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Katrina Bake Sale



Bake Sale for Katrina Relief — On Saturday, September 3, Hannah and Gillian Munro of Seven Lakes North served customers at their lemonade and cookie stand at the Northside mailhouse. All the money collected from the sale was donated to West End Elementary School for the Red Cross Katrina donation.

Westside wins protest of new flood plain map

The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] has won its protest of new flood plain maps that could have required owners of Lake Auman lakefront property to purchase expensive flood insurance, Community Manager Tony Robertson told The Times on Wednesday.

But lakefront property owners in Seven Lakes North may have to take individual action to prove that their properties do not lie in a flood plain, Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Director Don Truesdell told The

New Flood Insurance Rate Maps are being developed across the state in a process ultimately driven by the Federal **Emergency Management Admin**istration [FEMA]. Engineers working for the North Carolina's Division of Emergency Management, which is part of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, recently unveiled new maps for Moore County, which includes portions of two river basins, the Lumber and the Cape Fear.

The new maps included flood plain lines that encompassed the shoreline around Lake Auman and five lakes in Seven Lakes North. Owners of homes located within a foot of those lines could be required by their mortgage holders to purchase flood insurance and could be required to disclose that the home lies in a flood plain to any potential purchaser of the property.

But Westsiders shouldn't have to worry about that, Robertson

(See "SLLA," p. 28)

Board supports Co. Police again

The board of the Seven Lakes on Monday, September 12. Landowners Association [SLLA] has once again reaffirmed its support for maintaining a company police department, but it appears that the final resolution of the issue may be left to a vote of the landowners themselves, if a citizen's group makes good on its pledge to call a special meeting of the association to settle the matter.

Two months ago, in a July 12 special board meeting SLLA directors voted four-to-two, with one abstention, to defeat a motion to disband the Seven Lakes Company Police force. This time the vote was five to two in a special board meeting held

Board members Loren Swearingen and Don Truesdell called the meeting to present the results on the Concerned Citizens Council's [CCC] poll on company police. Truesdell reported that 564 landowners had responded to the poll, with 500, or 89%, of those in favor of disbanding company police. Truesdell noted that that percentage did not vary substantially among resident landowners as compared to non-resident landowners. Eight landowners responded, but chose not to vote, Truesdell said.

Making the motion to disband (See "CCC," p. 29)

Foxfire shopping center planned

Foxfire may soon be home to a new 30,000 shopping center located at the intersection of Hoffman and Tie Roads in the Foxfire Village Business District. Villagers learned about the new development during the Tuesday, July 13 regular meeting of the Foxfire Village Coun-

The development is a project of Aberdeen-based RAB Investments. Cliff Collins, of Collins Architecture, made a presentation of the devlopment on RAB's behalf.

Collins said the company wanted to make sure village residents and members of the village council, planning and zoning board, and appearance commission were fully informed about the development. The company was also looking for input on its plans.

RAB owns a 7.7 acre parcel at the corner of Hoffman and Tie Roads and will initially develop only the front half of the property, Collins said. He noted that the back half of the property may need to be reserved for storm water drainage and septic and septic repair fields.

The shopping center will consist of two buildings, one along the south and the other along the east border of the tract, one slightly larger than the other. The land has a distinct slope, so one buiding will be twelve feet lower than the other building. The common parking lot that serves both buildings will follow the natural slope of the land.

RAB owner Robert Baillie said the company plans to leave as much of the existing trees as possible and to utilize crape

(See "Foxfire." p. 32)

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SLLA police & security report: 8/29 - 9/11

The paragraphs below are are based on handwritten reports filed by Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] security officers at the time of the incidents reported, as well as reports provided by Seven Lakes Company Police Chief Dennis Lombard.

August 29

Security responded to a resident on Sunset concerned about a roaming cat. The officer found that other Sunset residents are caring for the stray cat, a black female with white paws and yellow eyes. Anyone missing a cat answering to this description can call security or the landowners office for details.

A resident on Cherokee complained that maintenance had done a bad job of cutting the right-of-way in front of his home, despite requests in the past that maintenance not mow the area.

At about 7:40 pm, security patrol responded to a report from a resident on Runningbrook that teenagers were throwing trash in the lake. Patrol found several teens both on Sequoia

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Point and in the parking area The youths were asked to keep the volume of their music low and to pick up all the trash they brought to the point. They complied with the request. Patrol collected license plate and pass numbers of the vehicles in the parking lot.

At 11:18 pm, patrol found a drug pipe and lighter at the Sequoia Point picnic shelter. The drug paraphernalia was turned over to Seven Lakes Company Police Chief Dennis Lombard.

August 30

No reports.*

August 31

Patrol found keys left in a post box in the Southside mailhouse and returned them to the mailbox owner.

September 1

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Chief Lombard issued three motor vehicle citations:

- To a Seven Lakes Resident for 50 mph in a 25 mph zone.
- To a Jackson Springs Resident for 40 mph in a 25 mph zone.
- To a Carthage resident for 40 mph in a 25 mph zone.

September 2

A resident of West Devonshire reported a white truck pulling a U-Haul® trailer speeding. Patrol was unable to locate the vehicle.

September 3

Patrol responded to a resident's report that the glass in one panel of the North Mailhouse bulletin board had been broken. Chief Lombard had reported the incident previously.

Chief Lombard noted two young girls holding a bake sale for victims of Hurrican Katrina at the Northside mailhouse and informed security. Patrol responded and informed the girls, their mother, and grandmother, that they would need to obtain prior approval from the Landowners Office prior to conducting their sale.

A resident of Pleasantview reported that a man in Lake Longleaf had directed obscene gestures and comments toward her. Security spoke with the man, also a resident, and found he was angry with the complainant for speeding across the dam. The complainant said she may have been going too fast, but that gave the man no right to ver-

bally abuse her. She said she would contact the sheriff's office. Patrol advised her to watch her speed and not to expect an apology from the man. Later, Chief Lombard spoke with the man and then operated radar along Firetree near the dam.

Chief Lombard was asked to assist the Moore County Sheriff's Department regarding a lost child at Food Lion.

Chief Lombard assisted the Sheriff's Department on an inci-

dent on East Shenandoah.

September 4

Patrol responded to a complaint of four young people skate-boarding at the Lake Echo Pavilion and found four teenagers swimming. Patrol told them they were not allowed to skateboard on the pavilion or boat docks. The teens said they were not aware of the skateboarding rules and walked home.

Chief Lombard reported that (See "SLLA," p. 33)



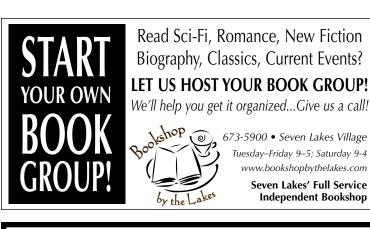
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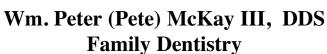
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Guild says "thank you" to all of those who have supported them for throughout the year.

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This event normally draws close to 1000 people to the

plaza, and is a perfect place to meet with your neighbors and see what local businesses have to

No selling is allowed except by charities, so come prepared to enjoy the music, food and fun and if you buy a broom from the local Lions everyone will go home happy.

If anyone would like to set up a booth please contact Darrell Marks at Phoenix Fashions, at 673-5998 no later than Monday, September 19.

Tickets on sale for Aux fall party

The Seven Lakes Women's Auxiliary is planning their fall luncheon/fashion show/card party. It will be held On October 13 at the West Side Park Community Center at noon.

This event is one of the two major philanthropic endeavors that the Auxiliary sponsors each year. The monies benefit many various area organizations.

Goldie's Gourmet of West End will cater the luncheon.

Betsy Mikula and Judy Streit

are co-chairing the luncheon. They will be assisted by many Auxiliary members. Tinkie Petterson is heading up the numerous door prizes that will be raffled off.

Pud Kent has done a great job for the Special Raffle that will be sold. Dee Dick has arranged for Talbot's to provide the fashions and a "bevy of beauties" from the Auxiliary will be the models. Donna Olson will provide music for the fashion show on the piano. This is a sample of people heading up the various committees.

Tickets are on sale. Reservations may be made by calling Maureen Malone, 673-2553. You may reserve a table for bridge or other games of your choice. Or . . . you may enjoy coming just for the luncheon and fashion show. The cut off date for reservations is Friday, October 6. Get your tickets early.

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Chapel welcomes Welch this Sunday

Dr. Paul Hardin, Chancellor Emeritus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will be the guest speaker at the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines on Sunday, September 18 when the Chapel will formally install Don Welch as its resident minister.

Prior to his service at UNCCH, Dr. Hardin had served successively as President of Wofford College in South Carolina; Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas; and Drew University in Madison, New Jersey.

His subject for the 9:00 am service is "What a Congregation Should Expect from Its Minister."

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Wackenhut proposed more police coverage

by Jeff Herman, Director SL Landowners Association

During the August General Meeting of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA], Director Jeff Herman, who heads the Company Police Oversight committee, mentioned that an outside organization had conducted an independent review of the SLLA's security needs. The Times asked Herman to provide more information about that study and about his goals for Seven Lakes Company Police. He responded with the paragraphs that follow.

Thank you for allowing me to get these facts out to the community. I am sure that others must be wondering as well if any other organization has ever evaluated Seven Lakes Police and Security needs.

On or about November 8, 2004, the Security Review Committee received a proposal from The Wakenhut Corporation to contract our security and police service for the community.

I must preface these statements by saying that although this is an independent company, their review of our community and recommendation for police and security was not to simply evaluate our community. Their intent was to acquire the business.

Their proposal was not published because the Security Review Committee agreed that it was more than our community could afford and thus was not a viable option.

Based on our community's population and diverse makeup, Wakenhut submitted two options, both of which suggested 168 hours per week of Company Police coverage, 40 hours of which was for a site supervisor. They recommended no roving security guards - only Company Police.

After close review of the proposal the Security Review Committee did change our focus to expanding the existing Company Police Department. We voted as a committee and sent our request to the board.

In January 2005 the director of the Security Committee reported to the board that based on our population and changing demographics our police and security had to "change, in order to con-

tinue to make Seven Lakes the safe, premier community we all enjoy." (Recommendations from the SRC 1-20-04.doc submitted by Loren Swearingen Director, SLLA).

It was recommended that the

SLLA immediately search for security officers to patrol the and hire one additional Company Police Officer as well as purchasing one new Company to the associations' attorney Police car.

Many have asked the question, "Why not depend only on our ness. After much research he

streets enforce our rules?"

This question was forwarded who responded with two major concerns: liability and effectiveprovided a lengthy report with the following conclusion: "Not withstanding the fact that some communities are doing it and 'getting away with it,' I believe that plan to be rampant with danger. Thus,

(See "Increase," p. 6)

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Herman explains SLLA rules enforcement

by Jeff Herman, Director SL Landowners Association

During the August Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] General Meeting, I was asked a simple question by a landowner regarding the complaint process where it concerns the Judiciary Committee.

I am proud to say that this was one of my first objectives

once elected to the board. I introduced the standardized form to our complaint process to allow easier tracking of complaints and to help ensure that complaints were addressed in a timely fashion with a goal of no more than six weeks to correct an infraction or have it submitted to the Judiciary Committee.

It was at this point during my

answer that all intelligible thought and verbiage escaped me and I was left without a clue. To add insult to injury I stated that the Judiciary Committee was comprised of Board members. and this is not accurate.

The Judiciary Committee is appointed annually by the board and they have authority to evaluate alleged infractions, hear

and take evidence of said violations, hear witnesses, advise the accused of violations, as well as inviting the accused to speak before the committee. They render an opinion of the violation and recommend penalties to the Board.

This is a brief overview; all information on the committee and their processes can be found on pages 40-44 in the Seven Lakes Owners Manual.

In the remainder of this column, I would like to address the actual process for complaints. When a complaint is received by the SLLA it is logged in on a complaint form. The date of complaint, name, address, phone number and email address of person issuing complaint are recorded if possible. The address and subject of the complaint are recorded next along with the actual complaint.

A response to the person reporting - the complainant should be made within two business days of the complaint. The rule or regulation violated should also be recorded.

Each action taken to resolve the complaint should be included and should be made and

(See "Herman," p. 7)

Increase services, lower costs

(Continued from page 5)

I would advise against the plan of implementing security personnel to enforce traffic laws, rules and regulations within 7 Lakes." (Enforcement of Traffic Regulations by Security Personnel submitted by Blevins, Steven W. Attorney-at-Law)

This is where I stand and these are my goals.

It is no secret that I am a proponent of Company Police and it is my goal to see our police department expand to provide optimal coverage for Seven Lakers.

For anyone that is curious, other than my military service I have never worked in security or managed any type of security department nor have I ever claimed that I had. And for anyone that has not read that green book that we all possess, the Board of Directors set policy, we do not run any departments within the organization.

That being said, I do have distinct goals for my time in office, and they focus around two simple concepts, which are to increase services and limit costs. I would like to follow in the tracks of Security and explore alternatives outside of our gates in order to increase the number of Company Police that Seven Lakes employs while decreasing our costs in running the department (ves. this is possible).

I also plan to work with the SLLA to offer a contract to our landowners which would allow Company Police on private property to enforce the law. This would give all of the power to the individual landowner to decide who can protect their property.

I am currently working with the SLLA and Company Police to provide regular safety seminars to our residents.

As a director, my focus is on Company Police, but I am not blind to the benefits as well as the need for the Sheriffs Department within our gates. It is not one or the other in my opinion; we need both departments to be highly effective against crime in Seven Lakes.



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Fall fashions on parade at Beacon Ridge

Monday, September 12, found Beacon Ridge Country Club brimming with over a hundred women that had come for a luncheon and fall fashion show hosted by Susan Marks of Phoenix Fashions.

After being served a delightful lunch by the club, the ladies were shown many of the latest

Herman

(Continued from page 6) recorded weekly. If, after three attempts to satisfy the complaint, no improvements are made and no special permission granted by the SLLA, the complaint and copies of all correspondences should be forwarded to the Board for approval to be sent to the Judiciary commit-

A copy of the complaint form is always available in the SLLA

I hope that this makes the process a little easier to understand.

My final comment will be that unless residents step to the plate and issue their complaints few changes can be made.



Models show off fall looks at Beacon Ridge Country Club.

fall styles in fashions and acces-

Thanks goes out to Beacon Ridge Country Club, Medleyanna's, Phoenix Fashions, Pizza Cafe', Seven Lakes Eye Care and Southern Grace Florist for their donations to the goody bags and door prizes.

A special thanks go to the models: Barbara Williams, Cyndi Widman, Myra Taylor, Judy Streit, Mary Price and Jane Hodge.

Phoenix Fashions' next scheduled event is Thursday, October 27 when they will have a red hat event called "Putting on the Glitz" Red Hat Style!

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In memory of

Phillip Dominic McConnell, 72, formerly of Seven Lakes and Staten Island, NY, died on Sunday, August 28, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, NC.

Mr. McConnell was born in Rochester, MN, the son of the late Dominic and Mary Kavanagh McConnell.

He served in the US Navy as a Quartermaster. He was an avid pool player and loved trav-

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine Boone McConnell; son Timothy McConnell; daughter, Colleen Bocoraglio; two brothers, and sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanne McConnell; two sons, David McConnell of Staten Island, NY and Howard McConnell of Wilmington; three step-children, Paul Von Schondorf, Philip Von Schondorf, and Laura Whalen; two brothers, Mark McConnell of Albert Lea, MN and Kevin McConnell of Escondido, CA; and a sister, Barbara Jean Ristau of Cresco, CA. Also six grandchildren; three step grandchildren, and six great-grand children.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 102454, Atlanta, GA 30368-2454.

Carl Robert Horten, 85, of Seven Lakes died, Friday, September 2, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

Mr. Horten was born in Watertown, SD to the late Carl and Nellie Albrook Horten. He served as a Lieutenant in the US Navy during WWII.

He received a BS degree in Electrical Engineering from Swarthmore College, and later received a law degree from New York University. He worked for Ingersoll Rand as a patient attorney, and later served as vice president.

He and his wife retired to the Sandhills in 1984.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, September 7 at Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines. Dr. Don Welch officiated.

Survivor include his wife, Peg; sons, Chris E. Horten of Manassas, VA; Roy R. Horten of Guerneville, CA; and Kim R. Horten of Columbia, NJ. Four grandchildren also survive.

Memorials may be directed to the Salvation Army, Hurricane Relief, P.O. Box 514, Fayetteville, NC 28302.

Boles Funeral Home and Crematory of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Robert Fielding Smith, 85, formerly of Seven Lakes, died Wednesday, September 7, at Community Medical Center, Toms River, NJ, after a battle with metastatic prostate cancer.

Cremation was private and commitment of cremains will be held at a later date.

Mr. Smith was a native of Mount Vernon, NY, and lived most of his married life in Ossining, NY, before retiring to Seven Lakes.

Mr. Smith was a self-employed sales representative, owning his own company for many years. He played baseball for the Mount Vernon Scarlets before being drafted by the New York Yankees playing for their farm team in various states. He then joined the U.S. Navy and served in the European Theater during World War II.

He was an avid golfer, a life member of the Elks Club BPOE, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Masonic Fraternal Order and the Association of Professional Ball Players of America since 1942.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Marie L. Flanigan Smith, and his daughter, Lois B. Fuller, of Red Bank,

Survivors include his daugh-

ter, Susanne Stanley of Destrehan, LA.; a sister, Helen Trifari, of Amityville, NY. One grandson and two great-grandsons also survive.

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Jennifer Dwiggins opens real estate office

Jennifer Dwiggins has been a familiar face in Seven Lakes West for more years than many residents have lived there.

And now she's opened a new real estate office in West End to help even more folks discover the joys of life in Seven Lakes.

Dwiggins' Westside career started when Developer Don Billings hired her as his assistant in 1996. Dwiggins husband Chris was working for Beacon Ridge Country Club at the time.

When GS Communities replaced Billings as developer, Dwiggins stayed on, helping manage the office as well as developing marketing materials and coordinating sales events.

"Working the the Welcome Center, I got to meet so many people," Dwiggins told The Times. "Now Seven Lakes feels just like my hometown. I absolutely love it."

Because of her involvement in GS Communities sales activities, Dwiggins said, GS General Manager Rick Sumerel encouraged her to work toward obtaining her real estate and brokers licenses.

"I started selling in 2002, working from home, and then began selling full-time in 2003," Dwiggins said. After another stint with GS last year, Dwiggins has now officially opened Jennifer **Dwiggins Real Estate located** on NC Highway 211 in West End, right beside Nardo's Barber Shop.

Dwiggins' mother, Patsy Stephens, is the Office Manager for the new firm, and is scheduled to start taking real estate classes next month.

Both women are residents of Seven Lakes West, and both are native North Carolinians.

Stephens was born in Statesville and moved to Seven Lakes from Greensboro. Dwiggins was born in Raleigh, raised in Statesville, and went to school in Banner Elk.

Both have lived in communities throughout the state, and both say Seven Lakes is the very best the state has to offer.

Dwiggins told The Times that she is focusing her real estate on Seven Lakes West — but will list properties throughout the county, and beyond.

"I'm currently working on properties in West End, Carthage, and



Broker Jennifer Dwiggins, with her office manager (and Mom!) Patsy Stephens.

elsewhere — and I even have a listing in Randolph County," Dwiggins said.

A key focus in her marketing plan for Jennifer Dwiggins Real Estate is her website, at www.jenniferdwiggins.com.

She is developing virtual tours of all the properties she has listed, as well as virtual tours of the Westside amenities.

"Buyers are very Internet

savvy," Dwiggins told The Times, "so I am focusing on getting my properties out on the Internet."

Dwiggins is a member of the National Association of Realtors® and it's state and local organizations.

Her office is located on NC Highway 211 in West End. She may be reached at 910-673-3344 or 910-992-6133.

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Village approves zoning amendments

considered seven amendments to the village's Zoning Ordinance during its regular Tuesday, September 13 meeting.

Six of the amendments were developed by the Planning and Zoning Board after studying issues ranging from the location of adult businesses to the minimum lot sizes in the equestrian district for more than a year. A seventh was requested by Councilman Carl Munro, but not recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Prior to voting on the amendments, the council held public hearings on each proposal.

In brief, the council approved the following:

- · Reducing the setback for manufactured homes from 500 to 100 feet while increasing the minimum lot size for manufactured homes to three acres. Planning and Zoning Chairman Nick Xander said manufactured homes can only be located in the village's extra-territorial zoning jurisdiction. Councilman Munro voted against this change, saying it could "make it harder for young families to get started."
- · Adding language addressing Surface Water Drainage and are heretofore not dealt with in the ordinance.
- · Changing the sign ordinance to limit business signs to a height of no more than five feet above the ground.
- · Adding a definition for an accessory building that is designated as a "Barn/Stable."
- · Raising the minimum acreage in areas zoned Equestrian to ten acres from six acres. Mayor Phillips opposed this amendment, calling it an "onerous restriction" on the development of larger parcels. "These six acre lots are popular," Phillips said. "The market should dictate the

The planning and zoning board presented a sixth amendment, which would have permitted adult businesses to locate in the Village Business District. while imposing substantial restrictions on their location, requiring minimum separation of these businesses from schools, churches, synagogues, municipal offices, and major roadways.

Xander explained that it is illegal to use a zoning ordinance

The Foxfire Village Council completely exclude a particular type of business; and, by remaining silent on adult busi-



nesses, runs the risk of legal problems should such a business want to locate in the village.

Munro said he agreed that a provision for adult businesses should be added to the ordinance, but felt the recommended separation requirements effectively excluded such businesses completely from the relatively small Village Business District. Munro produced a map of the district to illustrate his

Councilman George Erickson moved to table the question so that it could be discussed at an upcoming council work session scheduled for 3:00 pm on Tuesday, September 20.

Trailer/RV Parking. Councilman Munro proposed an amendment to a Section of the Equestrian Area of the zoning ordinance that would allow the storage of trailers on lots in that area no smaller than 10 acres.

He explained that he has worked for some time to find a location near the village that

would give residents a nearby location for storing trailers and recreational vehicles, which, under the village's ordinances, cannot be stored in yards or driveways. He noted that a survey of the village on Monday, September 12 had revealed eleven current violations of that ordinance. The nearest commercial storage lot is more than five miles from the village he

After having explored three

options for trailer storage that fell through, Munro said, he has located a large well-screened equestrian area tract and the owner of which would like to rent space for trailer and RV storage.

Munro said he believed the current zoning ordinance as written would permit this activity; the point of his amendment was to ensure it took place only on larger tracts.

(See "Foxfire," p. 28)



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Seven Lakes Marine expands service area

Seven Lakes Marine has expanded their business, adding a new service bay dedicated to fiberglass repair and gel coat refinishing, owner Jeff Bennett told The Times.

Last year, Seven Lakes Marine added a factory-trained gel coat and fiberglass technician to their staff: Alan Cope. Cope has twelve years experience in that aspect of boat service.

The new space provides the company with a dedicated facility for fiberglass repair, patching, refurbishment and painting - and makes them one of the few boat retailers in the area that can handle this type of work on-site.

"It makes us even more of a full-service business, so that we can better serve our customers," Bennett said.

And that customer base is growing, Bennett told The Times. "Business has been very good this past year," he said, both in sales and in service. "It's our busiest year since we opened in 1999."

Meeting the challenge of increased service business means the firm has had to look hard for more efficient ways of operating, in order to continue to meet customer expectations for

turnaround.

Seven Lakes Marine's boat sales

have "skyrocketed" this year, Bennett told The Times that driven by attractive offerings from Key West and, in particu-

Alan Cope, Fiberglass and Gel-Coat Technician for Seven Lakes Marine, at work in the company's new service bay.

lar, Bennington Pontoons and deck boats.

"We actually ran out of new boats to sell," Bennett said, noting they had to bring in boats from other dealers to satisfy customer demand.

Bennett said Seven Lakes Marine will offer their customary on water service on the North and West Sides of Seven Lakes.

Seven Lakes Marine is located at 150 Grant Street in Seven Lakes. The phone number is 673-1440.

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Lions visit camp

by Howie Pierce

The Seven Lakes Lions and their spouses recently visited Camp Dogwood, the North Carolina Lions facility located on Lake Norman. They helped serve a picnic meal to the visually handicapped attendees who were spending a week enjoying the recreational and living accommodations supported by the Lions annual Dogwood ticket sales.

During the past three years, the Sandhills Lions Club has raised over \$11,000 in Dogwood ticket sales to help fund the operating expenses and the construction of a new dormitory for the Camp.

The Lion's mission is to provide support to the visually and hearing impaired in our community, state, and around the

They raise funds to support this mission through a variety of activities like the Annual White Cane Drive and the Annual Spring Golf Outing. In addition, they also sell brooms made by the handicapped.

The Sandhills Lions Club meets the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse at 6:30 pm. Please consider visiting to learn more about the rewarding effort of helping those in need.



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Methodist women support many missions

by Ruth Sullivan

Why do the West End United Methodist Women hold those Salad Suppers, Smorgasbord Dinners, and Candle Sales?

They do it to contribute to mission projects. Their main funds are derived from individual pledges and fundraisers.

This is just a brief overview of how the West End United Methodist Women distribute their funds. These have been their major projects in the past few years. The budget for mission projects is about \$3300 per year.

United Methodist Women mission projects include monetary

donations to:

Food Pantry
Robeson County Community
Center

MATCH — mothers and their children (a program for mothers in women's prison in Raleigh to get much needed help in parenting skills and begin to relate to their children again.)

Disaster Relief (flood buckets last year.)

Health Kits — sent to the MERCI Center in Goldsboro. 10-20 Health Kits are given. This is a large warehouse/ distribution point for aid to victims of natural disasters both in the US and abroad.

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No tickets will be sold at the door. So call now for your ticket: Kitty Slazas 673-3827 or Trudie Vaughn 673-2681.

All proceeds from sales will benefit mission projects.

Rescue League thanks benefactors

by Lou Atkins, SARL

Sandhills Animal Rescue League is so lucky to have those "Curves" women to donate money, cat food, dog food, toys, bleach, litter and paper towels for the rescued pets. Donna and her "gifts" came through again for the dogs and cats and we at Sandhills Animal Rescue League are grateful for our friends at Curves.

Curves of Seven Lakes chooses several non-profit or worthy causes to help each year with donations of items needed by humans and animals. All of those women get a gold star!

Sandhills Animal Rescue League would like to also to say "Thank You" to all who came to the tag sale last Saturday and purchased items they could not do without, cat nip bags, dog bandannas or raffle tickets.

Jean and Cynthia D'Andrea, Patty Hunter, Kelly Hinson, Sue Currie, Lynn Edwards, Keith Edwards, Ginny Edwards, Betty Hurst, and Frances Lamonds were our volunteer workers for the tag sale.

The League and volunteers work all year long to raise money to pay for the care, food, and

medical needs of the rescued pets.

Sandhills Animal Rescue League will be at Meet the Merchants on Tuesday, September 20. We will have a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to PetsMart. So come and register on the orange tickets. Raffle tickets will be sold for some great prizes and we will have cat nip bags and dog bandannas for sale.

See you there.

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DiRienzo, Coley exchange vows

Anne Jolyne DiRienzo and Kenneth Scott Coley were wed at Saratoga Springs on July 23,

2005 in Mt. Pleasant, NC. The ter of Francis and Irene DiRien-Rev. Robert Leonard officiated. The bride is the granddaugh-

zo of Seven Lakes West.

The bride and her father, Mark DiRienzo of Denton, NC, arrived in a Cinderella coach provided by Saratoga Springs. She was attended by Michelle Bohannon and Lynna Cirillo as her matrons of honor and Tracy Hunt and Amy Vernon as her brides-

The groom was attended by John Coley, his father, as best man and Carl Cirillo, Chris Wydra, and Matt Spain as groomsmen.

Shannon Coley read a passage from, "The Art of Marriage" and music was provided by BK Entertainment.

The reception followed in Scarlett Hall on the grounds of Saratoga Springs. Traditional Italian music was provided by Phil Giallombardo of Denton on his accordion. After their farewell dance, the bride and groom left amidst fireworks and sparklers.

The couple will make their home in Concord.

Pasta Dinner for Our Lady Building Fund

Our Lady of the Americas Roman Catholic Church will hold their second annual pasta dinner at the West End Presbyterian Church Community Center on Friday, September 30, 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

The meal includes pasta and meatballs, salad, bread, iced tea, and home-made desserts. Wine and beer will be available by donation. Takeouts also will be available.

The price per ticket is \$10.00 and can be purchased from Roberta Robinson 673-4090 or Pat Schuster 673-4929.

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Bookshop will host local author Williams

Local author Rush Williams will be at the Bookshop by the Lakes on Saturday, October 1, at 2:00 pm.

Mr. Williams will be signing and discussing his novel Night Work, a heart warming story about widower. Curt Mellam and his daughter about to go off to college.

A native of the Sandhills, Mr. Williams spent his early years in Rockingham, and graduated from Rockingham High School.

He received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1946 and was employed as a chemist, chiefly in synthetic fibers. He also worked at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, a contractor for the Atomic Energy Commission, and the

Foxfire Book Club

Members of the Foxfire Book Club met in the Clubhouse on Monday, August 15. The book they reviewed was Marlena DiBlasi's "A Thousand Nights in Venice," based on a true story.

The book selected for discussion in September is "Big Cherry Holler" by Adriana Trigiani. For October, members are choosing for discussion their favorite horror stories, appropriate to the Halloween season.

All Foxfire men and women, particularly new residents, are welcome to come to these informal discussions of new and old books.

Meetings take place the third Monday of each month, in the Clubhouse at 3:00 pm.

There are no dues.

Members select the books they wish to read for discussion, and hold "book swaps" at each meeting. Further information may be obtained by telephoning 673-5590 or 673-6936.

NC Department of Human Resources/Mental Health. He received a master's degree in

divinity from Southeastern Bap- framed by the author's experitist Seminary in 1985.

Night Work a first novel, is

ence, although he says it is not strictly autobiographical.

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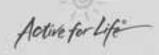
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Village enjoys 'Foxfire Days' celebration

by Elizabeth Schettler

Foxfire Villagers had few concerns about gasoline shortages. because they stayed off the highways and celebrated their annual Labor Day festivities associated with "Foxfire Days." Pleasant weather was a welcome change.

Tom McEntee's Bocce Ball tournament opened the program on the courts at the corner of Richmond and Ridge Roads. Spectators lined up in their golf carts to cheer on their favorite teams. The three winning teams were Tom McEntee and Marianne Arthur; Bascom and Jordan Johnson; and Elly and Susan

Late Saturday afternoon another golf-cart caravan transported Villagers to Lake McKenzie's beach, where Talberts Caterers had set up a wonderful Southern Pig Pickin'. The barbecue was arranged by Jean Brown and Barbara Arnold. Their assistants were Eileen Umland and Vic Koos.

The golf ball chipping contest was managed by Foxfire Days Chairman, Ron Schermerhorn. Lucille Cardelle was the only lady who succeeded in chipping the ball into the kiddie pool anchored out in the lake. Five young men joined her in sharing

Johnson, Rock Davis, Pete Lineberger, Matt Schuster, and Joe Crnko.

Sunday afternoon a large group of card players filled the Town Hall, for Betty Dresher's bridge game. She was assisted by her husband Bob. Players were divided into two groups, Orange and Green Teams.

Winners on the Orange team were Elly Harsany, 3080 points; Pat McKeon, 2960; Betty Dresher, 2240; and Bertha Christman, 2110. Dick Christman won the Booby prize, with 1380 points. Green Team winners were Carolyn Gilbert, 3920; Pepper Bahr, 3910; Carl Munro and Marianne Arthur, tied with 2710; and Booby prize winner, El Wise, 350 points.

A large field of nine-hole and eighteen hole golfers teed off on the East Course on Labor Day

the prize. They were Bascom morning in a Captain's Choice tournament arranged by Golf Pro Bill Baker. Nine-hole winning teams, tied at 39, werre Art Allman with Bill Hess, Gladys Knight, and Jerry Crumbaugh; Frank Malay with Werner Brand, Shiley Kirschner, and Jim Wise; and Al Crisp with Bernadine Olsen, Helen Munro, and Beth Schettler. In second place, with 40, were Carl Munro with Eileen

Umland, Elly Harsany, and Irene Kovatch.

Eighteen-hole winning teams were Joe Crnko with Pam Koos, Flo LaShomb, and Mike Gilbert, 66; Ray Dickerson, with Carole Harrington, Don Miller, and Dewey Jackson, 68; and tied with 69, LaVerne Hess with Arden McConnell, Jim Gentles, and John Dziminowicz; Pete (See "Village," p. 17)



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Women's Lit. is topic at first Aux meeting

by Sondra Schroeder

The Seven Lakes Women's Auxiliary met on Wednesday, September 7, for the first meeting of the 2005-2006 season.

It got off to a stimulating start with Dr. Jeanne Follansbee Quinn addressing the group on the topic of Women's Literature and the roll reading and writing

plays in the life of women.

Dr. Quinn received her undergraduate degree in English from Colgate University and her MA and Ph.D in English from Boston University. She is currently a member of the faculty at University of North Carolina Greensboro, where she teaches American Women's Writing as well as

courses in American literature from 1800s to the present.

The prevailing idea presented was that women can and do use the power of reading and writing to change things they are concerned about. Examples given were Anne Hutchinson, who in the 1600s encouraged women to read and insisted on

her right to read the Bible without the supervision of church elders or other male "guidance," a radical thought for the times.



Dr. Jeanne Follansbee Quinn

She then cited Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, which appealed to the humanitarian interests of the women of the early 1800s and helped instill thoughts of social change.

The third notable author was Betty Friedan, a woman with independent thought who helped change the life of women and men of the 20th century with her book *The Feminine Mystique*. She also cofounded the National Organization for Women (NOW).

Dr. Quinn concluded her informative talk with a list of classics that many auxiliary members are now eager to read. A printed list of these classics will be available at the next meeting to be held on October 6.

Seven Lakes Women's Auxiliary meets the first Thursday of each month. New members are always welcome.

Seven Lakes women are invited to join the Auxiliary and help celebrate the ongoing activities of this group with their 28th year in organization.

Village celebrates Foxfire Days

(Continued from page 16)

Lineberger with George Galloway, Lucille Cardell, and Sue Bachelder. Two teams tied at 71: Dick McCleney with Jack Olsen, Betsy Wands, and Judy Dickerson,; and Dale Andress with Phyllis Bottoms, Norm Sickles, and Anne Walsh.

Nine-hole winners were George Worst, closest to the pin #12; Carl Munro, closest to the pin #17; and Bernadine Olsen, closest to the line #14. Eighteen-hole winners were Dick Christman, closest to the pin #2; Lucille Cardelle, closest to the pin #7; Bascom Johnson, closest to the pin #2; George Galloway, closest to the pin #17; and Betsy Wands, closest to the line #4.

Labor Day evening a capacity crowd filled the dining-room

and patio, which had been beautifully transformed into a bright Mardi Gras scene by Karen Ramey and Karen Strand, with sparkling streamers, masks, balloons, hat, and horns, "Foxfire Days" Co-chairs

Ron and Elsa Schermerhorn were Masters of Ceremony, and thanked members of their committee for their year-long efforts on this annual event.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- Quilt Show 2:00 to 4:00 pm, sponsored by Moore County Extension and Community Association. At the Agriculture Center, Pinehurst Avenue, Carthage. Admission is \$1. Old guilts, new guilts, miniatures, hand quilted, machine quilted. Ribbons will be awarded. Call Extension Agent, Agnes Evans 947-3188, if you would like to enter a guilt in the show or need more details.
- Contradance West End Gym. 137 Old West End School Road off Hwy 211. Lessons start at 7:30 pm, dance runs from 8:00 to 11:00 pm. The Band playing to the event is Gaelstorm. Calling the dance is Kenny Greer. Beginners welcome. No partner necessary. Admission - \$6 for members, \$8 for non-members, \$5 for students 16 and over, children free. For information, call 910-690-1098.
- McKenzie Brothers to **Entertain at Seven Lakes** Country Club - cocktail service begins at 5:30pm; dinner at 6:00; and music at 7:00 pm. Total all-inclusive cost for members is \$18.95. Non-members \$23.95. Members may sign-up by phoning 673-1100. Join in for a festive evening of fun and fellowship at the Club.
- **Progressive Farmer Idea** and Farmstead House -10am - 5pm, Thurs-Sat, 1pm - 5pm, Sundays through September 25. Located in McLendon Hills. Tickets \$5. 692-3330.
- **North Carolina Clay: Past** and Present - on going exhibit. 10:00 to 4:00 pm daily. Seagrove, NC Pottery Center. 336-873-8430.
- War on Terror through December 2005. Fayetteville. Airborne and Special Operations Museum. 866-547-0649.
- Literacy Luncheon welcoming William Martin, sponsored by the Friends of Given Memorial Library. 12:30 pm at Pinehurst Members Club. Mr. Martin was the winner of the 2005 New England Book Award for fiction. \$30 payable to:

Friends of the Given Library, P.O. Box 1415 – Pinehurst, NC 28370 or call Nancy Geddes 215-5990.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- Weymouth Center, 3:00 pm, former Algonquin editor Shannon Ravenel will be the speaker to open of the Sam Ragan Lecture Series for 2005-2006. Ravenel is one of the most

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editors in the business. She is also the editor of the very successful series New Stories from the South, which Ravenel introduced and which is currently celebrating its 20th year in publication. Call 692-

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

· League of Women Voters Luncheon - 11:30 am, anyone interested may attend the luncheon. Guest speaker, Carolyn Eddy, **Executive Director, Coalition** for Human Care. Her talk will be "Poverty in Moore County." \$12. Paddock Restaurant, Longleaf Country Club, Midland Rd,

Southern Pines.Call Norma Sullins at 910-673-3980.

> · First Bank of Seven Lakes -10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Customer Appreciation Day. First Bank celebrates its many

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Meet the Merchants Night - 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, sponsored by Seven Lakes/West End Business Guild. Free food, drinks, entertainment and prizes. Enjoy a fun filled evening

with the merchants.

- **Girl Scout Recruitment** Night - 6:30 pm, Girls and Adult Volunteers. Information on how to join will be available at the area Moore County Schools or call the Girl Scout office at 692-6156 or 800-284-4475.
- Seven Lakes Kiwanis **Bingo** – 7:30 pm, \$300 Jackpot. Seven Lakes North Clubhouse Gameroom. Bring a friend.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- · 2005 Business Expo -**Auto Show Cruising** Moore County - 10:00 am - 4:30 pm, 2006 Autos on display, travel companies, refreshments. Pinehurst Fair Barn, Hwy 5. 692-3926.
- **Seven Lakes Landowners** Board Meeting - 2:00pm, open meeting. Conference room.
- Ken Hodge Video Presentation - 7:00 pm, West End

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<u>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24</u>

- FirstHealth of the Carolinas - 9:00 am, Welcome Back to Tennis, at National Golf Club, Southern Pines. A free party hosted by US Tennis Assoc.. for active adults 50+ to become reacquainted or newly acquainted w/tennis. Call 910-715-1925 or 1-877-342-2255. Space is limited, so reserve early. Fun, food, drinks, tennis activities. Bring your tennis racquet
- and get a door prize.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Moore County SHIIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program) 6:00 -7:00 pm. Jill Sherman, Coordinator, will offer a free seminar on Medicare D at Manor Care Health Services, 205 Rattlesnake Trail, Pinehurst. The new Medicare Prescription Drug Program affects ALL Medicare beneficiaries.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served. RSVP by September 19 to 295-1781.

- **Sandhills Natural History** Society - 7:00 pm, monthly meeting at Weymouth Woods, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd., Southern Pines. Visitors and prospective members welcome! A presentation by Park Superintendent Scott Hartley on "Jewels Of The Night" an in depth look at moths and other night flying insects. Call 692-2167.
- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association** - 7:30 pm, General Meeting, West Side Community Center.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Seven Lake Landowners Association - 7:30 pm, General Meeting. North Clubhouse.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

· Faith, Hope and Alzheimer's Conference -Village Chapel in Pinehurst. **Contact Moore County** Dept. of Aging at 947-2881.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

- Foxfire Village 10:00 am, Foxfire celebrates groundbreaking at the Village Green Municipal Park
- Bookshop by the Lakes -2:00 pm. Author Carl Rush Williams will autograph and discuss his novel, Night Work.



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Dry weather may delay fall plantings

September and Autumn are here, but the weather is hot and extremely dry, although there is one bright spot, the nights are cooler which allows comfortable sleeping.

The water in our lakes is low. Water is an important natural source, let's keep it clean and conserve it. Use it wisely and only when necessary.

Now that Autumn is just around the corner we gardeners are anxious to begin fall planting. Granted it's time for early gardeners to plant chrysanthemums and pansies, but this year because of the extremely dry weather conditions it is best that we delay these plantings until the rains come and soil moisture is more favorable.

I will discuss fall plantings more in detail next month. Gardeners can make plans for planting by preparing the soil by liming, fertilizing, tilling, and getting the beds ready and completing the operation when the soil moisture conditions become desirable.

Late September and early October are the recommended time to plant and establish a new fescue lawn. Also it's the time to improve and re-establish your existing fescue lawn as a result of the July and August hot, summer drought. It needs renovating, aerating, overseeding, adding new seed to make a thicker, healthier lawn, thereby bringing it back to normal.

Don't forget to adequately fer-

tilize your lawn. The amount should be determined by a soil test analysis report.

In the absence of a report, as a general recommendation use a premium slow release 10-10-10, or equivalent analysis at the rate of 5 to 10 pounds per

ommendation use 25 pounds

of powdered or granular dolomet-

ic limestone per 1000 square

Numerous insects have been

observed during the dry weath-

er period, such as attacks of

caterpillars, mealy bugs, aphids,

spider mites, scale, and others,

on house plants, shrubs, vegetable plants, and trees.

desire, worms can be picked

off by hand; however other pests

require some type of insecti-

cide for control. Insecticidal soap is rather effective on aphids,

and combined with a horticultur-

al oil will help control spider

If one has the patience and

Timely garden tasks you can take care in September: mites, but this combination is may be necessary more than ineffective on some other insects.

Sevin, the old standby, is safe and effective in controlling caterpillars, larvae (worms) and beetles, but gives little or no control of scaled insects, and mealy bugs. An effective method for

> controlling lace bugs, scale insects, mealy bugs and other insects on azaleas, pyracanthias, hollies, etc. is a spray solution

spoons of malathion, plus 1 tablespoon of horticultural oil per gallon of water. This treatment one time for satisfactory control. Other broad spectrum insecticides are thenemerit and several pyroids.

Consult your garden center. Use the recommended insecticide for the insects you desire to control.

Weeds and grasses continue to grow, harden off and produce seeds in dry weather. These seeds lay dormant and viable during the winter, profusely germinate, grow and become a pest next season.

Control can be accomplished (See "Gardening," p. 21)



1000 square feet. If your fescue lawn hasn't been limed in the past three years, as a general rec-

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Lakes artists well-represented at show

by Mason Gould

Our creative Seven Lakes community was well represented at the recent 25th Annual Fine Arts Festival presented by the Arts Council of Moore Coun-

ty. Shown were 238 paintings and photographs involving 10 mediums, including those of five Seven Lakers.

Dr. Lawrence Wheeler, director of the North Carolina Museshow judge.

Seven Lakes participants and their works were:

Barbara Sickenberger - Birdie in the Window, painting; and

um of Art in Raleigh, was the Nancy Waiting, pencil drawing.

Ann Campbell - charcoal drawing entitled Reclining. Purchase Award at sponsors preview.

Alice Ridenhour - still life painting entitled *Urn with Figs*.

Tommy Iorio - two photographs, Magnolia's Heart and Pretty Petals.

Chris Christiansen - two photographs, Brisselcone Pine and Drying Out.

Gardening in September

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by hand weeding, mechanical cutting or by herbicide. If you choose to use chemicals to control insects, weeds, or other pests follow the labeled instructions. Keep the chemicals out of our lakes.

It isn't too late to lightly prune some of the shrubs if they need it. Pruning and shaping of hollies can be done now. Be sure not to cut off the holly berries.

Don't prune azaleas, camellias, forsythia, weigela and other spring flowering plants because they have already set bloom buds for next year. One should always remove dead limbs, and damaged branches.

Check you houseplants and repot any that are root bound. Doing it now will give the plants a little more time to grow new roots and become established before they are moved indoors for the winter.

As a reminder if you haven't mulched your plants, do it now. Applying it not more than 3 inches deep will help retain and conserve moisture. Pine straw and bark are most economical and readily available.

September is the time for testing and treating grub worms in your lawn. Testing for grubs can be performed by cutting and digging under the sod. If they are present in large numbers control

is almost mandatory.

Now is a good time to deal with them while they are small and close to the soil surface. The fact that you have moles is not always and adequate reason to assume you have grub worms, and treating grub worms will not necessarily get rid of moles. Try Sevin for the treatment of the grub worm.

Clean up your flower beds, removing spent annuals for a late fall showing.

Suggested plantings include: mustard greens, onion seeds, sets and plants, radishes, lettuce, spinach, and other leafy green seeds.

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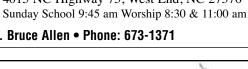


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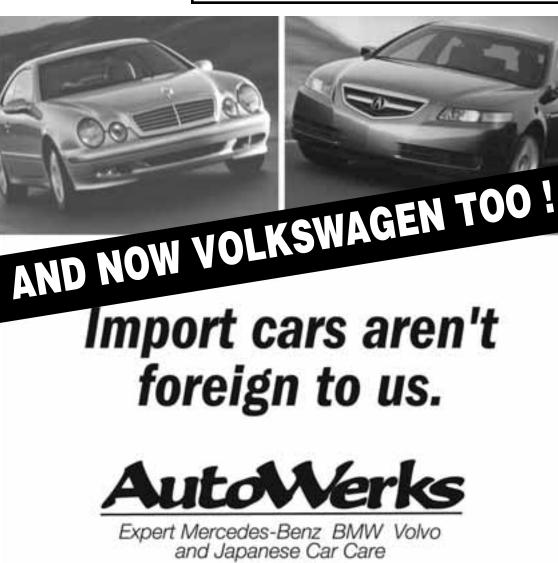
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OPINION

One man's weed is another man's trophy

Now that the growing season a tube to the bottom every day, of the year is almost over. I would like lay claims for first prize for having grown the tallest weed in Moore County.

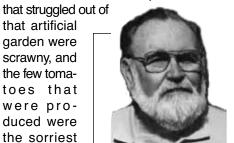
Yes, two years ago my younger son presented me with a garden "growing box" in the Spring. It was a yard long and a foot deep.

I was to fill it with a big sack of top soil, lay a small line of fertilizer down the center, cover it all with a sheet of plastic, cut six holes in the plastic along the sides, place six small tomato plants in the soil, water it through

and then sit back and watch the plants grow producing magnificent tomatoes throughout the season.

I did all that. The tomato plants

that artificial garden were scrawny, and the few tomatoes that were produced were the sorriest looking fruit



Ollie's Thoughts
Oliver Gossard

in existence.

I gave up on the growing box. Last year, it sat out on my back deck ignored by me. A few weeds poked their way up out of the tears of the plastic. They seemed

to be embarrassed to be grow-

Then, this year in May a healthy weed poked its way up out of one tear of the plastic. I ignored it. But it grew. Thick as an asparagus shoot, it grew. I sneered at its growth. Week after week it grew straight up, no branches.

Then I became interested. I wondered if this weed was somehow akin to Jack's beanstalk. No giants climbed down it growling about Englishmen, howev-

Last week, it reached a height

of about nine feet, sent out little shoots at the top, and arched over into a Longleaf Pine.

I don't want to seem unnecessarily proud of my weed. But I do wonder if some of you garden club members would nominate me to be the champion weed grower of the area.

Don't you think that a silver trophy urn of some kind would be appropriate? People who grow roses competitively are rewarded with that sort of prize.

My weed and I await for some sort of recognition.

Concerned Citizens clarify their positions

First, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the many landowners who responded to our poll. Your response was overwhelming, perhaps even record-breaking. At the same time, we also feel that we should answer several of the most frequently asked questions put to members of the CCC by various landowners over the past several weeks. In addition, a statement made by our Community Manager when he was interviewed for your article "What's the real cost of SLLA police" which appeared in the September 2, edition of The Seven Lakes Times warrants a brief comment. The questions appearing to need the most clarification were as follows:

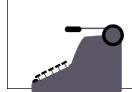
Who is the Concerned Citizens Council? Your ad only listed two officers.

The CCC has a steering committee of some dozen residents in addition to the two officers shown on our ballot. We also have 40 or more volunteers and a multitude of others who have supported us in many different ways.

Why have you done this poll? Wasn't it the board's decision to make?

Prior to undertaking our poll, we asked the board during their open meeting on July 27th, to poll the landowners on the Company Police issue rather than have it decided in an acrimonious split decision. They were oblivious to our request! A decision which both the SLLA and the CCC agree, will cost the Landowners \$90,000 to \$100,000

per year should, at the very least, be dis-



Ron Erskine On behalf of the Concerned Citizens Council

cussed and voted upon in open session, and the vote duly recorded. This wasn't done. Because of the very substantial cost involved, we felt obligated to poll the landowners on this issue.

Why are you so concerned about Company Police? We've had Company Police for years.

The fact that we've had Company Police for years is no reason to continue if circumstances warrant a change. Recent changes in the law give Moore County Sheriff's deputies complete access to our community and the right to enforce all state laws within our gates. Our county taxes pay for this law enforcement. Our gates, together with our present 80 hours per week of roving security and the rapid response available to us by calling 911 is more than adequate. The Company Police, as budgeted, will amount to about \$80,000 per year in personnel costs alone. This expense is entirely unnecessary and the service provided is redundant.

The final and unexpected costs

for the repairs which must be done to the Echo

lake dam are unknown. These repairs are mandated by the State of North Carolina! We

have 26 miles of roads within our gates, and we must start repaving them in the next several years. This cost will probably far exceed the \$50,000 per mile estimate given us in April of this year.

In addition, if the amenities of which we are so proud are to be maintained, re-surfacing our three tennis courts will become necessary and will cost \$25,000 more than the amount budgeted. A recreation committee request for a new railing around our community pool will cost another \$25,000. This has not been budgeted. We cannot continue to spend today and plan tomorrow.

As a community, we simply do not have, nor are we projected to have, the type of reserves necessary to cover these maintenance expenses

without substantial dues increases. Reducing our costs by the above-mentioned \$80,000 per year will go a long way toward resolving this problem.

Our Community Manager stated when interviewed by The Seven Lakes Times, that "if you're going to save \$80,000, you're only going to have 40 hours per week of patrols". Is this true?

We have no idea how he arrived at that number. Indeed, when I read it, I thought it a misprint. It is the CCC's position that our Security department should be manned as it is now. We have 80 hours per week of roving security in addition to the security provided by our gates. Should this coverage need to

be expanded, it is relatively inexpensive to do so. Security should be applauded. They have done an outstanding job as recent events have shown! If roving security, backed up by Moore County law enforcement is adequate for Pinewild and Seven Lakes West, there is no reason to believe that it is inadequate for Seven Lakes North & South.

All right, you have now polled the landowners and despite your results, the board has refused to disband the company police. What does the CCC do next?

Once again the board has refused to listen to the landowners. If the results of our poll had been more evenly divided, we

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In a time of crisis, some act, some react

For several weeks, my mind has been dancing around the idea of writing a bit about the difference between proactive people and reactive persons. Now the very major event of Katrina has caused me to give extra consideration to those who act in terms of proactivity. And those who are more reactive.

A large number of proactive persons could have made a huge difference to the residents of New Orleans and some sections of Mississippi and Alabama.

This is not a column with the purpose of casting blame on anyone. There is plenty of that to go around and I'm not into the blame game.

What I would like to laud are some of the persons who acted quickly and effectively.

First, on my list of kudos is to the U S Coast Guard who lost no time in flying in to help every day. They arrived on Tuesday; US Army helicopters did not show up in numbers until Friday. Couldn't someone have issued appropriate orders prior to that time? Couldn't there have been food, water and medical supplies dropped before Friday? I guess I'm not the only one to recognize the role of the Coast Guard. Our slowly reactive and inept FEMA Head has been ousted and the Coast Guard's commander has been moved to Washington to try to get things on track and functioning effec-

Harry Connick, Jr.certainly took almost immediate control in a manner that was impressive. On Tuesday, evening he presented on TV the very first of the concerts to raise money for relief. He must have paid attention to the many news bulletins warning of impending disaster. It is interesting to me that all major

news channels had reporters and commentators on hand before Katrina actually struck land. What did they know that so



many others waited for?

Before the day was over on Tuesday, I saw huge WalMart trucks unloading food, water and other essentials. Was the CEO of WalMart more knowledgeable or simply more proactive? Before the day was over, he had started pledging millions of dollars. Is he more generous than many others? Probably

not, but he did start the ball rolling and I have respect for his actions.

Please don't get me wrong, I'm absolutely certain that there are many heroes who

moved quickly and efficiently.

People and n a tions throughout the world have reacted to our catastrophe with

generosity, love, concern and all types of assistance and I certainly do not mean to diminish in any way anyone's reactions. Most of us didn't know what to do nor how to do it. We did react generously and are still doing so.

I am simply saying that I cannot help but admire some of those who picked up the ball on the first play and to acknowledge that there is no way we can know about the many, many others who jumped in at the kick off.

God bless every single one of us who has reached out whether big or small. I know that more can be done by some than by others of us, but every act of love, caring and generosity proves that we are, in fact, our brother's keepers.

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probably would have chosen to do nothing. In this case however, the response was overwhelming and a huge 89% of those responding favored disbanding the company police. This vindicates our position and is nothing less than a mandate from the landowners to pursue this matter to its ultimate conclusion. Our next step will be to utilize those other remedies provided in the association's by-laws. We have no choice but to call a special meeting of the landowners.

We regret having to call for such a meeting for we wish to affirm our belief in the electoral system and the concept of majority rule. In this instance however, a vast majority (505 vs. 65 at last count), have voted to disband the company police. We must respect this vote rather than a 5 to 2 decision of the board to maintain and even expand this department!

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Ad hominem has no place in this debate

More than a few years ago, when I was a member of the debate team at Richlands High School — Richlands being the little southwest Virginia town I was born in — we learned a lot about the rules of having a forceful but honest discussion.

I was not particularly successful at debate, but I was reasonably proficient at learning the rules of the game.

One of those rules prohibited ad hominem arguments.

Debating "ad hominem" -"against the man" — meant that you weren't concentrating on the substance of the debate for example, whether dropping interstate speed limits was a good idea during an energy crisis.

"Ad hominem" meant that, instead of debating the issues, you were attacking your opponent in the debate, on a more or less

personal level.

We learned not to utilize ad hominem arguments, not to insult those with whom we disagreed, not to try to press our case on important issues by calling into question the sincerity or the ethics of our opponents.

That lesson from my

days on the Richlands High School debate team is a lesson worth repeating as landowners

and board members on the North and South sides of Seven Lakes continue to debate the need for Company Police.

I have had the opportunity to interview each of the current SLLA directors when they ran for

on their meetings, and to talk with them individually to clarify what they have said on this or that issue.

I have found each of them, without exception, to be honorable folk, with the best interests of this community in mind.

Digging Deeper

Greg Hankins

They are, at the moment, at odds with

one another over the best course to take in securing this commu-

That is not a bad thing, to be at odds. The security question is in fact, complicated. As someone

the board, to watch and report who has followed the debate carefully for months, I am not sure of the correct answer.

> Five members of the board are convinced that expanding the current company police force is the appropriate course; two believe that is exactly the wrong path.

That disagreement seems likely to play itself out in a historic special meeting of the SLLA membership, an option for dispute resolution clearly provided for in the by-laws of the association.

The special meeting and the disagreement that led to it are a consequence of people of good will asking what path the community should take and finding radically different answers to that question. That sort of conflict is part of living in a democratically governed community.

Disagreements happen. And

when they happen, it is not just the right, it is the responsibility of elected representatives to pursue all available means to do what they believe is best for the community.

What is not the right, nor the responsibility, of elected representatives, is the ad hominem attack. What is not the right, nor the responsibility of elected representatives is to impugn the motives, the integrity, or the character of those with whom they disagree.

There is far too much of that sort of thing evident every night in news coverage of politicians at the national and state level. Within the gates of Seven Lakes, our elected representatives owe it to their constituents not to stoop to the level of personal attack. And constituents owe their elected representatives the

(See "Against," p. 25)

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Unique Sandhills species in jeopardy

Dear Editor:

"The Preserve," a term used to describe the Larsen/Blatco rezoning request of 180-plus acres in West End, is truly a misnomer.

If this land is rezoned from five acres to two acres and developed in accordance with its current plat, "The Preserve" will destroy habitat for plants and animals unique and rare in the Sandhills.

According to Dr. James Gregory, a professor of watershed and wetlands hydrology at NCSU, The Preserve encompasses wetlands as well as perennial streams. An important element of the wetland ecosystem is the transition from wetland to upland

ecosystem, termed the ecotone a zone six to ten feet wide upslope of the wetland boundary.

Wetland ecotones are species rich zones that are often habitat for rare plant species. In The Preserve and its surrounds are plant species such as the Sandhills lily (with less than 300 in the world), sundews and Sarracenia

purpurea pitcher plants (both carnivorous), yellow fringed orchids and the rare pine barrens tree frog. Over on hundred different species of plants may be found in an area twenty by fifty meters.

Letters to the

The plat for this develoment shows that wetlands have been "broken up" and included in a majority of lots. Experience has shown that homeowners will expand their yards and disturb these areas for recreational use.

Sensitive areas must be kept outside individual lots.

Tobacco buy-outs may cause land sales and rampant development. We must adhere to the tenets of the Moore County Land-use Plan to preserve rural areas.

This rezoning would set a precedent for other rezonings

(See "Sandhills," p. 26)

We need company police

I thought I would weigh in on the ongoing debate on the Security vs Company Police. First off, you all are expecting someone to do the job of three all by himself. To me this is a little unreasonable, that would be like asking maintenance to just take care of Seven Lakes with just one person, can't be done.

The job of Chief is mainly an administrative job, with some patrol, not the other way around. Now to the meat. The Company Police can arrest and detain anyone on Seven Lakes Property and also perform motor vehicle stops.

What can security do? Nothing. They cannot even ask you to stop nor can they detain you, have absolutely no more power than the average citizen here in Seven Lakes. It seems all the negative input

you can just walk away. They

here is coming from a single source, someone that brought his trouble on himself.

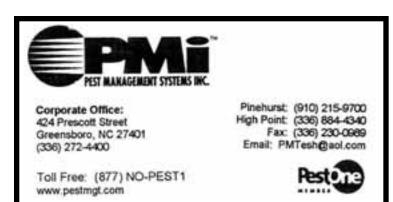
As a former Company Police officer and former Deputy I had arrest power on Association property in Nashville.

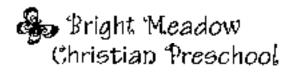
I say lets change the law and get to where we can have a police department here, instead of trying to point out what's wrong, lets fix what's broken and respect our law enforcement officers.

If we do get rid of Chief Lombard, who is going to patrol the streets? Security?

The Sheriff's Department already has a full patrol and will only respond when needed, Security can observe and call but other than that they are worth-

> Shayne MacKinnon Seven Lakes North





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same courtesy.

When the current controversy plays itself out, the landowners of Seven Lakes North and South will need a SLLA board capable of ensuring their security, maintaining their amenities, and preserving their property values, whether this community continues to be served by community police or

Making sure such a board survives the current debate demands that board members on both sides of the issue focus on the question at hand and lay aside the arguments "ad hominem."

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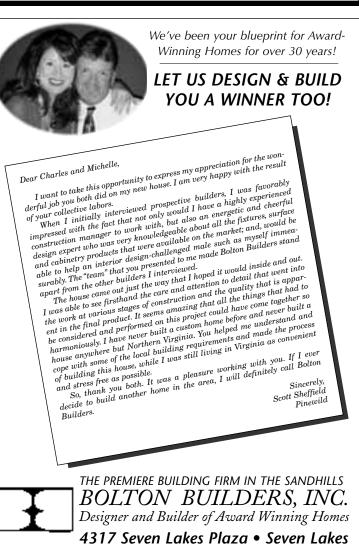


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Altercation prompts decision to leave

Dear Editor:

As I was leaving the post office going across Longleaf Dam in Seven Lakes North, I noticed a white male around 40 years of age, very tanned with blonde hair flipping me off.

Not knowing whether this male was a visitor or not, I pulled aside and asked, "What's the problem?" He immediately exited the lake and came within kissing distance and replied "you're speeding in my [expletive deleted] neighborhood you stupid [expletive deleted].

After repeated name-calling and derogatory comments, he asked if I wanted to do something about it. I walked to my car with him following, and I replied, "I'll do something about it." As I entered my vehicle the name-calling continued. I called my husband from my cell phone, then went straight to security at the guardhouse.

The security guard said that she would get someone to go over there. I went back and by that time my husband was cruising through. I pulled him over at the post office and told him not to worry and don't bother with it because security was on their way.

While we drove back across the dam, my husband pulled to the side to see if he could identify this individual. While my husband was on the side of the damn the individual exited the lake again, and began the name-calling; he even threatened to go get a gun.

There were two close by witnesses, a friend of my husbands who was in the vehicle with him, and from what it appeared, this individual's wife — who was also making rude comments from within the lake during this whole encounter.

When my husband pulled up the individual's "wife" was making comments like "oh she must be his prostitute, his maid."

My husband and I both drove off, I spotted the security officer at Echo Lake, I pulled to the side, the security officer told me that he would be right with me. He then asked if I was the one who made the report, and asked if I could identify the individual. I give him a physical description,

and he said he would go over to see what the problem is or was.

About thirty minutes later the security officer came to my residence and this was his state-



ment:

"The individual at Longleaf seems to be very irate due to you speeding across the dam. For future reference please watch your speeding across the dam. He was upset because his kids had just crossed the street, and he said the Seven Lakes has a problem with speeders, and it

needs to be stopped. Make sure that when you are driving in the neighborhood to watch your speeding."

I replied:

"Sir I am very aware of his concern, but it is not his duty to reprimand speeders. He had no way of proving that I was speeding. I could have been going 30 mph or I could have been going 95 mph. Even if he thought I was speeding, he has no right to slander me with verbal threats and name-calling."

The security officer replied:

"Yes you are correct what he did was wrong, but put yourself in his shoes, if it would have been your kids what would you have done. He saw a tag on your rear view mirror in your vehicle and thought you were a visitor. The guy is a northerner, and he is not going to apologize."

I replied:

"Sir at this point I am not looking for an apology. Like I said I understand his concern but it

(See "Altercation," p. 27)

Species threatened

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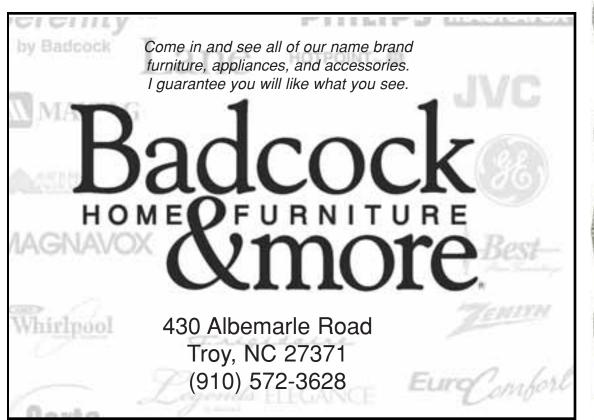
to live up right behind it, and drastically alter the rural character of the surrounding area. This is the last hope of retaining a significant rural presence with quality wildlife and plant habitats.

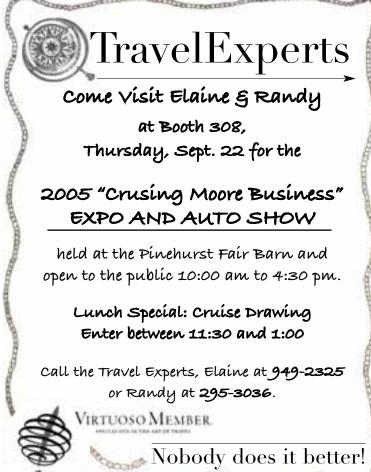
Let's not have unique Sandhills species threatened with extinction, just as the red-cockdaded woodpecker, and force us to spend enormous amounts to restore them.

Let's show the Board of Commissioners that we are not in favor of rezoning for dense development by writing to them and attending the Commissioners meeting next month when this comes on the agenda.

Bob and Ruth Stolting West End







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Katrina brought visions of misery, hope

devastating event:

Five hundred miles away, yes, but emotionally overwhelmed. It's those alternating stabs of sadness, disbelief, anger and compassion that flow over you,

One person's reaction to a bringing a slow, seeping eruption of tears that tells me that that lady floating face down and lifeless will never see the years that I've enjoyed.

> I took a swing at a tennis ball this morning. Why was I so

blessed, while her bloodied form future? What future? lies there?

Why do hurricanes spawn? Why do death and misery descend on innocent

members of God's vast community?

Yes, I'm safe. But sitting here beset with sadness. Lives snuffed out, like blowing out a candle, or spiritually derailed for the remainder of life's journey, with too many memories to bear.

Yes, that bewildered woman, with a rag held over streaming eves and her husband's sheetcovered body alongside. The

A boy hanging onto a rescuer as they dangle in the air, grasping a lifeline beneath an Army helicopter.



people with little hint of what the future will hold.

Through the maze of fear and despair, a little patch of humor does manage to peek through, unbelievably.

Like the Good Shepherd who, with his friend and small fishing boat, putted up and down streetsturned-rivers and took aboard load after load of marooned residents, including one on a second floor balcony who was told "You got 10 minutes. The cruise line's leaving!"

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is not his place to judge me for my driving. That's why we have radar, and security."

The security officer went on the reprimand me on my "speeding," and to say that he knows the guy and that's his personality. I asked the officer for a name, because I was going to file a report with Moore County Sheriff's Office. The security officer then went on to say that there's nothing the sheriff can do at this point because it was the individual's word against mine.

About an hour later, the Sheriff came out and I told him about the incident described above. He said that because the individual didn't physically attack me, and because I pulled over when he flipped me off there was nothing that they could do about it. He went on to say that if it happens again, however, I could go to the magistrate's office to obtain a warrant.

I shall say, that I have never been more humiliated, and harassed by an individual before. This incident has driven my husband and me to look for a new residence out side of Seven Lakes North.

Who would feel comfortable living in a neighborhood where you are randomly attacked, by neighbors?

My husband and I are an inter-

racial couple, and we no longer feel welcome after the racial slurs that were expressed by the individual's wife. I no longer feel safe in this neighborhood, especially when only slaps on the wrist are given for instances like

It's not a struggle between people of the north and people or the south. Northerner or not, there's no need for anyone to harass another individual the way I was harassed on this Saturday afternoon.

It's awful because now that I feel threatened, I am not taking any more walks around the neighborhood, nor do I feel safe driving on Longleaf Dam. I'm not sure if I'll want to be home alone, or if I'll sleep sound any-

My reasoning for purchasing a home in Seven Lakes North was due to the fact that there was security patrol and a gate that could filter out those with malicious mindsets.

Up until now, I had a feeling of security. But, how can I now feel secure when those with malicious mindsets are residing within the community itself?

My answer to this is to relocate in hopes of finding a more secure neighborhood. We have only been residing in Seven Lakes North for a little over a year. It's a shame that we are being forced

out by those who we would call our neighbors.

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SLLA unlikely to appeal flood plan maps

(Continued from front page) told The Times.

"We received notification from North Carolina Flood Plain Management that they have reviewed our evidence and documentation and have concurred that it is valid," Robertson said.

"They have agreed to move the flood plain line back to the shoreline. Since that's already underwater, our property owners should not have to worry about purchasing flood insurance, as far as we know at this time. I will continue to stay on top of this situation and take any action that is needed."

The flood plain line on the maps represents the elevation to which water would be expected to rise in a 100-year flood event. That elevation is known as the "base flood elevation," or "BFE."

Working through the Moore County Planning Department, the SLWLA filed a protest showing that the delineation of the flood zone around Lake Auman was incorrect — providing technical data to support this claim.

[In our September 2 edition, we wrongly reported that the SLWLA had filed an "appeal," a technical term in this process used only to refer to disagreements about the BFE itself.]

The Lumber River Basin Maps, which include Lake Auman, were actually finished in several years ago, and the SLWLA filed its initial protest in October of 2002. But the maps could not actually be brought into use until the Cape Fear Basin maps, covering the remainder of Moore County, were ready this summer. The SLWLA renewed its protest last month.

For Lakefront property owners in Seven Lakes North, the process of protesting the new maps may be more complicated.

The SLLA hired a Hobbs-Upchurch engineer to do some preliminary investigations to see whether it would be reasonable to file an appeal of the BFE on the new maps.

According to SLLA Director Don Truesdell, who has responsibility for lakes, that engineering work showed that the difference between the BFE and the normal lake levels for the five Lakes Sequoia, Echo, Longleaf, Big J and Ramapo, is reasonable and therefore the SLLA has no reason to appeal — since and "appeal" in this process has to do only with the BFE.

Truesdell told *The Times* he met with Moore County PLanner and Certified Flood Plain Manager Kathy Liles earlier this week to discuss options other than an appeal.

"Her suggestion for all Northside lakefront property owners is to do nothing until the Flood rate insurance maps have become effective." Truesdell told The Times. The maps are not expected to become effective before next April because of appeals that have been filed by other communities.

"At that time Moore County can produce an overlay map with the BFE for each lake and show each landowner's plot and the location of his property with respect to the BFE," Truesdell explained. "At that point in time, each landowner will have the information necessary to either file a protest or buy flood insurance."

Foxfire Council

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Both Xander and Phillips argued that such storage of trailers would qualify as a commercial activity not permitted in the Equestrian Area, which is technically a residential area.

After discussion, the matter was tabled for consideration at the September 20 work session.

Mayor's report. Mayor Phillips asked for and received approval of a \$11,250 contract with the Hayter Firm to develop a site plan for the pool and tennis court area. He noted this is the first step in the the process of applying for a matching grant from the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund [PARTF]. The village utilized such a grant to acquire the property for the Village Green municipal park

He said that a conversation earlier in the day with the management of Avestra, owner of Foxfire Golf and Country Club and the pool and tennis court parcel, suggested that the village will be the owner of the pool and tennis courts in a matter of days.

The Mayor said a groundbreaking celebration will be held at the Village Green site on October 1 at 10:00 am.

Streets. Councilman Erickson asked for an received council approval of a \$2450 contract with Horton Law Services for mowing in the pool and tennis court area for seven months.

Finance. Coucnilman Wally Peckitt reported that the village has \$249,000 on hand in its general fund and \$106,000 in its water fund. He noted that comprehensive reports on village

finances are available at the Village Offices roughly ten days after the close of each month.

Community-Club Relations. Councilman Joe Harsany said club management has told the Community-Club Relations Committee that fairways will be overseeded this winter. In addition, the club plans to strictly enforce golf cart regulations.

Water. Harsany asked for and received council approval of a \$555 contract for inspection of the village water tower.

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CCC will call for special meeting of SLLA

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the Seven Lakes Company Police Department, Truesdell said, "Our constituents have spoken. This board must listen. I respectfully submit that it is in the best interest of our community for the board to reverse its decision and disband the Company Police Department so we can move on to other pressing issues."

Swearingen seconded Truesdell's motion.

After discussion amongst board members and input from five association members, the motion was voted down.

Truesdell then informed the

board that the CCC planned to call a special meeting of the association under Chapter IV, Section III of the SLLA by-laws, which provides that a special meeting may be called by onetwentieth of the membership — 68 landowners. The sole purpose of that meeting, Truesdell said, will be to vote on a motion to disband the company police department.

Director Jeff Herman then made a motion that any expense associated with holding the meeting be borne by the CCC. That motion was approved in a fiveto-two vote, with Truesdell and Swearingen opposed.

The by-laws are silent on who must bear the cost of a special meeting. They do provide that landowners must be notified in advance of the meeting in writing. It appears that a special meeting would be handled much like an annual meeting, with ballots and proxies sent out by mail in advance, so that those who could not attend would be able to vote by proxy or absentee ballot.

The discussion among board members and landowners before the vote to turn down Truesdell's motion was lively.

"This has been tossed up and down — This issue has been beat up totally," Director Jackie Scotti said when SLLA President Jack Fathauer asked for comments from board members. "Yet three years ago this was not even on the radar screen."

She said that Seven Lakes Company Police Chief Dennis Lombard had "done what he was asked to do," in investigations against local builder and Southside resident Alan Shaw, and the fallout had ultimately been the move to disband company police.

"We have people's lives in the

balance," Scotti said, noting a second company police officer was "waiting in the wings."

"Since passing the dues increase, we haven't done anything for the staff," she added. "I will not be voting in favor of disbanding company police."

Later in the meeting, Scotti noted that residents of Moore County municipalities like Southern Pines and Foxfire are served by county and state law enforcement but also have local police forces. "There is no West End Police force," she noted.

(See "Board," p. 31)

Special meeting, if called, may be association's first

The Concerned Citizens Council has announced its intention to call a special meeting of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association in order to attempt to disband Seven Lakes Company Police through a vote of the membership.

SLLA Community Manager Dalton Fulcher told *The Times* on Wednesday that, during his 19 years of service, there has never been a call for a special meeting. He added that, upon taking his present job, he had reviewed the SLLA minutes all the way back to 1982 and didn't recall seeing any mention of a special meeting.

Special meetings are permitted under the by-laws, which may be found in the front section of the familiar green Seven Lakes Property Owners Manual.

Chapter V, Section II.A (on page 4 of the bylaws) provides that "A special meeting may be called by the President, any two Board members, or by members having one-twentieth of the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting."

SLLA Director Don Truesdell, announcing CCC's intention to call a special meeting in a Monday, September 12 meeting of the SLLA board, said that there are 1,343 registered landowners, which would mean that a petition of 68 would be sufficient to call the special meeting.

The board passed a motion by Director Jeff Herman holding that the CCC must pay the cost of holding the meeting.

The by-laws provide little other specific guidance on special meetings. Fulcher told *The Times* he felt a special meeting would likely be conducted very much like an annual meeting.

Chapter V, Section V.A requires written notice of meetings to be mailed or delivered personally to every landowner. In the case of special meetings, that notice must include "the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called."

The SLLA President, Secretary, or "the persons calling the meeting" may send out those notices, the by-laws state.

The by-laws offer no special provisions for voting in a special meeting. Just as at an annual meeting, each household is entitled to cast one vote, and that vote may be cast in person at the meeting, by absentee ballot, by proxy, or by an attorney-in-fact.

Voting by proxy means that the landowner gives another person written permission to vote for him or her.

Typically a proxy assigns that

voting right to the board, but, in fact, a landowner may designate anyone else to vote for them by use of a proxy.

Like an annual meeting, a special meeting must have a quorum of one-tenth of the membership — or 135 households — to transact business.

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Director Jeff Herman said he had heard evidence that the CCC had done a "selective mailing," calling into question the results of their poll.

What I want to know is, how are you going to address a refund," Herman said. Noting that the request for a dues increase had been based in part on adding a second company police officer, Herman said that, if company police were disbanded, approximately \$37 should be refunded to each landowner.

"That's an excellent idea," Truesdell responded. But then he enumerated a number of unbudgeted expenses facing the association, including repairs to Echo Dam, paving on various streets, and repairs to the tennis courts and pool area.

Acknowledging that his suggestion was somewhat sarcastic, Herman said "Even our own attorney does not approve of our security patrol and of security doing traffic enforcement," referring to a November 2004 letter on the subject from SLLA attorney Stephen Blevins. According to Herman, Blevins said using security in such a manner is "rampant with danger." [The Times requested but was unable to obtain a copy of Blevins' let-

ter before press time.]

Herman warned that, without company police, more money would have to be spent in order to increase the number of hours of roving security patrols in order to maintain the same level of coverage the community now enjoys.

"I have had a lot of respect for every board member past and present," Treasurer John Paulson said. "I lose respect for board members when they breach their fiduciary duties. It is inconceiveable to me that a board member would breach their fiduciary duties."

"Putting confidential information out to the press has breached fiduciary duties — information in a contract, information in a personnel file," Paulson said. "It irritates the snot out of me."

Shaw responds to comments

Many comments in the Monday, September 12, special meeting of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board appeared to trace the current debate about company police to incidents involving Southside resident Alan Shaw. In the interest of fairness, *The Times* asked Shaw for a comment. He responded as follows:

"I wish I was surprised, but am not, to hear that I am blamed by some for the current controversy about Company Police.

The court confirmed that I was wrongfully arrested. I won a civil judgement against the painter. The Attorney General's office confirmed that Seven Lakes Company Police never had jurisdiction on private property, including property I own.

Collectively, all this means that our Company Police Chief and our Community Manager, Dalton Fulcher, failed me and our community.

People who think I am evil are simply ignoring the real problems and the truth.

If a lively debate about the wisdom of spending vast sums of money on Company Police is the result of my problems, then at least something worthwhile has come from my emotional and financial suffering." He noted that directors who have been found to have breached their fiduciary responsibility may not be covered by the association's liability insurance policy.

While it seemed clear that Paulson was objecting to information published by *The Seven Lakes Times* and provided by Truesdell, Swearingen, or both, when interviewed after the meeting, he would not say what confidential information had been disclosed, since that information is confidential.

Director Ron Richmond said it was a misnomer to call the

CCC poll a "ballot."

"It's like giving someone the choice of being hung or being electrocuted," he added.

Noting that he had served on the board for seven years, Richmond said, "Up until now we have always had a conformity of opinion on the board. We argued amongst ourselves, but we kept it among ourselves and always tried to do what is best for the community."

"I would not vote for this," Richmond concluded.

At the opening of the meeting, Fathauer produced a sign-up

(See "Board," p. 32)

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sheet for landowners who would like to speak at the meeting. Five of those who attended signed up. While most spoke in favor of retaining the company police department, many of their comments also addressed the impact of the current controversy on the community.

Former board member Len Barnard said that, on the company police issue, he wasn't sure what was best for the community.

"But the way we are approaching it is not the best," he continued.

"I'm beginning to question the true sincerity of some people on the board." Barnard said.

agenda. Some board members have become very unprofessional."

He said board emembers should not be "voicing personal conflicts in The Times," and encouraged directors to do what is best for the community, taking a rational, dispassionate approach to making any decision about company police.

Barnard said the CCC poll was "the most biased thing I have seen," and argued that it is inappropriate for a board meember to also be a member of a "conflicting organization," an apparent reference to Truesdell's participation in CCC efforts.

Warren McIntytre said he had

"They seem to have a personal come to support "keeping our police force on site." He said that having company police is important because of the number of juveniles in the community, and because many retirees moved to Seven Lakes because of the security offered by the gates and company police.

> In an apparent reference to Alan Shaw, McIntyre said the debate about company police was because of a person who had used the press and the board to foster his vindictive-

McIntyre warned that utilizing Sheriff's Department officers instead of Company police would start the community down the path to incorporation and higher taxes.

Dewitt Pettterson said he was surprised to find that two board members have actively supported the CCC.

"That is absolutely incorrect," Petterson said. "If we ever did that in the country club, we would be out in an instant."

"The CCC ballot "is biased, badly biased," Petterson noted. 'You could only vote one way."

"I am appalled that members of the board would enter into a public display of their disagreement with a board decision," he concluded.

Former SLLA President Ed Chapman said the CCC's research was "kind of like the old question 'Have you stopped beating your wife?' Either way you

answer, you lose."

"There are obviously differrences of opinion," Chapman said. "Strong differences of opnion. That's okay."

"Vote on this thing. Get it out of the way. Continue to ensure that this community is one of the finest anywhere."

"It gives me comfort to have company police in this community," former Director Joan Moses said. "I think what is happening to this board with the publicity, is having a rippling effect throughout Seven Lakes."

Moses said there were disagreements among board members when she served on the board. "But when we walked out that door, we were one body.

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Foxfire shopping center

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myrtles to landscape islands in the parking lot.

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On the lower back of the building running along the east side of the property, there will be storage units available for rent.

Baillie said his company is excited about development opportunities in Foxfire and will be building some homes as well as the shopping center.

He said villagers can look forward to increased development activity in the next five years. "Because of the way Pinehurst and Southern Pines are developing, builders have no place to go," Baillie said. He noted that, as a result of new restrictions, "a lot of builders are not interested in building in Pinehurst."

Collins said the company hopes to break ground in the Spring, but that is dependent upon securing a variety of permits from state agencies. Foxfire Mayor Ed Phillips noted that the shopping center is a permitted use in the Village Business District under the Foxfire Zoning

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In an interesting side note, Collins told The Times that he had designed the original octagonally-shaped Fox Pines and Foxcroft condos in Foxfire.

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SLLA police & security report: 8/29 - 9/11

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a child had been hurt on the blue spiral slide on the playground and asked that it be taped off. Security patrol complied with the request and placed a slide closed sign on the equipment.

A Dartmoor resident reported two black dogs roaming, but patrol was unable to locate the dogs.

A West Devonshire resident reported a truck and boat trailer at the Sequoia boat storage with no stickers or pass. Patrol located the truck and trailer and took down the license plate numbers, but did not observe a boat with no sticker on the lake.

Security helped a resident who had locked herself out gain entry to her home.

Security Patrol and Chief Lombard picked up glass on the tennis courts after a resident phoned in the problem.

Company police

September 5 No report.

tude."

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We were one voice, we were a

team that was trying to make

Seven Lakes the best place to live. Please, go back to that atti-

"Don and Loren have strong

feelings," she continued. "What I would like to see is, when one

person has strong feelings, the

rest of you look at it. Say, 'okay lets take a poll and see what our

"When the board presents a

united front to landowners of

Seven Lakes, then this hostility

residents want."

September 6

A resident on Scuppernong and, later in the day, a resident on Firetree both reported a black dog roaming. Patrol picked up the dog and notified the owner.

A resident notified that his daughter and a friend, walking home from the Fitness Center, noted a white van driving unusually slowly. Later, the resident provided the plate number of a white van, but security could not confirm that it was the van reported earlier.

September 7

Patrol responded to a report of fishing equipment left a Ramapo Lake, picked up the equipment, and took it to Seven Lakes Company Police storage.

Patrol found a peddle boat and was able to trace it to the owner, who was notified.

A resident turned in a high school name tag found near the stables. Security was able to locate the owner.

and this ripple effect will go away." Moses concluded. "Exam-

ine your hearts, and then pray

about it."

September 8

No report.

September 9

Security responded to a report of soliciting on Bunside Court and found a young man distributing a Subway promotion door-to-door. After confirming with the Landowners Office that he had not received permission for the solicitation, security informed the young man he would have to leave the premises.

Security located the owner of a mailbox key left in the Southside mailhouse.

September 10

A resident on Atwater reported that her dog was missing. Security drove the area but was unable to locate the dog.

A resident on Runningbrook reported fishermen on the Sequoia boat dock using live bait. Security responded and found they were fishing with bream taken from the lake. They were advised not to be fishing from the docks.

Responding to a report from a resident on Seminole, security found a broken picnic table in the shelter near the playground.

A resident turned in a controller for a radio-controlled vehicle, found on the Sequoia boat docks, to security.

September 11 No report.

Motor Vehicle Enforcement

Between September 1 and September 12, Chief Lombard issued three motor vehicle citations and nine verbal warnings. *Seven Lakes Security Officers each day report routine shift changes at the gate, the comings and goings of law enforcement and emergency vehicles, and various equipment malfunctions at the gate.

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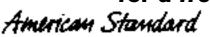
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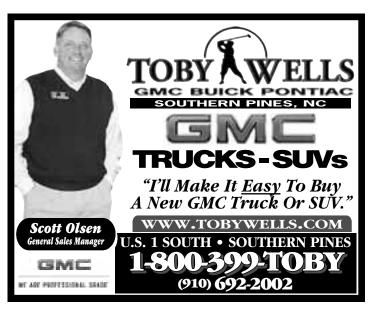
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