fire and Rescue is asking the Moore County Board of Commissioners to approve a 1.5 percentage point increase in its fire tax rate, to help pay for a new fire truck. If granted, that would

also up the Village's cost of purchasing fire coverage from the squad.

## Paving

Councilman Vic Koos had suggested a \$68,000 budget for paving — up from \$58,000 in the current year.

But, other Council Members explained, the paving budget benefitted from the one-time recovery of \$80,000 back taxes that were paid when the bank took over Foxfire Resort and Golf Club from former owner Avestra.

"If you use up this \$58,000," Frusco told Koos,

"that was all the back taxes we got paid."

Koos reported that \$26,000 had been used on crack sealing this year, with another \$7,000 allocated for patching and sealing on Wildwood, leaving only \$25,000 of the tax windfall to work with.

## Welcome Center

Mayor George Erickson increased the rent payment in the FY 2014 budget, proposing that the Village rent additional space adjacent to the Foxfire Administrative Offices for a welcome center

(See "Foxfire Budget," p. 25)

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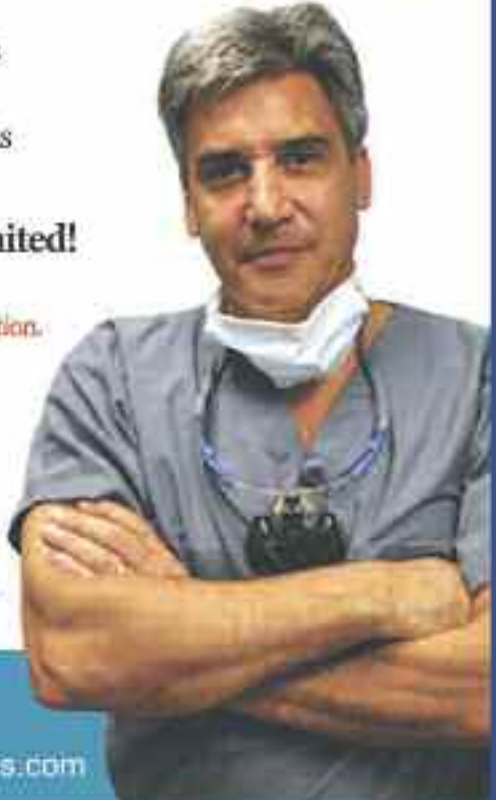
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# In memory of . . .

**Ila Marie (Ring) Ross**, 70, of Whispering Pines died Tuesday, April 2 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Ross was born in Moore County, daughter to the late Alva and Gladys (Marks) Ring.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 4 from 1 to 2 pm at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Whispering Pines with services at 2 pm. The Rev. Gregg Newton will officiate, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

She and her husband managed their family farm for their entire marriage. She worked and traveled to the Dominican Republic and Nicaragua for McMurray Fabrics.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Curtis Ring.

Mrs. Ross is survived by her husband of 53 years, Josel Ross; son, Calvin Ross of Whispering Pines; daughter, Catherine Welker of Seven Lakes; brothers, Tommy Ring of Vass; Alva Buster Ring of Vass; Johnny Ring of Cameron; sisters, Mary Alice Whitaker of Carthage; Margie Barnes of Statesville; and her five grandchildren.

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step-son Michael Luper of San Luis Obispo, CA; brother Russ Wright of Orlando, FL, and her grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society or National Parkinson Foundation.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes is serving the family.

**Louis J. Dillon Jr.**, 88, of Foxfire Village, died Sunday, March 31.

He was born in Woodside, NY, the son of Mr. Louis J. Dillon Sr., and Edith Brunsch Dillon, and raised in Bayside, NY.

Mr. Dillon joined the United States Marine Corps at age 17, on and was trained as a Combat Movie Photographer prior to participating in the Pacific Campaign during WWII. He received the National Headline Award for motion pictures taken on Iwo Jima. During the Korean War, he was an instructor at the USMC Base, Quantico, VA.

After his military service, he worked in the lithography and printing business in New York City. He married Frances V. Cleveland in 1956 and in 1962, they moved to Wallkill, NY and together founded Toll House Card Company.

For many years, he was

president of the Wallkill Chamber of Commerce. In 1980, they moved their business to Aberdeen, then later sold it to start a tool and die company. Years later, he sold that company and finished his tool and die career working for Purolator Products, retiring in 1990.

Funeral services will be held at a later date at Quantico National Cemetery in Virginia.

Mr. Dillon is survived by his wife Frances; son, Peter Dillon of Grovetown, GA; daughter, Laura Hamerka of Raleigh; son William Dillon, of High Point; and also his grandchildren.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes is serving the family.

**US Navy Capt., Markham Dennis Tuft (Ret.)**, 77, of Seven Lakes, died Sunday, March 24.

Mr. Tuft was born in Berkeley, CA, son to the late Malcolm and Marjorie Tuft.

He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 1958, and San Diego State University in 1963, with degrees in Mechanical Engineering. He was commissioned an officer in the US Navy and served on active

(Continued on page 7)

**Ellen Lorene Luper**, 68, of Seven Lakes, died Thursday, March 28, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

She was born in Des Moines, Iowa.

A celebration of life will be held at 3:00 pm on Saturday, April 20 at the Chapel in the Pines, Seven Lakes.

Mrs. Luper was the Activities Director for Peak Resources in Carthage, and a member of the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines.

She was preceded in death by her father Wendell C. Wright and brother Steven Wright.

Survivors include her husband of 22 years, Allan (Buddy) Luper; her mother, Mabel Wright of Lakeland, FL; son Thomas Lucey of Virginia Beach, VA; daughter Tammy Herald of Hubert;

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duty for 27 years. During his naval career he taught mechanical engineering and coached crew at the US Naval Academy, served three tours of duty in Vietnam, including command of a squadron of swift boats, served on the USS Gallant, the USS Blue, the USS Hollister, and commanded the USS Farmington, and the destroyer USS Knox in the Pacific Fleet. He also attended the National Defense College of Canada and served in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Surface Warfare.

After retirement from the Navy, Mr. Tuft held positions at Goodyear Aerospace and Lockheed Martin in Akron, Ohio.

Survivors include Mary Carolyn, his wife of 51 years; children: Pamela Hewitt of

Marcola, OR; Bryan Tuft of Vienna VA; Linda Lenz of Ligonier, PA; and Rhonda Hodges of Seven Lakes; ten grandchildren; his sister Patricia Goode of Roseburg, OR; and his brother Michael Tuft of Gualala, CA.

Services were held Saturday, March 30 at Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines. Interment followed with military honors at Seven Lakes Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines – Building Fund.

**Elizabeth “Bette” Schultz**, 89, of St. Paul, MN, formerly of Seven Lakes, died March 20.

Mrs. Schultz and her husband Tom were residents of the Seven Lakes community for over 25 years. She was a dedicated member of the

Chapel in the Pines of Seven Lakes and the leader of the local chapter of Project Linus. She and Tom regularly delivered Meals on Wheels.

They had joined family in St. Paul, MN for the last three years of her life.

Mrs. Schultz was preceded in death by husband, Tom husband of 64 years.

Survivors include her daughter Marghe (Ron) Tabar; son Jeff (Kathy Falk); granddaughter Ashley Schultz.

The family will hold a private service.

Memorials donations can be made in Bette's name to: Project Linus, 2041 Seven Lakes South, West End, NC 27376.

**Patrick Jon Gribben**, 67, of Seven Lakes died Monday, March 18, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mr. Gribben was born in Milwaukee, WI son to the late Donald and Gladys (Tollefson) Gribben.

A celebration of life service was held on Saturday March 23, at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Southern Pines. Rev. Todd Rauscher officiated.

Mr. Gribben served in the United States Marine Corps Reserves from 1965 to 1971. He was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. He owned and managed several restaurants in Moore County, as well as

Texas, Ohio and Georgia.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Kathleen Gribben and Maureen Gribben.

Mr. Gribben is survived by his wife of 28 years, Susan K. Gribben; son, Jonathan Gribben and wife Emily of Aberdeen, and his granddaughter, Bella Gribben.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Patrick Gribben to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312 or The American Heart Association, 202 Centre Port Drive Suite 130, Greensboro, NC 27409.

Boles Funeral Home assisted the family.

## WEPC Yard Sale

West End Presbyterian Church will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, April 6, from 8 am to 1 pm, in the church's activities building, the Crawford Center.

A myriad of items will be for sale, including clothing, furniture, toys, and many other assorted items. Proceeds from the yard sale will help pay to send a mission team to Chetumal, Mexico this Summer.

The church has had a

relationship with a sister church in Chetumal, for more than a decade, and has sent a number of mission groups to Mexico to help with projects there and to build relationships. This year seven high school youth and adults will travel to Mexico to do more mission work.

West End Presbyterian Church, Knox Lane, one block west of Highway 211, West End.

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# Robbins offers paddling fun

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter

On a bright March Saturday, in the chilly shadows of the bridge two little girls dare each other to stick their feet in the icy waters of Bear Creek. Waiting patiently for the race to start, they lob stones into the rushing water. With each stone, the girls become more confident, sharpening their aim. As they cheer each other on, the last stone reaches the far shore.

A shrill whistle blows, and the girls turn and run up the steep bank. At the top of the green-cloved hill is a bright bouquet of colorful kayaks and canoes. Dr. William McDuffie, president of the N.C. Canoe Racing Association and organizer of the Charles E. Brady Paddle Challenge, explains the rules.

A young well-mannered black Labrador sits at attention listening to every word. The Lab will soon perch himself on the bough of his

owner's canoe hitching a ride down stream.

Ten dollars is the adult fee to register; eighteen and under paddle free. Shuttles are provided, and each paddler is given a small Frog Town clay jar with cork top. Everyone goes down to the shore and fills their jar with creek water.

Those clay jars commemorate the jug of clear Bear Creek water that that former astronaut and Robbins native Charles E. Brady canoed down Bear Creek and the Deep River to Jordan Lake three decades ago to call attention to water pollution.

Nine-year-old Mathew Young swaps his cowboy boots for water shoes. He and his grandfather Bob Adams hold back. It takes maturity for a kid to recognize when to be patient.

Then the serenity is disrupted as the racers wait for the signal. The paddlers must first race down the steep

slope to their boats, jump in, and hit the water. Within seconds, a kayak traffic jam has ensued. Old and young alike vie for clearance to paddle 500 feet up the creek, make a u-turn, and head four miles back downstream.

One adult kayaker pushes preteen Emma Thomas's kayak out of the way and cuts in front. Emma's strawberry blond hair sparkles gold in the sun. Undeterred, she calmly maneuvers back into position and heads up the creek. Through a narrow opening in the rocks, the paddlers glide through single file.

Teenaged siblings Caitlin and Brandon Turlington paddle in tandem, smoothly gliding through all obstacles. It's on the longer, wider stretches that they lose their rhythm. Yet they always manage to recover just in time.

(See "Paddling," p. 11)



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# Bill Reaves earns Green Builder designation

Bill Reaves has earned the Master Certified Green Professional (Master CGP) educational designation from the National Association of Home Builders, joining an elite group of professional home builders and remodelers who are experts in the field of sustainable construction.

Reaves is President of Bill Reaves Construction, Inc., a design/build company building not only new homes, but also remodels and additions, as well as commercial and multifamily housing — all with an emphasis on a holistic approach to high performance homes that will provide their owners with a healthy and energy efficient home for living.

Master CGPs must have at least five years' green building experience and have built or remodeled and certified at least three projects in a three-year period to a recognized local, state, or national green residential program to be eli-

gible for the designation.

Potential designees must successfully complete seven days of training on green building and business management as well as advanced courses that focus on green building science and project management.

The Master CGP training is conducted by leading building industry practitioners on the construction or renovation of a high-performance home. The curriculum includes techniques that incorporate energy, water and resource efficiency, improved indoor

environmental quality, lot and site development, and home owner education, always keeping cost-effectiveness in mind.

Master CGP graduates are required to maintain their designation by completing twelve hours of continuing education every three years, and must continue to certify at least three projects during that same period.

"I am delighted to be honored with this designation," said Reaves. "As a Master

CGP, I can better serve my home owners in Moore County by providing more sustainable, livable homes that will serve them well, now and in the future."

For additional information about the National Association of Home Builders' green building program, visit [www.nahbgreen.org](http://www.nahbgreen.org)

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# McLendon Hills will host Prancing Horse Barn Dance

by Claudia Watson

Don't miss the 4th Annual Spring Barn Dance Saturday, April 13, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the McLendon Hills Equestrian Center in Seven Lakes for the benefit of the Prancing Horse Center for Therapeutic Horseback Riding.

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

"We play something for everyone with the goal to keep them on the dance floor," says Gus Leader, president of the Prancing Horse Board of Directors.

"You'll hear traditional

country, oldies rock n' roll, new country and bluegrass. It's a good time for couples and singles. Even if you don't dance, you'll get a good show and who knows, you may just get up and give it a try."

Dickey's Barbeque Pit is hosting the seated dinner that includes assorted entrees and classic Southern sides served to guests at white tablecloth-draped tables. The dinner also includes wine, beer and sodas. The evening also features a silent auction.

A limited number of tickets are available for the event and early registration is encouraged. Guests are encouraged to reserve tables of 10 and dance the night

away with friends. Tickets are \$60 per person and are available at Sandhills Winery in Seven Lakes, The Country Bookshop in Southern Pines; Given Book Shop and Lady Bedford's Tea Parlor in Pinehurst; or at [www.prancing-horsecenter.com](http://www.prancing-horsecenter.com) For more information call 910-246-3202.



Sid and Sandy Newman cut a rug for Prancing Horse

## Red Cross Blood Drive

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, April 24, from 1:30 to 6:00 pm at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. For an appointment call 910-673-4931.

Walk-ins are always welcome.

## Seven Lakes Garden Club

The Seven Lakes Garden Club will meet on Thursday, April 11, at 2 pm. This is the meeting for a Plant Exchange.

Come and share plants, ideas, and fun.

You do not need to bring any plants to receive one. This is a great way to jump-start spring gardening, and

an inexpensive way to expand your garden, and try new plants. Please label your plants.

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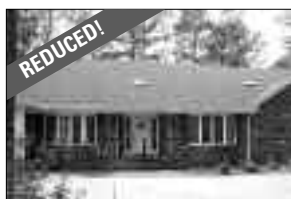
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## Paddling

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The paddlers intent on a win take the lead and disappear down the creek. The less competitive enjoy the sunshine-drenched March day. Four ladies kayak together at a relaxed pace, enjoying each other's company. Eventually, everyone finds their own pace, and the length between the boats widens, leaving each to paddle in solitude.

Along the way is an unfortunate portage at the Old Carter's Mill where the boats must be carried straight up, around the dam and then back down. The bank is cold, dark grey, slippery mud. The only traction is taking off your shoes and digging your toes deep in the mud and holding on. A volunteer works like a mule, helping each paddler portage their boat.

Back on the water, there are few reminders that it is the 21st century. Spring Peepers serenade on the crisp cool breeze. Frozen muddy toes warm stiff and happy in the warm sun. Time slows to the quite slice of oar through deep clear blue water. The sycamore trees are paper white against the Carolina blue sky.

It could be any time in history: Prehistoric Native Cherokees in dugout canoes skim-

ming the surface, or 18th century Scots, English, and Germans making their way up river into Northern Moore, seeking purchase in rolling hills along the Deep River.

The bridge at Reynolds' Mill Road marks the end of the race. Every one congregates on the embankment as the times are tallied. Kids use the seats of their jeans as sleds, slipping down the steep cement casement.

The Charles E. Paddle has brought positive attention to the Bear Creek and nearby waterways. Bear Creek now gurgles and runs cleaner than in the past. Century old junk piles have been cleaned up.

"When I complain about putting these events on, [my wife] Lynn tells me I am the

maker of my own misery," said Dr. McDuffie. "But there is nothing I would rather do than plan these events."

As the evening sun cast long shadows on the water my own daughter pulls the cork on her little jug. The hard fired clay has insulated the icy head waters. A wisp of silver mist escapes the jar as she pours the water back into Bear Creek, being sure not to waste one precious drop.

Bear Creek, Cabin Creek, and the Deep River in the Robbins area offer year-round paddling adventure, from flatwater to Class I & II white-water.

You can find information on the paddling trails at [foothillsoutdoors.org/trails/](http://foothillsoutdoors.org/trails/)

## Hitchcock joins Blush



Bridget Hitchcock

Blush Salon welcomes their newest stylist, Bridget Hitchcock.

Hitchcock graduated from Randolph Community College cosmetology department. Not only is Hitchcock a talented stylist, but she has studied esthetics, too.

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# Commissioners

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Pat McCrory's recently-released budget, the resolution noted, underfunds the county's share of lottery proceeds by \$80 million, while eliminating the \$75 million county share of corporate income tax.

The resolution, approved unanimously by the Commissioners, calls on McCrory, the General Assembly, and the Lottery Commission to "allocate to the counties their legal share of educational lottery funds to be used for school buildings and technology.

The second resolution, also approved unanimously, calls on State Senator Jerry Tillman and NC Representatives Jamie Boles and Allen McNeil, "to introduce and support legislation to require drug screening and testing for public assistance applicants."

Picerno noted that many employers, including Moore County, require prospective employees to submit to drug testing. "I think people receiving benefits should be held to a standard," he said.

Picerno made a point of linking both resolutions to the taxpayers of Moore County, pointing out that depriving the County of lottery funds meant local taxpayers would ultimately foot the bill for school construction and technology. He noted that funding for the public schools accounts for roughly forty-five percent of the County's

budget.

Similarly, Picerno said County taxpayers fund half of the \$11 million budget for the Department of Social Services.

## Interim Tax Administrator Appointed

The Commissioners appointed John W. Edmondson Interim Tax Administrator, contracting with JWE Services, LLC at a cost not to exceed \$82,680. Edmondson fills the position vacated by Wayne Vest, who was recently promoted to County Manager. Edmondson served as the County's Interim Tax Administrator from September 2005 to December 2006.

"[Commissioner] Jimmy [Melton] and I were both here when he served before, and I've never met anyone I would trust more," Commissioner Caddell said, noting that Edmondson had trained Vest.

The contract with JWE "will actually save us money, versus the cost of the former Tax Administrator," Chairman Picerno added.

## Fire Tax Rates

Picerno said the Emergency Services Advisory Committee [ESAC] had recently held a meeting to evaluate fire tax rate requests from the county's fire districts. Under the current system, each department has a separate tax rate, which must be approved by the Commissioners.

However, "it became very

apparent real quickly that the committee didn't have any background on which to make a decision," Picerno, an ESAC member, said.

As a result, ESAC asked the Commissioners to maintain all fire tax rates at last year's level, and recommended that any fire department that wants an increase above that rate should meet with the County Manager, Fire Marshal, and Public Safety Director to make their case.

## Courthouse Facilities Committee Expanded

The Commissioners, during Tuesday's meeting, expanded and reconfigured the Courthouse Facilities Advisory Committee, recognizing that the departure of the Sheriff's Office to the new Public Safety Center will free up space in the Courthouse.

The committee was formed to study the space needs of the courts, clerk of court, and district attorney a few of years ago, when the Board was developing plans for the public safety center, detention center, and a new administrative facility that was then shelved.

During Tuesday's meeting, the Board added Commissioner Picerno to the committee as its Chairman. Chief Deputy Neil Godfrey, who will soon replace Lane Carter as Sheriff, was added to the committee, as were Pinehurst Village Councilman John Cashion and Bobby Laton of the County's Property Management Department.

## ERP Software Issues

One item that will likely be on the agenda for the Board's April 18 Critical Issues summit is continuing problems with the Enterprise Resource Planning [ERP] software that the County purchased from Tyler Technolo-

gies. ERP software attempts to unify management information systems across an entire company or county, so that all departments are working with the same system.

Picerno said the County is having "serious issues" with the software, and Tyler's President can't seem to find time to meet with County officials.

"The goal in purchasing this software was for Moore County to become more efficient, so we don't have to hire more people," Picerno said. "But this software is now costing us money, by forcing us to hire more people to deal with the problems it is creating."



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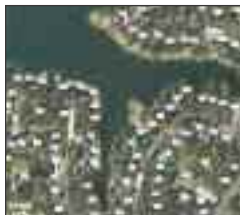
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# SLLA Annual Meeting

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approved, would increase the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 contribution to the restricted road reserve from \$125,900 to \$201,150, and increase the contribution to unrestricted reserves from \$91,880 to \$167,130.

After thanking the members of his Finance Committee — Jim Allen, Ed Sanchez, and George Temple — Meyer listed a number of key committee accomplishments, including:

- Revising the collection process.
- Revising the lot combination policy.
- Creating an emergency reserve fund equivalent to three months expenses.
- Completing several major cost studies, including the evaluation of management companies prior to the Board's decision to switch from Talis to CAS, and rebidding the landscaping contract, resulting in significant savings.
- Analyzing the level of reserves needed to fund key infrastructure projects in order to develop the proposal for a dues increase.
- Working through the transfer of financial records from Talis to CAS and developing new financial reports based on the CAS system.
- Transitioning to a new auditing firm, while coming up with a "clean" audit.

## Lakes & Dams

Director Don Fentzlaff was unable to attend the Annual

Meeting due to illness, but sent written reports that were read by President Bob Darr.

The twelve-member Lakes & Dams Committee, under Fentzlaff's leadership:

- Developed a comprehensive lake pumping program.
- Began testing lakes for e. coli and coliform.
- Will begin testing for dissolved oxygen, to ensure a healthy environment for wildlife.
- Developed a program of regular monitoring of water levels within the dam structures, using piezometers installed in the dams.
- Initiated repairs to the Sequoia Island bulkhead.
- Recommended revisions to lake rules and sponsored a voluntary boat safety inspection by the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

## Architectural Review Board

Fentzlaff also had responsibility for the Architectural Review Board [ARB], and noted these accomplishments:

- Updating ARB standards.
- Developing project guidelines for the most common projects, in order to streamline the approval process, by making sure all necessary documentation is available to the committee.

## Grounds & Maintenance

When he joined the Board one year ago, Director Chuck Leach said, President Darr urged him to "get something

done."

Members of the committee walked the community and compiled a list of more than 70 items needing attention. Of those, forty-one have been addressed or will be completed by the end of next month, Leach said.

- Among the key items are:
- Painting the exterior of the landowners office.
  - Overhauling the yard debris site.

- Replacing deteriorated support beams at the maintenance shed and the stables.
- Renovating the interior and exterior of the Southside gatehouse.
- Replacing the dock at Lake Echo.
- Contracting for the installation of new roofs on the landowners office, North Clubhouse, pool pump house and Lake Sequoia

gazebo.

## Community Standards

Director Bob Racine reported that it had been a difficult year for the Standards Committee, because the change in management companies put most enforcement actions on hiatus for a number of months.

"But management has now provided what we need to move forward," he added.

(See "SLL A," p. 14)



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## SLLA Annual Meeting

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"You can look forward to more vigorous enforcement in the future."

### Recreation

On the recreation front, Racine noted that the Association had enjoyed its traditional Easter Egg Hunt, Fourth of July festivities, Halloween Party, and Christmas Party, as well as the S'mores on Sequoia Beach.

Water aerobics, swim lessons, and swim teams were offered at the Northside pool, and the Association welcomed a new manager at the stables, "who has brought new life into that operation," Racine said.

### Security

Director Ritter said he had assembled a Security Committee with four members — Mike Pusillo, Greg Lishawa, Chuck Mims, and Don Harkey — who, along with Ritter himself, represented more than 160 years of law enforcement experience. Brenda Massimo, bringing an insiders perspective on the operations of SLLA administration, rounded out the team.

Ritter said moving the security contract to The Budd Group had resulted in a significant improvement in performance, particularly with the appointment of Roger Shoemaker as the local supervisor.

Acting on a recommendation from the Security Com-

mittee, the Board delegated to Security personnel the authority to ask an offender to leave SLLA property — a change that has enhanced their ability to deal with troubling nonresidents.

Ritter said the initial confusion created by changes in SLLA's gate access policy by Seven Lakes West ultimately resulted in an overhaul of the gate pass and barcode policies that have made for smoother operations at the gate.

Both roving patrol and boat patrol hours have been refined to ensure that officers are on duty when problems are most likely to occur, Ritter said. He noted the retirement of longtime North Gate guard Linda McCoy, praising her dedicated service.

### President's Report

President Bob Darr recalled

that he, Racine, Meyer, and Fentzlauff had run for the board two years ago promising a number of changes in the way the SLLA Board operated:

- **Open Meetings.** Darr noted that, not only does the SLLA Board conduct its business in the open, it takes input from members throughout the meeting, instead of confining comments to one portion of the meeting.
- **Cost-Benefit Analyses.** The Finance Committee has prepared detailed analyses on major expenditures, which the Board has then "studied, debated openly, and decided accordingly," Darr said.
- **Road Repaving.** The four candidates pledged to start road repaving, and it has in fact begun, Darr said.
- **Critical Oversight of Talis.**

Darr said that analysis had been done — and led to the hiring of CAS as management company.


- **Town Hall Meetings.** Though the open debate in regular meetings reduced the need for Town Halls, Darr noted that the Board had hosted a very-well-attended meeting to receive input on the FY 2014 Budget and proposed dues increase.
- **Reestablishing committees.** A number of committees had been disbanded by a previous Board. Not only were they reinstituted, Darr pointed out, but the Directors changed policy to require a Board vote to eliminate a committee.
- **Transparency.** Darr said the Board has held closed

meetings on legal and personnel issues that are properly discussed behind closed doors.

"Going forward," Darr said, "I believe these principles should be the continual commitment of the Board."

Noting that he was honored to have served as the Association's President, Darr took a moment to "thank God for Bud Shaver," a former Board member who died earlier this month. Darr said Shaver "provided hours and hours of advice — and an occasional butt-kicking when we needed it."

Darr presented those Board members whose terms were expiring — Racine, Meyer, and Fentzlauff — with certificates recognizing their service, and Racine did the same for Darr.




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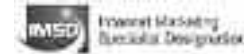
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101 FEATHERSTON – \$55,000  
111 CLAY – \$55,000  
119 CLAY – \$58,000  
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**FRIDAY, APRIL 5**

- **SL EMS Chicken Dinner Fundraiser** – served from 11:30 am to 2 pm, and 4:30 to 7 pm. You can dine at the EMS building while visiting with your friends and neighbors or purchase take-out dinners. \$8 per dinner. Seven Lakes Fire Station, Seven Lakes Drive.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 7:30 pm, *A Place at the Table*. Tickets: \$7. A documentary that investigates incidents of hunger experienced by millions of Americans, and proposed solutions to the problem. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.
- **Stargazing 101 At Weymouth Woods** – 8 pm, Enjoy a beautiful Spring Night and discover how easy it is to locate stars and constellations. Join a Park Ranger to learn some basic astronomy. Weymouth Woods Visitor Center: 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd. Southern Pines. (\*Rain date Saturday April 6, 8 pm.) 910 692-2167

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

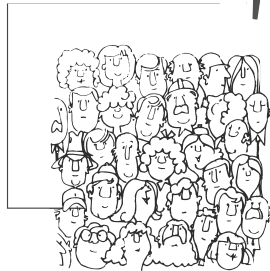
- **McLendon Hills Neighborhood Yard Sale** – 7:00 am – 12:00 pm. More than 50 residents have combined their treasures for the ultimate yard sale. (Rain date April 13)
- **West End Presbyterian Yard Sale** – 8 am to 1 pm, in the church's activities building, the Crawford Center. Clothing, furniture, toys, and many other assorted items. Proceeds

will benefit mission team.

- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 2:30 & 7:30 pm, *A Place at the Table*. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

- **St. Mary Mag-**



**dalene Episcopal**

- Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes 673-3838.
- **"The Color of Energy"** – Artist League of the Sandhills, featuring the works of emerging artist Kathy Leuck. Opening reception today from 2 – 5pm. Exhibit will run through April 30. Artist League of the Sandhills, 129 Exchange St., Aberdeen. 910-944-3979.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 2:30 & 7:30 pm, *A Place at the Table*. Tickets: \$7. 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines 692-3611.
- **"Nature's Easter Eggs"** – 3 pm, Become an amateur Oologist (one who studies eggs) as you learn about the colors and markings of eggs produced by the native birds. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167.

**MONDAY, APRIL 8**

- **Basic Skills for the Family Caregiver** – 3:30 pm, at The Chapel in the Pines. A three week class to continue on April 15 and 22. Lynne Drinkwater, community educator for St. Joseph of the Pines, with Deanna Heck, St. Joseph of the Pines, home-care coordinator and registered nurse will be the presenters. No cost to attend. To register contact Fran Stark, 673-5493.
- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Knights of Columbus** – 5 pm, hosting an 'Hour of Prayer & Contemplation' Msgr. Koch Council 6528, St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, N. Ashe St., Southern Pines. All welcome. Supper (covered dishes, hot/cold are welcome) to follow in the parish hall. Peter Scheuermann, (910) 692-9414.
- **Sandhills Photo Club** – 7 pm, member competition,

at Hannah Center Theater, The O'Neal School campus, 3300 Airport Road, Southern Pines. Topic is 'Scapes.' Photographs will show an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view. Guests welcome.

- **Jackson Springs Community Club** – meeting 7 pm, at the Club House, 447 Mill Road, Milton Sills, Qualified Preaching Elder with Costal Carolina Presbytery and a member of Moore County Historical Society will present "History of Moore County." Public invited. Betty McConnell 673-3320 to make dinner reservations.
- **Monday Night Services at WEUMC** – a Fellowship Meal at 6 pm followed by Worship Service at 7 pm. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 Highway 73, West End. Church Office 673-1371.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 7:30 pm, *A Place at the Table*. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9**

- **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.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10**

- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **English Speaking Union** – cocktails 6 pm, dinner to follow. "Did Shakespeare Have a Hand in the King James Bible?" Stephen Pickett. Country Club of NC. Hope Price 910-215-7727.
- **82nd Airborne Chorus To Perform** – at The Village Chapel on at 7 pm. The 82nd Airborne All-American Chorus Concert held in the Chapel's Sanctuary. Free, nursery provided. The Village Chapel, 10 Azalea Road, Pinehurst. The Village Chapel, 910-295-6003.
- **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. Rev. Dr. Won Namkoong will lead session in the WEUMC Fellowship Hall.

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**THURSDAY, APRIL 11**

- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am until 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). Fellowship and devotion and a meal at \$5.
- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **Seven Lakes Garden Club** – 2 pm, meeting for a Plant Exchange. Come and share plants, ideas, and fun. You do not need to bring any plants to receive one. Please label your plants. Door Prize, free raffle. Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, 581 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. [www.sandhillswinery.com](http://www.sandhillswinery.com)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

- **SCC Horticultural Society Spring Plant Sale** – 8 am to Noon. Perennials and woody plants will be for sale at the horticultural building area (Steed Hall) of Sandhills Community College. 910) 246-4959 or (910) 695-3882.
- **"Bird Walk"** – 8 am, Join the Ranger for a two mile hike. Bring binoculars, tick

repellent, sunscreen and field guides. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free and open to the public.

- **Weymouth Center Plant Sale** – 9 am to 1 pm, at Weymouth Center, 555 East Connecticut Avenue, Southern Pines. Price-friendly plants. 255-0010 or 949-3999, or email [dolphin3999@gmail.com](mailto:dolphin3999@gmail.com).
- **5th Annual NC Pottery Festival** – 10 am to 4 pm, Seagrove. Over 60 potters and crafts people under the Big Top, at Seagrove Elementary School, 528 Old Plank Road, Seagrove. \$5/person. Martha Graves 336-873-7887
- **Prancing Horse** – 6 -10 pm, Annual Barn Dance at McLendon Hills Equestrian Center. Silent auction, music by DJ Prince Pete and dinner by Dickey's Pit BBQ. Tickets: 910-246-3202, \$60 per person at <http://www.prancinghorse-center.com/> or The Country Bookshop, Lady Bedford's Tea Parlor, Given Book Store and Sandhills Winery, Seven Lakes.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am,

Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes 673-3838.

- **5th Annual NC Pottery Festival** – 10 am to 4 pm, 60 potters and crafts people under the Big Top, at Seagrove Elementary School, 528 Old Plank Road, Seagrove. Admission \$5
- **"Walking for Wildflowers"** – 3 pm, Join the Ranger for a 1.5 to 2 mile walk. Bug spray recommended. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167.

**MONDAY, APRIL 15**

- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Monday Night Services at WEUMC** – Fellowship Meal at 6 pm followed by Worship Service at 7 pm. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 Highway 73, West End. 673-1371.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16**

- **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.

- **League of Women Voters of Moore County** – 11:30 am, guest speaker, Jamie Wiseman, Clinical supervisor of Youth Villages, Pinehurst, an evidence-based treatment model for children with serious behavioral issues. Table on the Green. Reservations: Charlotte, 944-9611.
- **Covenant Preparatory School Open House** – 7 pm, at New Covenant Fellowship Church, Carthage. See website at [www.covenantprep.com](http://www.covenantprep.com) for more details.
- **Sunrise Theater Presents UNCP Jazz Ensemble & Jazz Choir** – in concert, 7 pm, Tickets \$10, General Admission. Tickets available at the door. Music of the Swing Era to contemporary works for big band.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17**

- **Seven Lakes Chapel April Lunch Bunch** – 12 noon, all single seniors are invited to attend lunch in Chapel in the Pines Joralemon Fellowship Hall. No cost, reservations appreciated. Transportation provided. Sophisticated Ladies dance troop will provide entertainment. Reservation for

lunch and transportation, call Fran Stark 673-5493.

- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **WEE Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** – 4-8 pm, West End Elementary School Cafeteria. \$8 per plate. Help the PTA make improvements for WEES. Tickets may be purchased in advance at, Dr. Kavanaugh's office on Seven Lakes Drive, at the door or Contact Alisa Keyser at 910-318-8623.
- **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. Rev. Dr. Won Namkoong will lead this session. Meet in the WEUMC Fellowship Hall.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18**

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

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## A dump by any other name

I met a fellow the other day at the dump over by Pekin.

Well, it's not really a dump. It's what they call a "Convenience Center." That's sort of a portable dump. Not that it actually moves around; but that you dump your trash there, someone comes to get your trash, and then they haul it to the real dump.

The dump over by Pekin is kind of like the dump — pardon me, "Convenience Center," on Love Grove Church Road, back of Seven Lakes South.

Except, by Montgomery County standards, the Love Grove Church Convenience Center would be a Cadillac version. We have more like a Volkswagen.

However, we do have the honor of providing the real dump — excuse me, Sanitary Landfill — which serves as

the final resting place for trash from both Montgomery County and Moore County.

Things like Sanitary Landfills and Convenience Centers worry me. I'm not really worried about the things them-

"I'm going to the dump;" everybody knows exactly what you mean.

If you say, "I'm going to the convenience center," folks are going to wonder when they installed public rest-

rooms or a Microtel in the neighborhood.

It's like that big plant down by Addor that Moore County is

spending \$26 million to upgrade.

When I first started reporting on County Commissioners meetings, folks talked about "the sewer plant." But gradually, they started talking about "the wastewater treatment plant." And now, with the upgrades moving along

apace, everybody's talking about "the water pollution control plant."

What do you think of when someone says "water pollution control plant?"

I think of a great big dam-like thing you could stretch across the Cuyahoga River to get all the green dye out of it after St. Paddy's Day. But say "sewer plant," and everyone knows exactly what you're talking about.

I guess some folks think it's hard to justify spending \$26 million on a "sewer plant." After all, that's just got three syllables in it, and "water pollution control plant" raises the stakes to eight.

It makes you feel a lot better than putting all those tax dollars in a sewer plant, doesn't it?

Anyhow, as I was saying, I met a fellow at the dump

down by Pekin.

In Montgomery County the folks who tend our dumps are security guards. I'm not sure if that's because the waste management company is concerned that people might steal stuff that other folks have thrown away, or if it's because they think that some enterprising citizen might actually steal the big metal container into which we put all our garbage, take it down to the junkyard, and sell it for scrap.

In any case, this fellow was one of our security guards, and we had amost interesting conversation, which I had hoped to share with you here.

Unfortunately, I am rapidly running short of space, so I'll have to tell you about the fellow I met at the dump down by Pekin some other time.

### Digging Deeper

Greg Hankins



selves; a dump is pretty much a dump. I'm more worried about these newfangled names we give them.

If you meet someone at down at the Post Office in West End — or the Post Office in Mt. Gilead — and you say,

## When can I retire from church leadership?

**Question:** A few years ago, I moved to Seven Lakes to retire. My wife and I joined a church; and, soon after, the pastor and leaders of the church began asking me to take a leadership role in the church. I am nearly seventy years old, and I have served for many years as an Elder and Sunday School teacher

in my previous church. I came to Seven Lakes to play golf and tennis and to sail and fish on the beautiful lakes. I feel like I've done my part for the church over the years and I no longer want a leadership role in the church or the community. Am I wrong to feel this way?

**Response:** I am very sym-

pathetic to your feelings. Fourteen years ago, I came to this community to retire after over fifty years of as a minister, college teacher and administrator. All I wanted to do was play golf and bridge and catch up on all the reading I had neglected through the years. I soon found that ministry and teaching were callings, not careers.

One can walk away from a career, but not from a calling. When God gives us gifts, such as the gift of leadership, God doesn't take them away because we get older.

I believe that every Christian has a calling to be a servant of others. God gives each of us different gifts to use in that service and our commitment to Christ, and His Church continues to call us to share our gifts no matter how many years we live. Of course, as we grow older, we must be more aware of our health and learn to work,

serve, and play at a somewhat slower pace. But does that mean we stop serving the church and community all together? I don't think

When someone tells me, "I've got all I want, why should I be concerned about what happens to the church or the community in the future? I won't be

here," I know that I am talking to a person who has forgotten his or her calling as a



Ask the  
'Rev'

Rev. Don Welch

so.

Our community is in dire need of leaders who will take some responsibility for the future of Seven Lakes. Our churches need teachers, board, and committee members who will strengthen the work of Christ in this place. None of us are called just to be takers of the good things this wonderful community provides, but we are called to work today to ensure the future for those that come after us.

Christian.

The Christian's greeting during Eastertide is "The Lord is risen!" And the response is "He is risen indeed!" The Risen Lord calls us to serve one another as long as we are able, and to use the gifts we have been given to serve others.

Don Welch, the minister of The Chapel in the Pines, welcomes your questions and comments at: [dwelch1@nc.rr.com](mailto:dwelch1@nc.rr.com)

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# Three words for incorporation

Thanks to Fred Young for his informative articles on the future of Seven Lakes.

Young has taken a brave stand. While everyone has the right to attack his opinions and disagree with his facts, no one should attack him personally. He is handing us a wake-up call.

"Power," "Prestige," and "Perpetuity" are three of the many words I could use to talk about

Seven Lakes' need to incorporate.

**Power:** We have no governmental power. I attend Commissioners Meetings occasionally and serve on a County board, and I am aware of the fact that Seven Lakes as an entity has no power.

We have approximately 5,000 people in Seven Lakes, but we have no more power than Eagle Springs or Eastwood. We all pay taxes, but we don't participate in the money distributed to the cities in Moore County. We are just one of the unincorporated Moore County areas. There are grants that towns can apply for, but we don't qualify.

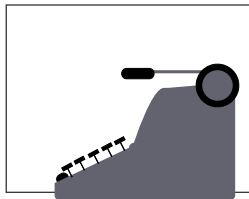
The Commissioners do recognize us as voters and pat us on the head with a visit from time to time, but we have no real power.

**Prestige/Planning:** When thinking of the prestigious areas in Moore County we love the little shopping areas in Southern Pines and Pinehurst. They are quaint and charming, two words we probably would not use to describe our area. Our merchants do an admirable job of keeping up Seven Lakes Plaza, considering that

upkeep is all at their expense. Seven Lakers would love additional high-end restaurants, but with no sewer system, you can cross that one off your wish list. We rely on the Moore County Planning and Zoning Board to protect us from internet gambling

## Your Turn

Mary Price  
Seven Lakes West



casinos and other unsavory businesses.

We cry out for the ability to have a say in what develops here. We have to start planning for our future as a community. We are not Cinderella going to the ball. We will not be transformed overnight. Our roads will not suddenly be paved and all the eyesores taken away, but over time, we could become a prestigious community.

**Perpetuity:** Perpetuity is a word meaning unlimited time — forever. We expect to be here for a long time, and things change. In 1998, Bill and I owned a great house on the North Side and we loved it there. Our stay was temporary, because we were building on the West Side; but we enjoyed our life there. Our neighbors were the best, and people waved when we walked down the street.

We moved to the West Side in 1999, and a building boom was in progress. Houses were going up everywhere, and we loved it. We truly had the best neighbors, and people waved at us when we walked down the street. They were probably doing the same thing on the South Side.

We built a Community Center and our population increased.

We called Seven Lakes "the best kept secret in the world;" and hoped no one would discover it. Even so, new people came; and things changed; but the fundamental goodness of the people stayed the same.

Change continues to happen. We love Seven Lakes; but Seven Lakes has to grow up, because change is all around us. As the economy

## Thanks!

To our loyal customers:

We would like to thank all our customers at the Seven Lakes Country Club for allowing us to serve you on the ninth hole all these years. It has been a pleasure to get to know so many nice people. It has been fun and we will miss all of you.

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improves, those other nearby planned developments will start to build; and we need to be able to meet that challenge head on. We can't do that if we keep our enclave mentality.

Some things don't change. Our separate landowners' associations own our lakes

and amenities. Even with incorporation, landowner associations will continue to exist and we will continue as separate associations.

So, thanks again, Fred Young, for starting the conversation.

Incorporation is a conversation we need to have.

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# Confusing God's love with God's acceptance

Dear Editor:

There seems to be two ecumenical movements being promulgated these days. A religious ecumenism (RE), that says "let's bring all religions together, dropping our denominational and religious differences, and worship the same creator/god," and a

secular ecumenism (SE) (aka secular humanism) that says "let's all tolerate and accept our differences so we can live in peace and harmony — live and let live."

Both movements are admirable. They both aspire toward a society in which people can get along in har-

mony.

However, confusion ensues when SE principles begin to usurp Biblical Christianity — which believes that the truths and commandments in God's Holy Bible are literally His never-changing words and are as much applicable today as ever. The literally translated Gospel that we have today, has been shown to be insignificantly different from the original texts (ask me for a free copy of Lee Strobel's *The Case For Christ*). Scholars Norman Geisler and William Nix have concluded "the New Testament has not only survived in more transcripts than any other book from antiquity,

but it has survived in a purer form than any other great book — a form that is 99.6% pure." In short, it can be trusted. God commands us to not change it or leave anything out (Rev 22:18-19).

When today's Christian Church falls into the trap of laying aside any of the God-inspired truths of the Bible for the ideas of SE then we are no longer practicing Biblical Christianity but a version corrupted by the relativistic desires of man.

One such trap is confusing God's love with His acceptance. God abhors sin of any kind and cannot accept it! Although He loves us, He can only accept us if we have

repented (actively turned away) from our sin and accepted Christ's atoning sacrifice alone as payment for that sin. Accepting another's lifestyle, when that lifestyle is clearly anti-Biblical, is accepting their sin as OK. The Bible tells us to love the sinner as our self, but not the sin. We can demonstrate that as Biblical Christians. But it also commands us to be salt and light by proclaiming and living the truths in His Word. Christians, let's not allow ourselves to be drawn away from Godly truth by subtle secular ecumenism.

Barry Kavanaugh  
Seven Lakes

## Forget about removing the gates

Dear Editor:

One of the signs of a secure and well maintained community are manned security gates with careful attention to who is coming and going at all times. Why would anyone living in Seven Lakes even remotely consider getting rid of our Security Guards and Gates? They are one of our greatest assets.

The Country Club of North Carolina (CCNC) in Pinehurst is proud of its gated entrances — a major selling point to potential buyers.

The National Golf Club says "National has blended golf's two greatest legends - Nicklaus and the Sandhills, into a secure, gated residential community of superior quality."

Pinewild Country Club says: "Located just one mile from the quaint and historic Village of Pinehurst, this gated club offers its residents a gracious and private lifestyle . . .

Many Seven Lakes residents are retired and not able to be constantly vigilant about strangers driving by

to see about the best times for planned break ins or grabbing things from an open garage or a yard. Advanced age and health problems may make it difficult for them to protect themselves and their property.

Many others work eight to ten hours a day and are not able to protect their property while away. We rely heavily on the gates and guards to protect ourselves and our resources. To remove these in the name of incorporation is out of the question, in my opinion, and will dramatically lower the quality and security of life in Seven Lakes.

When NC Highway 211 becomes a four lane road, it will bring plenty of traffic our way, and we will be glad to have our gates, tranquility, and peaceful way of life with our pristine natural resources and sense of security intact. It is a privilege to live in Seven Lakes and we need to protect ourselves and our assets.

LeAnne Purvis  
Seven Lakes West

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# Like a zombie, talk of incorporation won't die

Dear Editor:

Once again, talk of incorporation comes around to haunt us. Even though it looks good on paper, I honestly believe this to be a bad idea.

Why did most of us move here? We enjoy the community as it is, the lower tax rate and most important, the fact that we are in the South and we like it just the way it is.

If the gates come down, that would mean an open invitation to the public. But we will have police presence right? How much will it cost to build a police station, add cars, salary, pension, and benefits? Will that presence be enough to make a substantial difference? How

about a guard house at Johnson Point to keep people from partying all night long and possibly trashing your boat or taking it out for a joy ride? That would be a 24/7 venture, with more salaries etc. Is this all coming out of the supposed 1.6 million?

Think back a few years ago when contractors were giving out gate passes to their workers building homes. Did you enjoy some of the problems that came up when they would show up with a car load of people and a cooler or two of beer?

Fred Young proposes town taxes at five cents per hundred. Is that rate guaranteed? Look up surrounding area property taxes. Our dues are less than half of what

other towns pay out in taxes; that should be incentive enough to have people come to Seven Lakes.

Are you ready to pay double your current property taxes along with association dues? No matter what anyone tells you community dues will not drop, and a five cent tax will not make a dent in the debt we will be saddled with.

Pick a town, any town, that has a mall or strip mall. Are any of those places filled to capacity? Is the Seven Lakes Plaza filled? The best business model for most small towns now are flea markets and antique shops.

We have everything to lose by going forward with this idea of incorporation; we gain nothing but a lot of aggravation and expense. In today's economy, we do not need that at all. People moved here because we enjoy the way things are around here.

Bob Nelson

Seven Lakes West

## Thanks from WEPC

Dear Editor:

West End Presbyterian Church raised more than \$7,000 at its February 24 spaghetti supper and silent auction.

All of the funds will help pay for the church to send a mission team to Mexico this summer.

The church has had a relationship with a sister church in Chetumal, Mexico for more

than a decade, and has sent a number of mission groups to Mexico to help with projects there and to build relationships.

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# The Future of Seven Lakes: A Plan for the

*This is the seventh in a series of articles on the future of Seven Lakes by Westsider Fred Young, President Emeritus of Elon University and Chair of VIF International Education. He and his wife, Phyllis, built their first house in Seven Lakes North in 1978 and moved to Seven Lakes West in 2006. Contact him at [youngf@mindspring.com](mailto:youngf@mindspring.com).*

## Article 7: A Community Plan

### Goals:

To make greater Seven Lakes one of the most desirable and attractive residential communities in the region.

To increase property values 25 percent short term, 50 percent medium term, and 100 percent long term.

### To Achieve these Goals:

Unify and incorporate the community.

Keep the \$1,600,000 annual sales tax money that we currently pay and forfeit.

Install a town or village government that will be responsible for the following major activities:

- Organize a first class police department.
- Rebuild the Business District, funded by development grants if possible.
- Immediately repave all of Firetree, Longleaf, and other perimeter roads.
- Clean up and control development along NC Hwy 211.
- Initiate community beautification projects.

The Village would also establish and fund a major Task Force to be responsible for the economic development of the Seven Lakes community. This Task Force could be similar to a Chamber of Commerce or a visitor's bureau. It should prepare materials; operate a welcome center; advertise, promote, and market Seven Lakes, vigorously and professionally.

Seven Lakes has not had anyone seriously promoting the community in two decades. Even people living in Pinehurst do not know that we have the best lakes in the region. Housing

turnover of ten percent is about standard for a retirement or resort community, which means Seven Lakes needs 150-200 new residents each year to stay even.

The Village would initiate a community wide program to attract additional residents.

Beverly-Hanks & Associates, a large real estate firm specializing in development properties, recently released a study indicating that golf is no longer the primary factor for residents seeking retirement and resort property. Today, the primary factor in purchasing decisions is the quality and availability of health and family facilities and amenities.

The Parkland Development, north of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is growing explosively, even in the depressed Florida real estate market, because the developers focus the community programs on activities that attract young retirees and families. Parkland has sold 130 houses in the past two years and 70 new homes are under construction.

We currently offer many of the features that Parkland promotes: a variety of housing options, space for children, safety, good schools, numerous amenities such as water, playgrounds, etc. If Seven Lakes is to grow, we must offer programs for children, young people, and adults who are not yet seniors, and we must welcome them into the community.

The town or village government or the landowners associations, either individually or collectively, should immediately provide a first class fitness center with heated indoor swimming pool. Perhaps FirstHealth would build and operate such a facility in the community or the Seven Lakes Health and Fitness Center could expand their program and facilities.

Parkland has a family facility which appears to be part of the health complex and also includes a child development center. It is their most popular amenity.

We can then modify and increase the responsibilities of the landowners associa-

tions.

Maintenance and repaving the roads and general secu-

rity should be transferred to the Village.

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# Seven Lakes Community

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The landowners associations should continue their responsibilities for maintaining, operating, and providing security for the amenities.

The landowners associations should be responsible for a major expansion of activities for residents of all ages and interests. Activities should be designed for the enrichment of current residents and to attract new community members.

Bike, walking, running, and nature trails are attractive to many seniors and are imperative to attract new residents, especially those who are not yet seniors.

Best idea of all! The landowners associations should lease, purchase, operate, or contract with the respective country clubs. It would be unfortunate to let these clubs get out of community control.

Membership should be automatic for all landowners, with little or no initiation fee required. Free or low cost club membership will sell property and will be attractive to current residents.

Our current clubs simply do not have adequate membership or revenue to provide full services. Each club would then have about 2,000 members, which is a huge membership. Generally, clubs have 300-600 members.

Minimal dues from such large numbers of members would provide adequate resources to operate a full program. Also, there would be sufficient numbers of members to enable the clubs to offer a great variety of activities for many interest groups, perhaps including regular high quality dining services. To keep the regular dues minimal, it might be necessary to have supplemental charges for high-cost activities, such as golf.

If landowner association acquisition of the country clubs proves impossible or impractical, the landowners associations currently have the facilities to provide a greatly expanded program or activities that would appeal

to a wide range of age groups.

Programs of this type are imperative if Seven Lakes is to retain a higher percentage of current residents and to attract new residents. Those landowners who have little interest in such activities should regard the expense as an investment in their

property values that will be repaid in multiples.

**This plan is not a pipedream!**

If the community chooses to do so, it is organizationally and financially possible to put all this together fairly quickly. If Seven Lakes had incorporated and kept the

\$20,000,000 forfeited in sales tax refunds since 2000, we could already have such a community. The \$20,000,000 we will forfeit over the next decade will pay for most of these improvements, if we incorporate and keep the money.

Within a few years Seven Lakes can realize the two goals outlined:

- Greater Seven Lakes will become one of the most attractive and desirable residential developments in the region.
- Property values will increase 25 percent short term, 50 percent medium term, and 100 percent long term.

**Raising our Vision is as Critical as Raising the Crossbars**

We must stop being fearful — obsessed with gate passes, small expenditures, and faux security. We need to focus on investing, not savings;

the future, not the status quo. We need to organize our community to enrich the way we live and to increase our property values by tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars each.

This is my personal vision for the community; it may not be supported widely. Nevertheless, the only other vision that has been put before us for the past decade has been "Don't incorporate and don't raise my dues." This "status quo" plan is marching a wonderful community straight into mediocrity, failing to attract additional residents, and depressing property values.

We need a plan that will take account of our many fine resources and amenities and build a competitive program for the future that will enable Seven Lakes to realize its potential and become one of the most attractive and desirable residential communities in the region.

## Federal and State Funds Received in Fiscal Year 2012 Seven Lakes vs. Moore County Municipalities

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Cameron	\$49,493	289	\$342
Carthage	\$571,854	2,233	\$512
Foxfire Village	\$158,082	913	\$346
Pinebluff	\$244,896	1,341	\$366
Pinehurst	\$3,215,495	14,861	\$432
Robbins	\$186,286	615	\$606
<b>SEVEN LAKES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Southern Pines	\$2,841,614	12,487	\$456
Taylortown	\$126,150	731	\$346
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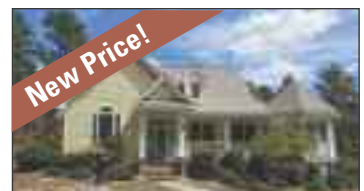
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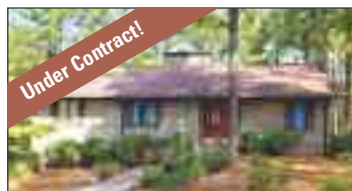
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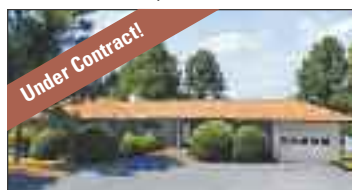
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## Ritter

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Steve Hudson, and newcomer Richard Faraci.

Those five Directors convened in an organizational meeting chaired by Ritter, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, with the election of a President the first order of business. Leach nominated Ritter; and, pointing out that Robert's Rules of Order do not require a second for nominations to executive office, Hudson nominated himself. The secret ballot vote went

four-to-one for Ritter.

The Directors then appointed incumbent Director Conrad Meyer to serve out the one year left in the unexpired term of Dave Buckingham, who resigned from the Board in September, and appointed Bill Hirsch of Seven Lakes North to a two-year term.

The then fully-staffed, seven-man Board elected Faraci Vice President, Meyer Treasurer, and Racine Secretary.

The SLLA Board has more

committees than Directors on the Board, which means Board Members often have functional responsibility in more than one area. Directors are assigned to committees by the President. Ritter threw the topic of Committee assignments open for discussion, ultimately generating the following line-up of responsibilities:

- Meyer - Finance
- Racine - Community Standards, Judicial Committee

- Ritter - Security
- Leach - Maintenance & Grounds
- Hirsch - Architectural Review
- Hudson - Lakes & Dams
- Faraci - Recreation

Both Hirsch, who still works full-time as an architect, and Hudson, a phlebomist with FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital, suggested they would lean heavily on existing members of the Architectural Review and Lakes and Dams Committees

as they got up to speed.

In the days following the meeting, the assignments of Faraci and Hudson were switched, with Faraci covering Lakes & Dams and Hudson covering Recreation, Ritter told *The Times*.

Director Leach expressed an interest in working in Long Range Planning issues, something that has been handled by an ad hoc rather than a standing committee in the past. Meyer noted that

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## Foxfire Budget

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and meeting room for clubs.

Erickson explained that Brown Golf Management had suggested the idea of a Village Welcome Center, and proposed approaching the Club for half of the addition \$400 monthly rent.

The center would be staffed by Village and Club volunteers, he said.

### Water Department will turn a profit

"The water budget is the water budget," Frusco said, adding that revenues are expected to exceed expenses by \$22,000 in FY 2014.

She noted that Water Superintendent Jon Sedlak has plans for \$23,000 in repairs and maintenance, including cleaning the outside of the water tower, replacing a pump motor, putting a new roof on one of the pump houses, and replacing doors on the maintenance shed.

### Sharp pencil time

The Council meets next to hone the budget on Thursday, April 18, with the expectation of finalizing a draft that can then be presented to the citizens for public comment.

It appeared that significant whittling would be required to meet Frusco's goal of leaving the fund balance untouched.

"George [Erickson] has presented some increases in the admin budget for a welcome center and community room," Frusco said. "Mick [McCue] has some things that are important to [Police Chief] Mike [Campbell]. Vic [Koos] has the streets and paving. Those are things that we need to look at the importance of. This is a first pass at it. maybe the municipal tooth fairy will come down and give us some money."

"This is our wish list," Mayor Erickson said. "Now

we get down to the difficult decisions about what we do with this list."

### Pool fees approved

Prior to their budget discussion, the Foxfire Council approved changes to the pool fee schedule, raising the cost of a family membership for Foxfire residents from \$100 to \$150 and individual resident from \$50 to \$60. The price of ten-visit passes for guests of residents was upped from \$20 to \$25. Non-residents will continue to pay \$5 per visit.

Council man McCue noted that the annual pool membership at Whispering Pine Golf Club is \$499, or \$349 if paid by April 1. "We are probably the cheapest pool in Moore County," he said.

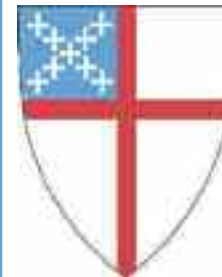
The Council also raised the annual amount charged owners of the fifteen timeshare units for pool use from \$2,500 to \$3,000.

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## Stevens

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lowing lineup of responsibilities:

- Dan Blue - Architectural Review
- Ed Cockman - Safety & Security
- Bruce Keyser - Lake & Dam
- Jim Pierman - Infrastructure
- Rosemary Weber - Community Events
- Brian Benjamin - Communications
- Dale Erickson - Finance, Insurance, and Long Range Planning.
- Chuck Watkins - Legal Affairs and Judicial Panel
- Community Manager Mendence will continue to serve as liaison to the Amenities Committee.

The Board approved the rosters of each committee during Tuesday's meeting, except for Long Range Planning. Former Treasurer Don Freiert disbanded that com-

mittee pending Board elections, and the Directors planned to discuss its mission and composition during a closed executive session after the March 26 meeting.

The Board voted to name former SLWLA President Mick Herdrich as co-Community Advocate, serving alongside Ed Silberhorn, presenting evidence before the Judicial Panel.

Benjamin noted that former Secretary Jane Sessler had agreed to serve on the Communications Committee and continue as the webmaster for the SLWLA website.

Director Watkins was absent from the meeting.

### Fireworks moved to July 6

The SLWLA Directors voted six to two, with Erickson and Weber opposed, to move the Fourth of July Fireworks display to Saturday, July 6, allowing it to serve as the

climax of the holiday weekend — as well as saving the Association \$1,250.

Community Manager Jeanette Mendence explained that the fireworks vendor offered the same quality show as last year for \$12,250 on July 4, or for \$11,000 on July 6.

This year's budget includes \$12,000 for the display — only \$250 less than the vendor's bid for July 4th. Weber urged Mendence to negotiate with the vendor to meet the \$12,000 budgeted. Erickson questioned the wisdom of continuing the fireworks display, suggesting that the money would be better spent rebuilding the Association's reserves.

### Upcoming Events

Director Weber detailed a varied calendar of events assembled by the Events Committee:

- Cooking with Carmela will explore Flavors of the Mediterranean on April 20 and Meat Salads and Refreshing Desserts on June 1. Classes meet from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm; the cost is \$15 per person. Weber noted that reservations and payment must

be made at least three days prior to the class, so that an appropriate quantity of food can be purchased in advance.

- Summer Concerts at Johnson Point will include Paris on May 3; The Fog Blue Band on June 7; Loaded Dice on August 2; and the McKenzie Brothers Band on September 6.
  - A Community Picnic will be held at Johnson Point on June 22 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
  - Water Aerobics will begin on June 3 at the West Side Park pool, meeting on Monday and Wednesday at 9:00 am, with Patty Dublino leading the sessions, which are free to members.
- The Events Committee is beginning a quarterly Community Photo Competition

entitled "The Beauty Within Seven Lakes West." Residents can submit photos by May 1 that focus on Spring beauty. Sixteen winners will be printed, matted, and framed to hang in the new Westside mailhouse. The competition will rotate through the four seasons. Photos should be emailed to Weber: RosemaryW@7lakeswest.com

### More committee reports

**Finance.** Treasurer Erickson reported that cash disbursements in February totaled \$126,000, including to non-recurring expenditures, for work on Pond Dam #3 and the installation of wi-fi at Westside Park.

**ARC.** January was relatively quiet for the Architectural Review Committee, (See "Stevens," p. 27)

## Ritter

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long range planning touches on most of the other operational areas. Ritter suggested that Leach work toward developing an approach to planning that would ensure involvement by other directors.

The Board discussed how best to address the Association's communications

needs, particularly the SLA website. Director Hirsch volunteered to contact two residents with relevant business experience, while Community Manager Ray Sohl said he would do some research on appropriate website applications and bring the issues to the Board's next meeting, a Work Session scheduled for Monday, April 8.



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## Stevens

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Director Blue reported. However, Blue said he had received inquiries from three builders considering building spec homes, an indication that "folks are willing to come off their wallets and spend. That bodes well for property values."

**Amenities.** Mendenhall said the Amenities Committee unanimously voted to recommend to the Board that that groups of Seven Lakes West residents should be able to organize classes in SLWLA facilities, finding their own instructors for those classes. Instructors would be required to obtain liability insurance at the discretion of the Insurance Committee.

**Lake & Dam.** Director Keyser reported that the Lake Auman Sports Club plans to purchase an automatic fish feeder that will be located near the Johnson Point fishing platform, with the goal of improving fishing in the area. He noted that repairs to the Johnson Point roadway, as well as drainage improvements in the area, are now complete. Additional sand is needed at the Johnson Point Beach, in the kayak launching area, and at the playground and swings.

All nine spaces in the kayak and canoe storage rack have been rented, Keyser said. The Committee will advertise to gauge interest in additional rentals and decide, based on the response, whether to build a second rack.

**Legal.** Newly-elected President Stevens made a motion to strike the portions of Section 1.1 of the Rules and Regulations which describe how members of the ARC are selected.

That concerns governance, and belongs in the covenants, Stevens said, and does not need to be repeated in the Definitions section of the Rules and Regulations. His motion was approved unanimously.

In order for the change to take effect, a second vote will be required after the required 30 days for public comment on the proposal.



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## Foxfire water

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nances prohibiting private well drilling in the Village limits, and to institute water conservation measures. Reducing the maximum day demands would allow the Village to postpone construction of new wells and extend the life of the existing wells.

The long range recommendations were to either dig more ground water wells or purchase bulk water from Moore, Montgomery, or Richmond Counties. The report advised pursuing Moore County first, because Moore County's existing water system was closer to the Village than the other options.

In 2010, the Village Council asked the Long Range Planning Committee to review those recommendations, do an in-depth study of all options, and provide their own recommendation. The committee was made up of eight members, including Mick McCue and Steve Durham. Since then, both McCue and Durham have been elected to serve on the Village Council.

### A need for public input

"Over the last two years, we have looked at this very seriously," Durham said during the March 21 Special Meeting. "The Long Range Planning Committee took into consideration quantity, safety, and affordability."

Village residents were encouraged to attend the March 21 meeting, and Mayor George Erickson stressed the importance of public input. In addition to the Council members, Long Range Planning Committee Member Mary Ann Lauer and Village Water Department employee Jon Sedlak attended the meeting.

"We have had a public meeting regarding this issue tonight," Erickson said. "The next step is calling an informational meeting for the residents. A presentation needs to be made, and then we need to allow for input from citizens."

### An excellent water system with little room for growth

Speaking on behalf of the Long Range Planning Committee, Councilman McCue said: "Currently, our water system works fantastic, no problem, and we have one employee, Jon Sedlak, running it."

"We do not know how much water is under Foxfire Village," McCue said. "We already run at peak capacity sometimes during the Summer. We are planning to double or triple the size of Foxfire in the next ten or twenty years. We do not have any generators on any of our systems. If we had a major storm and lost power for more than ten days, we would be out

of water. Our water system is not prepared for a catastrophe. If we decide to keep our current system, it is something we should look at and be prepared for."

"One thing we reviewed was the hydro-study we had done in 2006," McCue continued. "It recommended that we find an alternative source of water. There was also a back up study in 2008 with the same recommendations."

"In 2006, the Council was concerned enough to have a study done about the Village's water system," said Durham. "The basic premise of why the study was done was, in the Sandhills region, many wells have a relatively low yield due to their low fill rate. When the study was conducted, several had a less than ten-gallon-per-minute fill rate. One well was abandoned due to petroleum contamination and several others show low levels of radium."

"In 2008, Moore County did not have sufficient capacity to serve the Village at that time," Durham continued. "The recommendations said that, once Moore County secured Seven Lakes, it could then address Foxfire. Otherwise, we could continue to utilize ground water wells. However, the longer the Village relies on wells as its primary source of water, it will continue to have issues with water quality and levels."

In the last five years, the cost of connecting the Village to the Moore County water system has decreased.

"In 2008, there was no need to hook up with the County. At that time, it would have cost \$2 million to bring water from [NC Highway] 211," said Erickson.

After the initial 2006 report, the Village worked to remedy the radium levels. "The radium levels are reported to the State on a periodic basis," Erickson explained. "We have spent a good bit of money on testing. The radium levels have dropped."

Erickson yielded the floor to Sedlak for a more detailed explanation.

"The only well we had a problem with was SH1," Sedlak said. "The way that was mitigated was hooking up to [well] #10 and mixing those. The reports have been good, and the radium has been kept well below the minimum. The last quarter we went a

smidgen above the limit. I was surprised by that. It has been brought back down."

### More wells not the answer

Even if Foxfire Village does not experience a resurgence of growth as the economy improves, it is still vulnerable, if water levels drop in the aquifer that feeds its wells.

"It is inevitable that the Village most likely will need to connect with another water source," McCue said.

Digging water wells is expensive and risky. "Robbins has dug four wells up there and has not found water," McCue said. "One thing I have heard recently is, 'If it ain't broke don't fix it.' I can appreciate the statement, but I also don't want to wait until it is broken. It could become a real problem, and I don't want it to. I don't want our tap to ever run dry."

Once a well is dug there are no guarantees, said (See "Foxfire," p. 29)

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## Foxfire water

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Councilman Vic Koos. "When you dig a well, there is no way to estimate how long that well is going to last."

### Plenty of questions

To better understand the Long Range Planning Committee's recommendation, Erickson presented the Council with fifteen questions that would need to be considered before selling the Foxfire water system to Moore County.

His questions ranged from the cost of closing down the six existing well sites to the duties of the Village employees once the water system was turned over to Moore County.

The Village's water system is a currently a source of income, and Councilwoman Leslie Frusco worried about the possible loss of that income.

"It has a financial benefit, and it makes up part of the operating cost," she noted. "If you look back at the water fund, it is making money and it is absorbing other costs. Some of the profits are being paid to our employees who actually do the work. Our water system could not exist without them."

Currently, the Village has two full-time employees and one part-time employee. "The shared cost of their salaries comes from the General and Water Funds," Frusco explained. "Basically, the Water Fund picks up about \$33,000 a year in benefits, payroll taxes, salaries, etc. The employees we have also work for the water department. Without the water department we would most likely only need two half-time employees."

Foxfire residents would also be footing the cost for the water lines being laid. "It seems to me, what I could glean from this, is Foxfire residents would be paying more in water costs than the rest of Moore County," said Frusco. Durham agreed that the Village residents would be charged more than water customers in the rest of the County.

"Our residents would not receive the benefit of the reduced Moore County rate," Frusco said. "In essence, over time, our residents are paying for that pipeline. The Village is not out of pocket. It is being paid for by our residents, just not the Village."

On the other hand, Village water rates could increase if there are unexpected expenses. "The County has guaranteed the same rates for the next twenty years," said Durham. "In five years, if we continue with our system, we most likely will have to increase our water rates."

Erickson noted that there were several years when expenses exceeded the revenue in the water department. "There was the year we did the major work on the tower," Erickson said. "That came out of the Water Fund. For a number of years, the Village did give money to the Water Fund, about \$10,000 a year, to build up that fund."

The Council discussed potential growth with increased water consumption.

"We are relatively a young small community. There is talk about tripling our population over the next ten years," Councilman Koos said. "The other thing is, if I have it correctly, if something catastrophic happened, it would be covered by the County."

### Not a done deal

Frusco said it would be beneficial to invite Randy Gould, Director of Moore County Public Utilities, to a future meeting. Erickson

agreed that he also would like to meet with Gould.

"I would like to have another special meeting and ask Mr. Gould to come and lay out Moore County's whole plan and give us the opportunity to ask questions," said Frusco.

"We should also invite him back for the public meetings so that he can provide his expertise. This is important enough that we may need to have more than one public hearing."

To better inform residents prior to the public meeting, Erickson suggested making all information available — including the 2006 and 2008 Water Source Alternatives

Studies — at the Village office and on its website.

"I have heard from handful of people that say it's a done deal," said Frusco.

"That upsets me — that anyone would think that that we would undertake something like this lightly. It upsets me tremendously; and I would like to say to all residents this: it isn't a done deal. This is something we take very seriously. We are going to spend the time and energy necessary before making any decision."

A special meeting with Gould has been scheduled for Thursday, April 11 at 6:30 pm.

## NAMI Support Group

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

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