

## Hirsch resigns a second time

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter



For the second time this year, Bill Hirsch has resigned from the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors.

Responding to comments made by former SLLA President Bob Darr during the public forum period of the Wednesday, October 29 Open Meeting, a visibly angry Hirsch raised his voice, insulted Darr, and then stormed out of the room.

Darr's remarks focused on

proposed upgrades to the fence that surrounds the Association's horse pasture.

But Hirsch's anger apparently had less to do with Darr's comments regarding the fence and more to do with a series of emails and conversations regarding an October 23 Architectural Review Board [ARB] meeting that dealt, in part, with the stables, and from which Darr believed he had been excluded.

### The background

Earlier in the month, during  
(See "Hirsch," p. 18)

## Foxfire approves solar farm zoning

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter



After almost a year of research by the Foxfire Planning and Zoning Committee, the Village Council has approved an ordinance allowing solar farms with the Extraterritorial Zoning Jurisdiction [ETJ].

"Solar generation facilities,

utility scale" will be allowed only in the RA-Residential Agricultural zoning district, according to the ordinance amendment approved during the Council's Tuesday, November 11 regular meeting. Solar farms will require a conditional use zoning permit approved by the council.

Properties zoned RA are currently found only in the  
(See "Solar," p. 20)

## ARRRRGH!



This ferocious pirate (aka Ayden Vest) was one among many artfully costumed characters spotted at the Seven Lakes Stables Halloween Party. See Pages 8 & 9 for more.

## Board hears competing proposals for pasture fence

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



Beauty, they say, is in the eye of the beholder.

In the case of the pasture fence in Seven Lakes North, the factor that separates the Architectural Review Board [ARB] of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] from the Recreation Committee is beauty — beauty, and its constant companion, money.

The Recreation Committee wants to make sure no more horses escape from the pasture and wander out onto Seven Lakes Drive — and to

accomplish that without breaking the Association budget.

ARB wants a cost-effective, livestock containment system that includes a wooden fence along Seven Lakes Drive.

That difference of opinion has been aired in three separate meetings since the last edition of *The Times* went to press: during the October 31 Open Meeting, during a special meeting held on Friday, November 7, and during the Board Work Session held on Monday, November 10. This report condenses information covered in each of those meetings.

During the November 10 Work Session, ARB member Jane Leach summed up the options that are before the Board, each of which involves the removal of the existing post and rail pasture fence:

- An ElectroBraid® fence that extends around the entire perimeter of the pasture, with no wooden fence rails of any type — the recommendation of the stable manager and Recreation Committee. ElectroBraid® is 1/4 inch braided polyester rope — like that commonly used to tie up boats — embedded with two strands

(See "Fence," p. 26)

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# Pierce Challenge Cup



Tom Zaleski presents the Challenge Cup award to Roger Behre

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This year the Challenge Cup winner was Roger Behre. Roger and his wife Claire are longtime residents of Seven Lakes. The runners up were second place, Bill Kirkland and third place, Bobby Benson. Howie Pierce is the Chairman.

## Paint for the pantry at West End Methodist

The West End United Methodist Church will be hosting a "Paint for the Pantry" event on Saturday, November 22, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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# Proposed volunteer policy sparks debate

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



A draft policy aimed at better defining what tasks are and aren't appropriate for Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] volunteers sparked an extended discussion during the Board of Directors' Monday, November 10 Work Session.

Concerned about the Association's liability if a volunteer is injured — or injures someone else — while performing work for the Association, Community Manager Ray Sohl authored the draft policy, which he said provided general guidelines.

During discussion, Board members complained that the policy was both too general and too restrictive in some of its specifics.

Director Steve Ritter noted that the draft limited volunteerism to those over the age of 14.

"Don't we have kids helping out in the barn that are younger than that?" he asked.

Another part of the proposed policy would restrict volunteers from lifting anything that weighs more than 40 pounds. Both Ritter and President Bob Racine said that would prevent them from loading hay bales into the barn at Seven Lakes Stables.

Sohl said he was amenable to eliminating the age and weight restrictions.

Resident George Temple noted that the policy says the work done by a volunteer cannot displace a current or past paid position.

"That would mean kids can't muck out stalls in the barn," he said. "Ladies can't plant pansies in the flower beds, because that is work that displaces a paid position."

Resident Jim Allen asked whether a volunteer policy is really necessary.

"Again, we are passing another rule and regulation," he said. "Shouldn't we step back and work these things out using a common sense approach. I wonder if we have lost our sense of balance.

We have been doing this for years without a lot of rules and regulations."

But Sohl said the Association's insurance broker strongly recommends having a formal volunteer policy.

"We have volunteers operating Association equipment without manager approval!" Sohl protested.

And that proved to be the one item in the proposed policy that met with seemingly unanimous approval from the Board. Several Directors insisted that permission from the office is necessary before volunteers operate SLLA vehicles, tractors, or other rolling stock.

President Racine pressed for a more detailed list of equipment that volunteers should not be allowed to operate — or not allowed to operate without permission.

He said the board had asked Sohl to produce such a list some months ago.

Racine asked Sohl to revise the proposed policy based on input from the meeting and present the revised draft at the Board's December 8 Work Session.

## Other business

In other business during the SLLA Board of Directors' Monday, November 10 Work Session:

- The Board and residents discussed proposals for replacing the pasture fence. [See story on the front page of this edition.]

- The Board moved a two-year \$448,000 security services renewal contract with Universal Protection Services to the November 17 Open Meeting for approval.

- Manager Sohl told the

Board that the transition of the SLLA website from the current vendor to a new vendor is underway. Director Ritter encouraged Sohl to make as much information as possible open to the public via the website. "I think we need to look at the items that we put in a member-only section," Ritter said. "The newsletter, rules and regulations, I don't know why we wouldn't put that out there. I want to make sure we don't put too much for member only access. We can use it as a tool for people in the military looking for a place to retire. We should put as much as possible on the open website."

- Sohl told the Board that the contractor who won a bid to apply crack sealant to some SLLA roads had failed to begin the job on time. The Facilities Committee has recommended rolling the crack-sealing work into the overall plan for road repair and repaving in 2015.

- Explaining that drainage issues are among the most common complaints from residents, Sohl offered the Board a draft policy that essentially absolves the Association of any responsibility for preventing the drainage of storm water onto residential lots. A motion to move the proposed policy to the

(See "Work," p. 19)



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# Renewal of Foster Lakes contract tabled

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter



Renewal of a contract with Foster Lake and Pond Management was put on hold during the Wednesday, October 29 Open Meeting of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA].

Board members voted five to one to delay the decision while exploring other companies and their services. Lakes & Dams Director David Hill abstained from the vote.

Foster Lakes contract provides for eight annual visits that include assessment of water quality, clarity, bank weed control and maintenance, litter and debris removal, and most importantly, the control of the exotic freshwater weed hydrilla.

At Foster's recommendation, sterile grass carp that graze on hydrilla have been introduced into some SLLA lakes to control the weed.

Director Chuck Leach questioned whether all the services provided by Foster Lakes are necessary to maintain water quality.

"We do not need to spend \$18,360 per year to maintain our lake water quality," Leach said. "We do not need eight visits for them to observe our lakes and then write a report on appearance, water level, the need to mow, weather conditions, water color and clarity, nuisance animal activity, present of trash and debris, etc."

"We need a company that will control hydrilla and other aquatic vegetation," he continued. "I would like to make a motion to approve immediate expenditure of \$1,485 for introduction of 150 sterile grass carp, while management explores other companies that will respond to our lakes needs on an as-needed or periodic basis. Management will provide names of companies and related charges no later than December 8 Work Session."

"We talked about this in work sessions and specifically asked to get a more menu driven selection from Foster,"

Director Steve Ritter said. "At that time, we were given a very high number. It was like \$16,000, and for \$2,000 more, we could get the same full year protection."

"I think, at this point and time, we are not looking to make this happen tonight," Ritter said. "We have time."

"Their first inspection is March of next year," Community Manager Ray Sohl said, "so we have time to explore our options."

But he added: "The Lakes and Dams Committee were absolutely adamant that this be approved and be conducted by Foster Lakes."

"I am not an expert on it but I have read a lot of about hydrilla," Resident Bob Miller said. "You might compare

hydrilla to lakes like cancer is to a human. You have got to be vigilant. If it takes over, you will spend lots of money and never get rid of it. Don't act in haste."

Three years ago, Foster Lakes found hydrilla in Lake Echo.

"The good news is, in Foster Lakes' last report, it said that the hydrilla has not been spread and that it is being controlled by the carp," Sohl said.

## Email voting approved

Also during the October 29 Open Meeting, the Board unanimously approved an amendment to the bylaws that allows the directors, in an emergency, to take action through an email vote.

"Such votes would be limited and allowed only when related to the health, safety, and welfare of the community that would require immediate and urgent action," President Bob Racine said. He noted that the language was provided by the attorney.

Sohl said the board's attorney "did not feel it was necessary to define 'urgent and immediate'."

During the public comment portion of the meeting, resident Mark Dyer warned that the words "immediate" and "urgent" could be ambiguous, and recommended that they be defined.

"You may want to define 'immediate' and 'urgent' and

clarify with duration of days and hours," Dyer said. "I found that they were often ambiguous during most of my career. . . . What might be perceived as urgent to one wasn't to another."

## Finances in order

The annual audit of Association finances has been completed, Treasurer Sandy Sackman announced during the meeting.

"The audit is finally completed," she said. "It's taken a considerably amount of time and we hope next year it will be much easier to deal with."

Sackman reported that the  
(See "SLLA," p. 28)

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# School Board will sell school to Taylortown

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



The former Academy Heights Elementary School will be sold to the Town of Taylortown to be used as a community center.

The Moore County Board of Education voted unanimously during their Monday, November 10 regular meeting to sell the building and grounds to the town at a price of \$300,000. The Board solicited bids for the property and, aside from Taylortown, received only one additional bid: \$3,200 from Goldnugget Properties LLC in Brookfield, MO.

"I glad, that after three years, we are finally getting this resolved," Board member Laura Lang said.

Academy Heights, built as a school for African American students in the days before desegregation, was most

recently used as a year-round elementary school by Moore County Schools [MCS].

Budget cuts resulting from the 2008-2009 recession resulted in the closing of the school; the year-round program was moved to West Pine Elementary School.

MCS tried unsuccessfully to find a way to give the school to either the County Board of Commissioners or Taylortown, including a special local bill approved in the last session of the NC General Assembly. But the state constitution requires that property owned by school districts be sold at fair market value and that the proceeds be used for public education.

## Frye, Lineberger honored

Board members honored two members who are leaving the Board; Enola Lineberger and Dale Frye.

Lineberger, who has served a single four-year term, failed to win re-election to her at

large seat.

"I have enjoyed every minute of being on the Board," Lineberger said. "I'm grateful to those who helped me be elected."

She noted that many of the key issues that prompted her run for re-election — hiring a new superintendent, finalizing the master facilities plan, coming to an agreement with the Moore County Board of Commissioners concerning financing that plan — had been accomplished in the past year.

After twelve years of service on the Board, Frye elected to retire rather than run again for his at-large seat. Frye began his career in education as a teacher at Sandhills Farm Life School and, from there, moved to the School Bus and Traffic Safety Division at the NC Department of Transportation.

Frye quoted both Teddy Roosevelt's well-known speech "The Man in the

Arena" and a YouTube commercial in his remarks.

Both Lineberger and Frye won considerable praise for their service from their colleagues on the Board.

## Mystery Skype

The Global Read Aloud project was highlighted during the November 10 meeting, with presentations from Highfalls Elementary. Highfalls teachers Sarah Holden and Selena McNeil, along with Digital Integration Facilitator Kelly Priest, described how Highfalls classes had used digital technology to hold joint sessions with the fellow students in Ecuador and Canada.

Priest said that altogether, 138 MCS students in two schools had connected with 600 students in 19 schools in Ecuador, France, China, Canada, Texas, Wisconsin, and Vermont.

Holden's sixth graders read Jennifer Holmes' "The Four-

teenth Goldfish," and discussed the book with their counterparts in Ecuador. McNeil's third graders did the same with Kate DiCamillo's "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane."

The teachers and students assisted the board in playing a game of "Mystery Skype," in which the School Board was connected via Skype video chat with a teacher identified as "Ms. Moskowitz," in an undisclosed location. Board members had to ask yes or no questions in order to unravel the mystery of Ms. Moskowitz's location.

The cooperation of students and board members eventually narrowed down the geography until Dale Frye was able to name the city: Toronto, Canada.

Moskowitz said the global connections that can be achieved using the internet and digital technology have accelerated student achieve-

(See "School Board," p. 18)



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**Mason Gould**, 95, of Seven Lakes, formerly of West Hartford and West Simsbury, CT, died Friday, October 31.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 22 at 2 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines, Seven Lakes. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Chapel in the Pines, 2125 Seven Lakes South, Seven Lakes, NC 27376 or FirstHealth Hospice, PO Box 5889, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Mr. Gould born in Scarsdale, NY.

He had a penchant for writing that began in elementary school. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a BS in journalism. His writing career was long and rewarding, extending into his 90th year. He began his career as a newspaper reporter and editor in Mamaroneck, NY.

Mr. Gould moved on to industrial publicity, working in New York City for General Foods, American Cyanamide, and Owens-Corning Fiberglass. In 1962, he joined Wilson, Haight, and Welch in Hartford, CT as a public relations executive. He spent the last seven years of his career as president of Reynolds-Gould Public Relations.

He served his country in

WWII as an Italian language interpreter in a POW camp.

He was an outstanding southpaw pitcher for the University of Michigan; and an avid tennis player until age 89.

Mr. Gould and his wife Janet retired in Seven Lakes in 1988, and he continued his love of writing as a freelance feature writer for several magazines.

He enjoyed writing about local artists, ministers, and charitable organizations in the Seven Lakes area. He was a member of two writers groups.

He shared writings with the community in *The Seven Lakes Times* with his column "Mason's Musings." He loved nothing more than to know his writing was enjoyed by others.

Mr. Gould was preceded in death by his wife Janet Gould.

Survivors include his children, Nancy Carroll of Cedar Mountain, NC; Jeffrey Gould of West Hartford, CT; Cynthia Gould of Los Angeles, CA; and granddaughter Sarah Nelson of Dothan, AL.

**Barbara Butler Campbell**, 71, of Seven Lakes, died Friday October 31 at FirstHealth Hospice House, Pinehurst.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 4 at First Baptist Church of Pinehurst. The Rev. David Marks officiated. Burial was at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1000 Fairground Road, Dunn.

Mrs. Campbell was born in Dunn, daughter to Bailey Gene Butler and Helen Yvonne Prince Butler Salley.

She was preceded in death by her father, and son, Robert Larry Campbell, Jr.

Survivors include her mother, Helen Salley; her husband of 52 years, Robert Larry Campbell; son, Mark Butler Campbell, of Elizabeth City; daughter, Karen Lee Campbell Lanier of Indian Trail; and four grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Barbara Campbell to: First Baptist Church of Pinehurst, Debt Retirement Fund, PO Box 5941, Pinehurst, NC 28374 or to FirstHealth Hospice Foundation, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines assisted the family.

**David Shannon**, 86, of Seven Lakes, died October 26, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mr. Shannon was a graduate of Farmingdale Technical College and retired from Grumman Aerospace after thirty-two years of service. He was a founding member of the Knights of Columbus Msg. William A. Delaney Council of Seaford, NY. He was a member of Beacon Ridge Golf Club for twenty-three years.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Ruth; son Kevin (Christine) of New Hampshire;

John of North Carolina; grandson David of New York; sisters Eileen (Jack) of Florida; Mary Jane (Bob) Robinson; brother Douglas (Donna) of Long Island, NY; and sister-in-law Lorraine Herrmann of North Carolina.

A memorial service for Mr. Shannon was held on Friday, November 7 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pinehurst.

Memorials donations may be made to Seven Lakes EMS, 969 Seven Lakes North, Seven Lakes, NC 27376 or a charity of your choice.

## Come to the Merry Market!

The popular Merry Market sponsored by St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church will take place on Saturday, November 22 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and running through 3:00 p.m.

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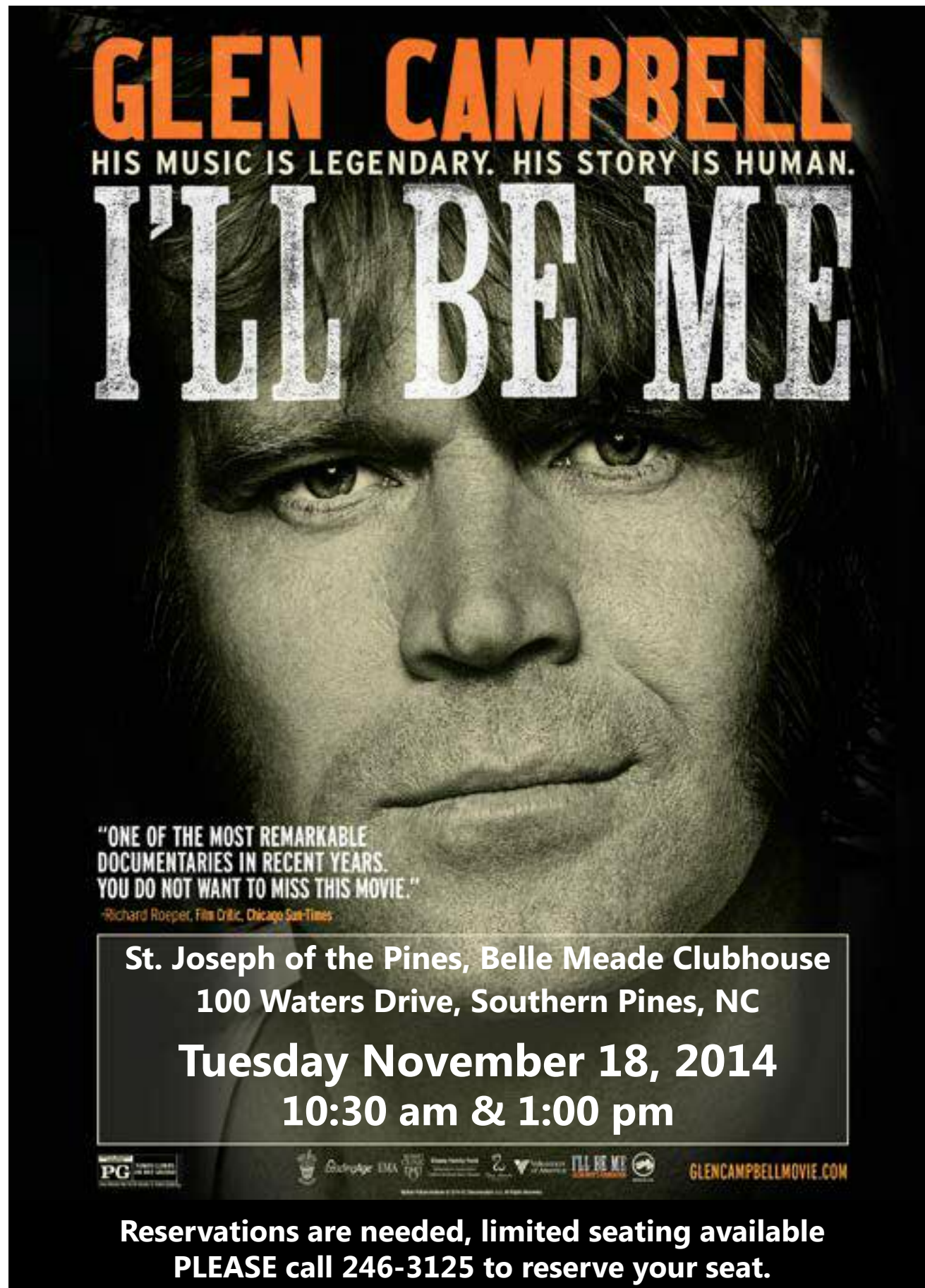
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# Halloween fun at the Seven Lakes Stables

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter

A warm autumn sunset was the perfect evening for Seven Lakes trick or treaters.

Seven Lakes Stables hosted a horse and pony meet and greet, and provided games, hayrides, raffles, hotdogs, drinks, and sweets. The event

was organized by community volunteers.

Stable Manager Amanda Duggan and Assistant Manager Samantha Baker were

excited to see new faces among the youngsters. A little cow looked right at home in her mother's arms.

"I think we might be meet-

ing your next generation of riders," one parent told Duggan.

"We have great dedicated young volunteers," Duggan said.

Several teenagers helped with the event — and also spend many hours helping care for the horses and volunteering at the stables.



Stable volunteer Avery Secura with her unicorn



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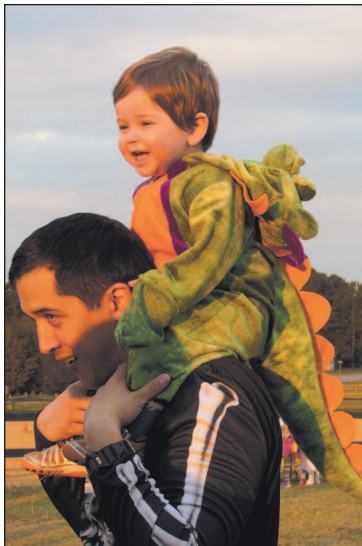
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# Critics criticized at Commissioners meeting

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



Those who regularly attend meetings of the Moore County Board of Commissioners have become accustomed to hearing complaints about the Animal Center and the new Director of Animal Operation, Brenda Sears.

But the tables were turned during the Monday, November 3 meeting of the Board, when two citizens criticized the critics and praised the work of Sears and her staff during public comment.

Pete Golden, of Carthage, said "animal advocates have lashed out at the manager and the staff. It seems like they want an adversarial relationship."

Golden, whose spouse Tami Golden was interim Director

of Animal Operations before the appointment of Sears to the post, said "the animal activists' hearts are in the right place, but their tactics are bad."

Mary Jo Morris, a member of the county's Animal Operations Advisory Committee [AOAC] told the Commissioners that the panel's meetings have become dysfunctional.

"Open hostility continues at every meeting," she said, adding that some animal advocates have resorted to "cyber bullying and unjustified and inflammatory charges."

"The business of the board of advisors is to make decisions, to make recommendations," she said, "not to sit there and allow open hostility to continue. I know the board supports the work of the director. There is no excuse for what is going on

— and there are remedies."

She urged the Commissioners to either eliminate the public comment period during the AOAC meetings or cancel the meetings altogether.

As he has done in previous meetings, County Manager Wayne Vest praised the work of Sears and her staff.

Vest said that the Animal Center received 3,206 animals in 2013, and placed 958 for adoption — a 30 percent adoption rate. Through September of this year, the center has taken in 2,449 animals and placed just over 50 percent.

He said Sears and the Animal Center have been subject to "undue, unfounded, and baseless criticism."

"Instead of focusing on false claims," Vest said, animal advocates should "support (See "Commissioners," p. 13)

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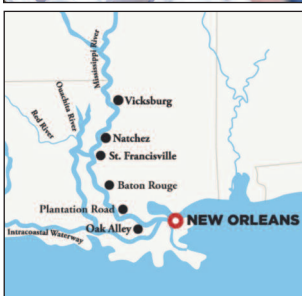
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# Council debates non-resident use of pool

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter



Should non-residents be able to pay a daily use fee and use the Foxfire Village swimming pool?

That question has become a perennial topic of conversation at work sessions of the Foxfire Village Council, and the Thursday, October 30 meeting was no exception.

This time, council members Leslie Frusco and Jon Sedlak found themselves on opposite sides of the question.

Frusco suggested that the pool no longer allow would-be swimmers to pay a day-use fee — currently \$5 — at the gate. Instead, those who want to use the pool would be required to purchase season memberships or multi-user punch cards. This year, punch cards were only available to Village residents.

“The question comes down to this,” Frusco said. “How much do we want to make the pool available to non-residents?”

“The biggest priority is to make it available to our residents and their family,” she said. “Rarely do we have residents that walk in and pay that five bucks. We have never talked about doing away with punch cards. They are available to residents to come in and purchase for guests and family. But that does not include people living in the ETJ. Families living in the ETJ will pay a higher fee.”

Frusco has previously recommended charging a substantially fee for a non-resident season membership — and limiting non-resident access to those who can afford to pay that fee.

“I am not comfortable with that,” Sedlak said.

“I just feel that if I was running business and providing some service, and if people walked up to the door and have the money, and I refused them — that doesn’t make sense to me.”

“The lifeguards have to

check people coming in anyway,” he noted. “I don’t think it is that big of an imposition for them to collect five bucks for the day. I just think it is foolish not to accept it. I don’t think a kid should be turned away from getting to swim at the pool.”

The Council has received

conflicting reports regarding non-resident use of the pool. Mayor Steve Durham reported that several residents had concerns that non-residents were behaving inappropriately. But Councilman Mick McCue said that lifeguards felt that non-residents were better behaved.

“The lifeguards don’t think it is a problem,” McCue said. “They have said that the residents feel that they don’t have to follow the rules and act as if they don’t apply to them — where non-residents do follow the rules.”

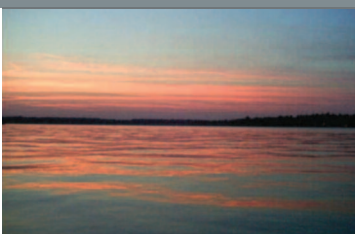
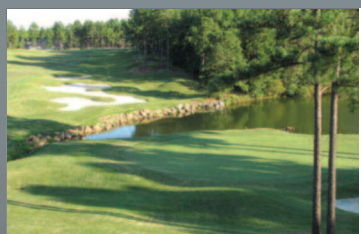
Durham suggested that Village Clerk Lisa Kivett, who

is the Village’s certified pool operator, be consulted.

“I would like to have her opinion,” he said.

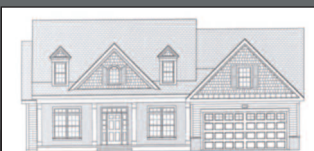
“If kids come up and want to swim, then I have problem with turning them away,” Sedlak said. “I don’t want to see a kid walking away that

(See “Pool,” p. 21)



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## Commissioners

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### Other Business

In other business during the Monday, November 3 Board of Commissioners meeting:

- The Board approved conditional use permits for two cellphone towers: one a 195-foot tower on NC Highway 705, roughly halfway between NC Highway 211 and NC Highway 24/27, and the other on NC Highway 705 North of Robbins. Planning Director Debra Ensminger said both applications meet

all the requirements of the county's Unified Development Ordinance.

- Commissioners appointed three civilian members to the new Fire Commission, as well as approving five fire chief members recommended by the fire chiefs association. Civilian members appointed include Scotty Scott, Larry Upchurch, and Colin Webster. Commissioners Jimmy Melton and Nick Picerno are expected to name appointees from their districts during the Board's November 18 regular meeting.

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# Moore County Veterans Memorial hosts

by Leah Thiel  
Times Reporter

Eight years ago, on November 11, 2006, the Moore County Veterans' Memorial was unveiled by a band of veterans and supporters known as the Moore County Veterans' Memorial Committee. This past Saturday, November 8, that same Memorial hosted a celebration and remembrance of those who served their country in the US Armed Forces.

A rousing performance by the Union Pines High School Band drew the sizable crowd to their seats in front of a platform positioned near the Memorial.

Raymond Doby, Chairman of the Memorial Committee, and the man who led the drive to create the memorial, welcomed attendees and introduced the committee and volunteers who made the event possible.

Chaplain Larry Ellis' invocation praised the work and sacrifice of veterans.

The Presentation of Colors by members of the The Union Pines Navy Junior ROTC gave spectators goose bumps, as the young, uniformed officers-to-be marched to the centerpiece of the memorial, a sculpture of a bald eagle, with with the national and state flags billowing beside them.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Cynthia Brewer, and the National Anthem was sung by Ebony McCrimmon. Patriotic songs followed, performed by Cameron Baptist Church's Gospel Echoes.

As the music faded, the

Pinehurst Veterans Motorcycle Club arrived in a roar. Both men and women were

clad in leather jackets bearing patches commemorating prisoners of war, those killed or

missing in action, and Wounded Warriors. Two members entered the memorial, laying a wreath before the two black granite slabs engraved with the names of those killed in action.

Representatives of Moore County Vietnam Veterans of America Post 966 laid a second wreath at the Memorial.

The featured speaker,  
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# ceremony honoring those who served

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Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Jim Reed, shared the story of his service and

the service of his children who now take his place in the military. Reed explained the need for increased atten-

tion to the needs of veterans returning to civilian life when their time on active duty has ended.

Exiting the military, no matter the branch, a veteran leaves their brothers and sisters in arms, Reed said. It is a painful transition, and one that needs to be positively nurtured. Reed encouraged all those in attendance, military or civilian, to help support returning service members.

A flock of white doves was released to close the ceremony.

As the crowd dispersed, Raymond Doby told *The Times* that the Moore County Veterans Memorial was inspired by his brother, Posie R. Doby, who was killed in action in Italy during World War II. Doby did not want his brother — or any service member from peaceful Moore County — to be forgotten.

Veterans in need of assistance — and those interested in supporting veterans are encouraged to contact Moore

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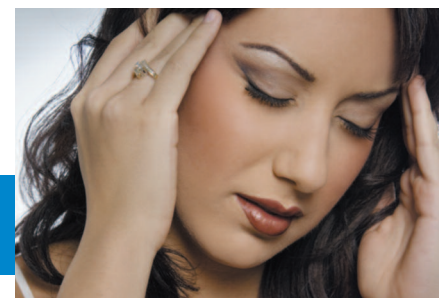
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- **Rosary at Our Lady of the Americas Church** – 8:00 am, 298 Market Rd. Biscoe, 974-3051.
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- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
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- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. [www.sandhillswinery.com](http://www.sandhillswinery.com)
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- **Ruth Pauley Lecture Series** – 7:30 pm, in the

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#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- **St Mary Magdalene Annual Merry Market Bazaar** – at St Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
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#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- **Rosary at Our Lady of**
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**the Americas Church** – 8:00 am, 298 Market Rd. Biscoe, 974-3051.

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **Shops of Cameron Christmas Open House** – 1 pm - 5 pm. Shopping & refreshments. [www.antiquesofcameron.com](http://www.antiquesofcameron.com)
- **Moore County Concert Band Concert** – 2 pm in the Grand Ballroom of the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst. Concert will feature music that honors heroes. Band will celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Star Spangled Banner. Free.
- **Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving** – 4 pm, at Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, 581 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. Everyone is welcome and participants are invited to linger for music and refreshments following the service. Interfaith choir with members from each of the congregations. Musicians from the community will provide string and vocal music for the service. Worshipers, bring non-perishable foods as a 'Thank Offering' to be donated.

**Methodist Church Explorers** – 5 pm – 6:30 pm, for children grades K-5. Time of learning, crafts and activities, eat dinner with the youth from 6 – 6:30 pm. 4015 NC Highway 73, West End, 673-1371.

- **West End United Methodist Church Youth Group** – 6 – 7:30 pm in the Youth Room at the church.
- **The Rooster's Wife** – 6:45 pm, doors open at 6:00 pm. Music guest: *Peter Lamb and the Wolves*. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, [www.theroosterswife.org](http://www.theroosterswife.org) (910) 944-7502.

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm to 6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Sandhills Natural History Society** – 7 pm at Weymouth Woods Auditorium, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd., Southern Pines. Dr. Mark Stanback, Professor of Biology at Davidson College, will present, "Brown-headed Nuthatches in Suburban Environments: The Role of Nest Site Competition."

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## Hirsch

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the Monday, October 13 SLLA Board Work Session, the Recreation Committee and the Stable Manager proposed fence improvements that aimed to make the pasture more secure. Horses have escaped through the fence on at least two occasions in the past sixty days.

Stable Manager Amanda Dugan reported, during the

Work Session, that the current split rail fence and electric wire were old and in a constant state of disrepair. She recommended the construction of a new electric fence inside the existing split rail fence.

After Duggan's presentation, Hirsch recommended that any fence rehabilitation first be approved by ARB, suggesting that there would

be enough time to finalize the fence proposal between the Work Session and the October Open Meeting.

During their October 23 meeting, ARB voted against the concept of a secondary fence around the perimeter of the stable, effectively ruling out the stable manager's recommendation, though the group expressed willingness to consider other proposals.

### Moving too fast?

President Bob Racine began the Wednesday, October 29 Open Meeting meeting by asking the board to table consideration of the pasture fence, which was on the night's agenda.

During the public comment period, Darr, a member of the Recreation Committee, expressed concern about ARB's quick over-ruling of Duggan's recommendation.

"Up until tonight, I was not aware that the ARB or facilities group had quite frankly talked to anybody that had knowledge about horses," Darr told the Board. "One of the problems that I have is that we have a stable manager who has been around horses for a long time and has not been talked to or discussed with relative to

her ideas on the fence or the way it is going to look."

"I agree with the decision to postpone action," Darr said, "because I don't think the board is ready to make that decision. They haven't looked at it, kicked around, talked with the stable manager, who I think probably knows more about horses more than anyone in this room and therefore ought to be consulted."

### Hirsch responds

Once Darr finished his remarks, Hirsch said: "First off, I would like to ask you what sneaky thing you thought the ARB was doing that got you so upset?"

Darr said that he and resident George Temple had attempted to attend the Octo-

(See "Hirsch," p. 19)

## School Board

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ment in her classrooms and made her a stronger, more motivated teacher.

### Dual track decision postponed

Superintendent Robert Grimesey told the Board that MCS staff recommends delaying any decision regarding the elimination of dual-track schools until October of next year, with any change slated to take place at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.

"Dual-track" refers to schools that offer students a choice of either traditional or year-round calendars. Grimesey said the elimination of dual-track schools was seen as a cost-savings measure, but future research has called the size of those potential savings into question.

Board members Kathy Far-

ren and Enola Lineberger both praised the decision, noting that many parents find the availability of the year-round program valuable.

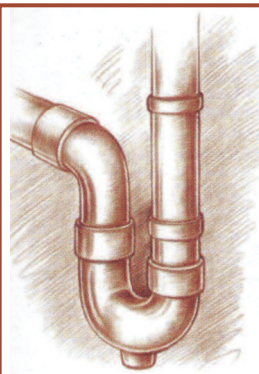
### Other business

In other business during the Board of Education's November 10 meeting:

- The Board approved the addition of four high school teachers: A North Moore sci-

ence teacher, a math or arts teacher at Union Pines, and a science teacher and a social studies teacher at Pinecrest.

- Members approved a "not-to-exceed" total cost for a lease agreement still under negotiation for the purchase of additional Chromebook laptop computers that will be distributed in January to students at West Pine and Souther Middle Schools, as well as Pinecrest High School.



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## Hirsch

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ber 23 ARB meeting, and were asked by Hirsch to wait outside. Meetings of all SLLA committees, with the exception of Community Standards, are open to all landowners.

"You told me you had some organization stuff to deal with it, and we felt what you said was 'get out,'" Darr said.

"How in the world do you get that?" Hirsch asked. "I said we have to look at our past minutes and discuss some organizational stuff. How does that convert to 'get out?' Because that is an amazing leap, and I won't let you sit there and say it."

"Because there is nothing nefarious at the ARB. Frankly, I have had it up to

here with you and your suspicions and you're tipping of windmills. At least Don Quixote had high aspirations. You are just sneak, and I have had enough. You are the most miserable person I have ever met."

"I have had enough," Hirsch said after additional back and forth. "I have enough of Bob Darr. You are the biggest jerk I have ever met. And you can put that in the paper," he shouted as he stormed out.

After Hirsch departed, Darr told the board, "You would note in my comments that I never even talked about the ARB meeting being closed or open. I didn't make that reference at all."

### More reporting on the web

There is considerable disagreement among the principal actors about what transpired at the October 23 ARB meeting and about the implications of the heated disagreement for harmonious

decision making in Seven Lakes. All of that is reported in considerable detail in a longer version of this story that may be found on our website.

In addition, former Director Hirsch shares his thoughts

in a letter to the editor that may be found on page 24.

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## Work

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Open Meeting died for lack of a second, so the matter will come back up during the December 8 Work Session.

- Director Sackmann volunteered to head up the Nominations Committee, with a promise of help from Director Ritter.

- Approval of the FY 2014 Audit was moved to the Open Meeting for approval.

- A policy for project management and bid solicitation will be further reviewed by the Facilities and Finance Committees before coming to the Board for action, Sohl said.

- President Racine said estimates of the cost of recreating an in-house maintenance department were being

distributed to Board members for discussion during the December 8 Work Session.

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# Solar

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Village's ETJ and not within the Village limits.

No one spoke at a public hearing on the ordinance, and council members made few comments.

The council had discussed the ordinance in greater depth during their Thursday, October 29 Work Session, when Planning and Zoning Chair Mary Gilroy presented the recommended text.

Also on hand for that meeting was Louis Iannone, a representative of Strata Solar, a Chapel Hill-based developer of commercial scale solar applications.

The new ordinance requires setbacks of at least 100 feet and vegetative screening of the facility.

"The solar farm will be surrounded by a security fence that would deter animals and people from entering the solar field," Gilroy told the Council during their work session. "The zoning mandates barbed wire at the top of the chain link fence. Moore County also requires it."

"With the setbacks and screening, we are not going to see it anyway," Councilwoman Leslie Frusco noted.

## Fees and review process

Conditional use permit applications for solar farms are expected to carry an associated fee — though the amount of that fee has yet to be determined.

"Most things that we do in the community have a necessary fee schedule that include legal and consultant fees," Frusco said. "The fees can vary all over the place. If requesting a zoning change, the flat rate is supposed to cover any cost that the village incurs directly or indirectly."

"If you want to request a conditional use solar permit then you might require a set amount, plus legal and an engineering consultant fee," Frusco said.

Iannone noted that commercial solar farms are subject to extensive state, utility, and independent inspections.

"These projects are scrutinized," Iannone said. "They have to have DENR [NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources] submittals, storm water and erosion control — also environmental and Department of Transportation. It goes through the Utility Commission. Every state agency gets

the opportunity to weigh in with any kind of concerns."

"All electrical must meet the national electric code," he explained. "The site plan is sealed by a professional engineer. The logic is we can't build it without a Department Environmental and Natural Resources Permit. If you approve it, that doesn't mean we can go out and start building it."

During their work session discussion, the council discussed also hiring an independent engineer to review the plans.

"I like the precedent of having plans reviewed by an independent professional," Mayor Steve Durham said.

Frusco agreed: "Exactly, and I think we should also have a conditional use permit fee. We could certainly create a separate one. I am trying to figure out what village costs there will be, in addition legal or engineering fees that may occur."

David Wilson, who resides at the far end of Foxfire Village ETJ near the intersection of Hoffman Road and NC Highway 211 requested a conditional use permit to build a solar farm in January of 2014.

The council's approval of the ordinance amendment means that Wilson should be able to begin the formal application process.

## Other business

In other business during the Foxfire Council's regular Tuesday, November 11 meeting:

- The Village Office has received reports of dogs off leash on the trails at the park. Councilwoman Frusco reminded residents that there

is a city ordinance that requires dogs to be on leash and that pet owners clean up after their pets.

- Village Police Captain Mike Cambell has taken a medical leave. During his absence Sargent Chad Shue was appointed interim Police Chief. "Police Officer Scott Patterson was moved to full time to pick up some of the lost hours," Councilman Mick McCue reported.

- The Village hosted a Hal-

(See "Foxfire," p. 21)



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## Pool

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wants to use the pool on a hot summer day."

Frusco has consistently urged her fellow council members to reach a decision on the matter, so that its financial impact can be worked into next year's budget.

"We need to know by the end of the calendar year,"

she said. "We need to have a consensus."

Perhaps thinking of the Village's tight budget, Frusco suggested a new idea that

could cut some costs: eliminating lifeguards at the pool.

"I want to throw out one other thing out there to think about," Frusco said. "Whether

we could run the pool without lifeguards, and post swim at your own risk signs. The problem with that is that someone has still got to be

there [to control access]."

"I am not one hundred percent sure we can do it, either," she said. "It might save a lot of money, or it may not."

## Foxfire

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loween Trunk or Treat. More than sixty children attended. "There was plenty of candy and a hayride. The kids had a great time," McCue said, noting the number of younger families with children moving into the area. "We need to be aware that our demographics are changing," he said.

• Annual testing of the Village's wells has shown an increase of radionuclides in two of its wells: SH-1 and #11. The North Carolina Department of Environmental and Natural Resources [NCDENR] water department will require that the wells be tested quarterly. "We need to monitor that," Councilman Jon Sedlak said. "We are going back to quarterly testing as result of this notification from DENR."

• The roadway over the dam on Forest Lake Drive is scheduled for repaving. "We will let everybody know before it happens," Councilman Vic Koos said. The road will be closed approximately two days during the paving.

• The Veterans of Foreign War Post on Morganton gave resident Gail Rupert a new flag for Foxfire Village to replace the tattered one in the park. The new flag was raised on Veteran's Day.

• The Council voted unanimously to move their regular monthly meetings from 7:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

• To accommodate the winter holidays the Council also voted to move the November Work Session back to Tuesday, November 25 and to cancel the December Work Session.



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Alzheimer's wasn't the culprit, we think, but normal pressure hydrocephalus, a build up of fluid around the brain that combines dementia with incontinence and a shuffling gait.

It's often surgically reversible. But, on the morning we were to take Dad to Duke for testing that would confirm the diagnosis and treatment plan, I found him

nearly unconscious on the floor of his walk-in closet, his blood sugar through the roof. His dementia had made the management of his diabetes impossible.

From that morning, it was a constant round of hospital

to rehab to assisted living to hospital — diabetes and amputations and MRSA.

When death came, he was barely recognizable, a big man grown thin, his bushy beard gone, and he recognized no one, not even me.

His mother's dementia was both kinder and crueler. With no other disease to complicate her care, she lived for more than a

decade, a skinny woman grown plump in a rest home where she knew no one, forgetting the faces of her children, even those who came to visit.

It's an all-too-common story — ending life in forgetfulness. Bewildered. Ultimately alone. So many of our best friends in Seven Lakes — Ruth Sullivan, Pete Sundheim, Mason Gould, the list could go on — have seen their minds go before their bodies followed.

Inevitably, they deny what's happening to them until it's too late. Too late to get help, too late to tell the kids, too

late to plan, too late to try whatever treatment might prop up the brain and give them a few more years of a fully conscious life.

My Dad had it, his Mom had it, so, of course, I worry about dementia. I haven't reached 60 yet, but those segments on NPR about early onset Alzheimer's give me the willies.

That's why I was excited to hear about the program that St. Joseph of the Pines is hosting next Tuesday, on November 18.

They are screening the new, (See "Dementia," p. 23)

## Digging Deeper

Greg Hankins

## SLLA needs some process improvements

Dear Editor:

Over the last few years, I have been quiet publicly about the operation of the community. In large part, this has been because the things that I was most critical of have been resolved through the hard work of very capable Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Boards.

I am today concerned about two unrelated issues. One issue goes to the core of our ability to have the authority to make rules and govern our community; the other issue does not reach that

level of importance, but seems to show a weakening which if left uncontrolled could result in dysfunction.

First, the issue that should not be an issue at all, but is. What is the real problem with the process we are publicly seeing regarding the pasture fence? Why suddenly is a type of fence that has served us both practically and aesthetically for 46 years not acceptable, and why are we having all the turmoil?

The problem with the process shows that the SLLA Board of Directors and the

management company potentially are losing the focus that has been a major part in the improved operation. In a smoothly run operation, this matter would not have elevated to the point it has.

The process should have been simple. Once concern was expressed about the fence, the grounds and maintenance committee should have taken a look at the problem and decided how to fix it. If their recommendation was to change the appearance, then it should have been approved by the Architectural Review Board [ARB] and passed on to finance to be prioritized. If the recommendation was to fix the existing fence, the ARB step could have been passed. The community at large should have never even known about such a small matter.

Management should have controlled the process to avoid the problems we are now seeing. Note that I am more concerned about the process that we are seeing than the fence. But, if we see something that is not in keeping with the existing appearance along Seven Lakes Drive, then that would

be reason for everyone to get upset, as the process would have been screwed up and failed the community as well.

Second and far more significant is the Seven Lakes Country Club sign located in the old driving range area. Ignore the fact that it was not professionally done. It was put up in June for an understandable reason of attempting to attract business from the additional traffic that resulted from the US Open golf tournament.

Almost six months later — it remains in place.\* This sign, without question, is in violation of the restrictive covenants which provide the only authority there is to govern the community.

Without the covenants, we have no way to enforce anything. The Seven Lakes Country Club has been asked to take the sign down and to this point (I am writing on November 10) has not done so.

The SLLA Board, for whatever reason, has not forced the removal of the sign. While not necessary to be legally enforceable, the deed that the Seven Lakes Country Club received when they pur-

chased the land included specific language pointing out that the property is subject to restrictions of record. The covenants of record prohibit signs.

Ignoring the covenants and allowing such an obvious breach threatens the ability to enforce any of the covenants. All of the community needs to insist that the Seven Lakes Country Club follow the covenants. Since they may be transferring ownership of the club, any future owner should be aware that they too must follow the covenants.

Additionally, the SLLA Board should be on notice that they have a responsibility to enforce the covenants and by failure to do so are putting the future ability to govern at risk.

D. Alan Shaw  
Seven Lakes South

*\*I see this morning, November 11, that the sign has finally been taken down. But the point stands: the Association must enforce covenants on land owned by the Club or risk losing its right to enforce them anywhere.*

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# Maybe we should all R-E-L-A-X

The smoke is clearing from the recent elections. Some are gloating, others are sulking, and others are just oblivious that an election ever happened.

I wish that I could be oblivious sometimes. The results of an election can have the same affect on me as watching a Pittsburgh Steelers game. If my candidate wins, I am in a good mood; and if they lose, I get into a funk.

The Apostle Paul lived in a day where the circumstances were much more difficult than we have ever experienced. Government was tyrannical and controlled everything that happened. He was beaten with rods, stoned and left for dead, imprisoned, and suffered a

myriad of other things just because he spoke and wrote about Jesus Christ.

The Roman government of Paul's day was completely anti-Christian. Rome didn't get a pro-Christian government until Constantine in about 325 AD, more than one hundred years after Paul died. Yet, Paul said that he learned to be content no matter the situation. He was content when things were good and when things were bad. His highs were not too high and his lows were not too low.

Isn't that a better way to live? I am not saying that we should relax our convictions or stop voting for the candidates that line up with our political views, but sometimes

we allow set backs to throw us into a tail spin. It also seems to me that when we have such highs and lows

to listen to their point of view.

I think that all of us can take a lesson from Jesus, the Apostle Paul and maybe Aaron Rodgers of the Green

Bay Packers: R-E-L-A-X.

Yes, we have big issues to tackle in our country and in our community, but let's not

over react. There will always be "big issues to deal with."

The sun is going to come up tomorrow regardless of which politician is in office. Rather than focusing on the issues that divide us, why not take a breath, come to the table about things that

we can agree on, and let's accomplish something that is good for everyone.

Don't overreact and slander those who have a different opinion, but find some common ground do something that we can all be happy about.

Rather than being a Democrat or a Republican; conservative or liberal; North, South or West Siders; let's just be Americans.

We all want what is best for this great nation and this great community.

*Chris Hrabosky is pastor at Seven Lakes Baptist Church. You may send him your question or comments at [chrabosky@mac.com](mailto:chrabosky@mac.com)*



## Bound by Grace

Rev. Chris Hrabosky

in life we tend to overreact.

Jesus told his disciples that when they went into a place where people didn't want to hear the message to "shake the dust off of their shoes." In other words, Jesus was telling them to move to people who were more open

## Dementia

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critically-acclaimed documentary "I'll Be Me," about singer-songwriter Glen Campbell's struggles with dementia. And even more important, they will have healthcare professionals on hand offering memory screenings.

We all hear about blood pressure screenings, hearing screenings, diabetes screenings, etc. that are regularly offered by clinics and pharmacies. But until I talked with the folks at St. Joe, I hadn't heard that memory screenings were being offered

outside of a neurologist's office.

I'm definitely signing up. The history of dementia in my family is too close — and the memory too painful — not to take advantage of the opportunity.

Who else should consider being screened? Here are some questions to ponder. If you answer "yes" to any of them, you might consider screening:

- Am I becoming more forgetful?
- Do I have trouble concentrating?

- Do I have difficulty performing familiar tasks?
- Do I have trouble recalling words or names in conversation?
- Do I sometimes forget where I am or where I am going?
- Have family or friends told me that I am repeating questions or saying the same thing over and over

- again?
- Am I misplacing things more often?
- Have I become lost when walking or driving?
- Have my family or friends noticed changes in my mood, behavior, personality, or desire to do things? Want to give memory screening a shot? There's no charge and no

appointment needed. The screenings will be conducted from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Belle Meade Clubhouse on Waters Drive in Southern Pines.

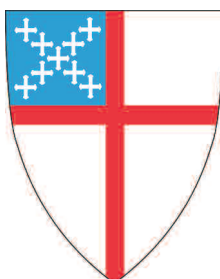
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# Criticism undermines good work of SLLA

Dear Editor and Residents of Seven Lakes:

At the Wednesday, October 29, Seven Lakes Landowners Association Open Board Meeting, I lost my temper and left the meeting. Immediately after, I resigned from the Board of Directors.

I apologize for my anger. But I have had quite enough of the soap opera that is ongoing in the community. I have chosen to distance myself from it. Life is too short to spend time defending

myself against false accusations, bogus innuendo, and personal attacks. I hope you understand.

Unfortunately, there is a certain group of residents that seem to take a perverse pleasure in undermining anything that the property manager and Board do. In this case, the need for an improved horse fence was the topic. Somehow, even before anything was proposed or discussed, the entire issue had blown up into a battle.

Somehow I ended up in the middle of it. This was amazing to me because I had been out of the country and couldn't possibly have spoken to anyone about it, much less done anything about it, while this was all bubbling up. You'll certainly read about it in this newspaper. And I suspect I will look like the cause of the fervor.

In my opinion, there is a faction of the community that is continually undermining the good work and good

intentions of the many volunteers who willingly give their time to make Seven Lakes a better place to live, with no justification. By doing so, they are poisoning the atmosphere of the community.

We have a very good property manager, yet this group is relentless in their criticism of him. He deserves better. This group is critical of the actions of several of our committees.

Yet, every committee is composed of well-intentioned volunteers who are motivated only by the desire to do what is best for everyone in Seven Lakes.

The faction of the community to which I refer seems to be on a witch hunt, suspecting a conspiracy at every turn. Yet, there is no conspiracy. There is no hidden agenda. There are no secret meetings to plot out anything. And the constant suspicion

is tremendously harmful. If they have evidence of such wrongdoing, bring it forward instead of continuing this stealth campaign of undermining everything.

But don't hold your breath. They won't come forward with any evidence because none exists. They'll just continue their game of taking potshots from afar.

As for me, I am resigning from that game.

Good Luck,  
Bill Hirsch  
Seven Lakes North

## Thanks from the Lions

Dear Editor:

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Bill Seldomridge, President  
Seven Lakes Lions Club

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# Election Day Thank You

Dear Editor:

Now that Election Day has passed and those nagging TV ads and numerous annoying phone calls are over, it's time to say "Thanks!"

Thanks to the civic-minded Seven Lakers who put their best foot forward and exercised their right to vote. This truly is a community that believes in the democratic process, and it shows on Election Day. I apologize in advance, because I know I will leave someone out but here is my list of people to thank:

- The more than 2400 registered voters who voted

either by absentee ballot, through early voting, or by showing up at the polls on November 4. I might add that, on Tuesday, we showed our gratitude for our four first time, 18-year-old voters and two brand new U.S. Citizens who also voted for the first time.

- The Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department for letting us use their beautiful facility all day and most of the night on election day. A special shout out goes to Tyler Cheeks who was at the station very, very early to make sure the polls opened at 6:30 am.

- The Seven Lakes Landowners Association and the fine staff at our stables for opening up the top pasture to allow for a much safer parking situation.

- The Moore County Board of Elections, led by Glenda Clendenin and her fine staff that provided us with the training, support and supplies to have a very successful election event.

Finally, to the twelve Seven Lakers who worked over fifteen hours on election day. They are: Judges Curtis Gilbert and Virgil Reid, assistants Nicole Campbell, Debra Christner, Shirley Donaldson, David Goins, Virginia Heerma, Kathryn Kirst, Natalie Myrick, June Stewart, Betty Strong and Mary Tibbs.

These fine people are your neighbors and please tell them "Thank You" the next time you see them.

All these people help show why Seven Lakes is a great place to live — and, at least twice a year, a great place to vote.

Ken Jenkins  
Chief Judge  
Seven Lakes Precinct

# Thanks for all the Halloween Helpers

Dear Editor:

Our heartfelt thank you goes out to each and everyone who helped make this year's Halloween Party at the Stables a wonderful event.

Hot Dogs, baked goods and refreshments plus several different games for the children were provided.

A very special thank you goes to Linda Christy and Phyllis Jenkins for chairing this event. Also a big thank you to Amanda, Samantha and those who volunteered to put the costumes on the ponies, those who arranged

for having the hayrides, as well as those who assisted in getting the Stable ready for this event. You made this a great party!

Last but not least, a thank you to the "Trick or Treaters" and their mom's and dad's for sharing some fun filled time with us.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Mary Farley  
Director of Recreation  
Seven Lakes  
Landowners Association

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# Fence

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of copper wire.

- A taller, paddock-style fence along Seven Lakes Drive, with ElectroBraid® only around the rest of the perimeter — an option preferred by the ARB.

- A taller, post-and-rail fence along Seven Lakes Drive, with ElectroBraid® only around the rest of the perimeter — an second option preferred by the ARB.

Those ideas were fleshed out in the Friday, November 7 Special Meeting. Leach presented the ARB committee's recommendations; George Temple spoke for the Recreation Committee.

They key issue that separates the proposals is a wood fence along Seven Lakes Drive: ARB wants wood; Recreation can live without it.

No one apparently sees much value in retaining the existing split rail fence. Community Manager Ray Sohl said many of the fence posts are loose and moving, causing rails to fall.

"I don't see a reason to keep it, because it will constantly require maintenance," Sohl said.

## The ARB Proposal

Leach said the ARB was proposing wooden fencing along the 2,180 feet that borders Seven Lakes Drive, because that is what is currently in place.

"This is the entrance to our

community," she said.

Leach said the committee could support using either a post and rail fence that is taller than the present fence, or a traditional paddock-style horse fence, with flat boards affixed to the posts.

In either instance, the fence would be elevated to a height of 4.5 to 5 feet in order to better contain the horses.

Leach said ARB is concerned about overall costs, and therefore was not recommending new wooden fencing for the remaining 3,320 foot pasture perimeter.

The range of options that the ARB considered acceptable presented a challenge for producing cost estimates. However, Manager Sohl had gathered some very preliminary numbers.

Sohl said the 2,180 feet of wooden paddock fence required along Seven Lakes Drive would cost \$9,000 for materials and \$1.40 per linear foot for labor.

The overall project cost for installing a paddock fence

along Seven Lakes Drive and using ElectroBraid® rope fencing attached to metal posts along the other portions of the fence, he estimated at \$27,000.

## The Recreation Proposal

Stable Manager Amanda Duggan recommended that the Recreation Committee consider using ElectroBraid® rope fence for the entire pasture. Temple was asked to produce cost estimates, which he said were based on information published on the ElectroBraid® website.

Four strands of the ElectroBraid would be mounted on wooden posts spaced 40 feet apart, with wooden H-post structures at the corners strong enough to allow the rope to be tensioned to 200 pounds. The highest strand would be 57 inches from the ground; the lowest, 12 inches.

ElectroBraid® would also be used to replace the existing interior fence that separates areas of the pasture.

Temple said he believed the installation could be han-

dled by the SLLA maintenance department, with the exception of a day's worth of electrical work.

Using the 40-foot post spacing and outsourced labor, Manager Sohl provided a rough cost estimate of \$12,500 for the Recreation Committee proposal.

Sohl cautioned that a large fence supplier, Ramm Fencing, recommended fifteen-foot rather than forty-foot spacing, though the ElectroBraid specifications call for thirty to fifty foot spacing. Sohl noted that the post spacing is a major factor impacting the cost of the project.

## Stable Manager's Perspective

Stable Manager Duggan said she supported the proposal developed by Temple.

"I want to make sure it is effective, but that it doesn't cost a ridiculous amount of money," she said. "You have a pool to maintain, you have lakes and dams, and I don't think this is a project we should be sinking a ton of money into."

"Wooden fence is beautiful," Duggan said, "but it is high cost and high maintenance." After the meeting, Duggan told *The Times* that a paddock-style fence painted white or coated black could need quarterly repainting, while natural-colored fence would likely need touching up semi-annually.

## Wood vs. Electric

Leach said she spoke with staff members at both the NC Agricultural Extension (See "Fence," p. 27)



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# Fence

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office in Carthage and the NC State University Equine Center in Southern Pines.

The Ag Center representa-

tive recommended a very high tensile strength wire mesh fence, and suggested that an electric fence is not necessary if the fence is high enough.

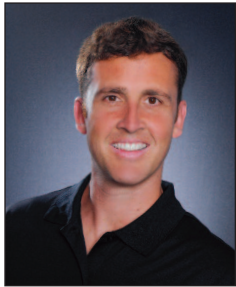
"I disagree with having a wooden fence without electric," Duggan said. She said a couple of the current herd members are "cribbers,"

meaning they like to chew on wood fences and stalls. So an unprotected wooden fence would soon acquire holes and rough patches,

reducing its attractiveness.

Because horses are naturally curious, Duggan said, they will often spot a nice

(See "Fence," p. 28)



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## Fence

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patch of grass outside the fence, and lean on the fence to try to get to the succulent blades.

"If you have a 1200 or 1300 pound animal leaning on a wood fence, it's going to break," Duggan said, adding that the Seven Lakes Drive area is the most dangerous place for a fence break and an escaped horse.

### Electric fence safety

Several members of the various committees in attendance questioned the safety of electric fencing, particularly because one problem has been children entering the pasture after hours.

Duggan said she had first been stung by an electric fence at age three, and repeated that lesson several times as a teenager, to no ill effect.

"I would rather a child touch the fence," Duggan said, "and learn that that was not acceptable, than get

in that fence and be trampled by a 1500 pound horse."

Horses are also not likely to easily forget being zapped by the fence, Duggan said, so they will continue to stay away from it during a power outage.

### The need for curb appeal

Speaking during the Board's Monday, November 10 Work Session, Leach urged directors to take the long view in considering the pasture fence.

"This is a long-term investment," she said. "Although the horses are a very unique, special asset, the time may come that they are no longer and available amenity. At that time, would you rather have the aesthetics of a wood fence or a wire-stranded fence to provide security along Seven Lakes Drive?"

"The community and gen-

eral public see the stable complex daily," Leach said. "Therefore it should provide not only safety, but curb appeal. After all, it is the gateway to our community, and welcomes people to Seven Lakes."

Director Steve Ritter said he understood the concern with aesthetics and, initially, found photographs of ElectroBraid® fence "industrial."

"But I have to admit, the more I looked at it, the more I softened to it," he said. Still, Ritter expressed concern that the appearance would be marred if it were necessary to hang warning signs from the fence.

Floating another option for improving aesthetics, Leach said it might be possible to plant shrubs or trees along Seven Lakes Drive in front of an ElectroBraid fence to either hide it or provide some-

thing else for motorists' eyes to focus on.

### More to come

President Racine called for the Recreation and Facilities Committee to meet jointly to consider the options — and, most importantly, he asked for cost estimates on those options.

The topic is expected to be on the agenda of the board's Monday, December 8 Work Session.

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## SLLA

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Finance Committee is discussing whether or not to recommend a dues increase.

"It seems in the past the community preferred smaller incremental increases," Sackman said. "We still need to determine amount if we feel we need to do that."

Resident Mark Dyer has joined the Finance Committee, Sackman announced. "He brings with him a wealth of knowledge," she said.

### A Bittersweet Goodbye

Manager Sohl announced that SLLA employee Tracie Purvis had resigned.

"Tracie will be sorely missed," Sohl said. "She is one of the nicest people I have had the privilege of working with."

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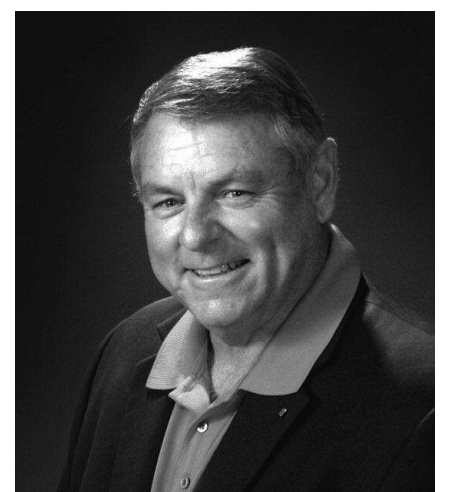
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