

Secrets for Santa



The Jolly Old Elf Himself put in his annual appearance at The Seven Lakes Business Guild's Annual Tree-Lighting. Kate McKay was one of dozens of children who took the opportunity to make their Christmas wishes known.

SLLA Police vote underway

As *The Times* went to press early Thursday, approximately 500 members of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] had cast their vote in a binding referendum, to decide the fate of the Seven Lakes Company Police Department.

SLLA Community Manager Dalton Fulcher told *The Times* that he had tallied the number of votes cast on Wednesday morning and found a total of 490. He said that several landowners had come to the office to cast their vote after his morning count.

With three more days to go before the special meeting at which the final count will be taken, it's possible the turnout for the referendum could equal that of this year's annual meeting vote, which attracted 625 voters. Fulcher said a total of 1344 ballots had been sent out.

A less than 50 percent turnout for the special referendum could

be viewed as surprisingly low, given that a September poll on Company Police conducted by the Concerned Citizens' Council — a poll viewed by many as flawed — attracted nearly 600 responses.

The special meeting ballot asks voters to select one of three options: maintaining company police, disbanding company police but retaining 120 hours per week of security patrol, or disbanding company police and limiting security patrol to 80 hours per week.

If voters choose to eliminate company police, that decision will take effect at the end of the current SLLA fiscal year, on April 30, 2006.

The elections committee charged with counting the vote includes Len Barnard, Mike Cummings, JoAn Moses, and Bud Shaver, who will also serve

(See "Vote," p. 29)

Commissioners honor Seven Lakes' Kay Hodge

The Moore County Board of Commissioners honored Seven Lakes North resident Kay Hodge for her service to the community at the regular commissioners meeting on Monday, December 5.

Hodge is a regular attendee at commissioners meetings, serving as an observer for the League of Women Voters of Moore County. In a resolution passed at the December 5 meeting, commissioners recognized Hodge "for her outstanding level of professionalism,

service and commitment while living in Moore County and on her impartial reporting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners."

Hodge and her husband Ken will be moving to River Landing at Sandy Ridge in Guilford County in January, so the December 5 commissioners meeting was Hodge's last as an official League observer.

Hodge has been a seemingly tireless volunteer for a variety of civic organizations since retiring to Seven Lakes, and the

resolution passed by the board of commissioners recognizes that service explicitly.

Before asking Vice Chairperson Virginia Saunders to read the resolution honoring Hodge, Chairman David Cummings noted that "it is always always a pleasure to talk to Kay because she always has such a soft and kind voice. Sometimes we need a soft and kind voice."

Here's the text of the resolution passed by the commissioners:

(See "Commissioners," p. 3)

Early Deadline . . . and We've Moved!

The advertising and news deadline for the next issue of *The Seven Lakes Times* is Friday, December 16, because of the Christmas holiday. Our next issue will be published on December 22.

The Times has relocated its office to 4307 Seven Lakes Plaza, across from First Bank and beside the Coffee Scene in the Seven Lakes Business District. We will be sharing space with Bookshop by the Lakes, which has been acquired by *Times* staffers Marcy and Greg Hankins.

Our mailing address, email, phone, and fax numbers will not change, and may be found on page 2 and page 22 of this issue. Our signs are expected to follow us "downtown" any day now.

We hope the move to a storefront location with regular hours (Monday – Saturday 10am – 6pm; closed every Wednesday) will be more convenient for our readers and customers. We know that we won't miss those stairs.

— GH

Trailer fees: debate that didn't happen

It was clear that some in the audience were itching for a fight — or a least a good, old-fashioned town hall meeting — on the subject of proposed parking fees for trailers and recreational vehicles at the new Seven Lakes West trailer storage facility.

But, whether it was the good will of the season or the skillful parries of Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] President Jim Meikle, the shouting match never materialized during the Tuesday, November 29 meeting of the association.

During the October SLWLA meeting, Ray MacKay unveiled the proposed charges for use of the lot: \$120 per year for trailers and \$300 for RVs. As is its policy, the board is now in the process of collecting written comments on the proposed fees and other aspects of the proposed storage lot rules.

Meikle said the board has

received lots of input on the matter and is still reviewing that input. Letters pro and con have appeared in *The Times* [See page 22.] The board is expected to review that input in its

ed that the board conduct annual surveys of the membership on key issues.

Pointing out that the board has significantly increased communications with the membership over the past four or five years, Meikle said major issues are brought to the membership at general meetings. "Then we solicit input. You have to trust the fact that the board will listen to the community and to their input."

Later in the meeting Ray MacKay noted that the fence was up around the new area, and boats and trailers were being moved in order to create room for a partition fence that will divide the storage area from a new yard debris disposal site.

A request for bids is out for smoothing the area and create a crushed stone access drive, MacKay said.

Asked when the lot could be brought into service, MacKay

said that would depend on the availability of the contractor who submits the winning bid, "but we hope by mid-January."

President's report. Meikle began the meeting with a moment of silence, noting that this

is the season in which "we think about giving thanks, and about peace on earth and good will to men."

"Lots of men and women are not at home this season but

(See "Westside Meeting," p. 29)

West Side Landowners Meeting

December 13 work session.

During the November 29 general session, one resident asked whether that meeting would be open to the public or a regular closed board work session.

"A regular board meeting," Meikle replied. "That's why you have an elected board — to review those comments and make the decision."

Ron McGaughey of the Lake Auman Sports Club noted that he had submitted a petition to the board on the issue. He suggest-

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County commissioners honor Kay Hodge



Moore County Commissioners David Cummings, Virginia Saunders, Michael Holden, Colin McKenzie, and Tim Lea honored Laker Kay Hodge during their December 5 meeting.

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In recognition of Kay Hodge, League of Women Voters of Moore County

Whereas, Kay Hodge has been a member of the League of Women Voters of Moore County since 1989 where she has served as President, Vice President and Director, chaired several committees and taken part in several studies related to life in Moore County; and

Whereas, Kay has served as an observer for the League at the Moore County Board of Commissioners' meetings and has reported her findings in a very impartial manner; and

Whereas, Kay has served Moore County in many capacities including long-term service in the Guardian ad Litem Program and as a member of the Moore County Library and the Pauley Lecture Series Boards,

among others; and

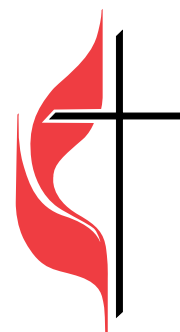
Whereas, Kay has worked diligently to promote voter registration and to promote voter education through projects such as the League Candidates' forums and the Candidate Information Guides published by The Pilot; and

Whereas, Kay has been a staunch advocate for public edu-

cation and as such has served in many capacities including League Observer for the Moore County Schools and as a member of various committees appointed by the Board of Education; and

Whereas, Kay has also worked for the betterment of the county as a member of various civic

(See "Kay Hodge," p. 4)



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of Osteopathic Medicine in Pikeville, KY.

Camp a veteran of the US Army served as a medic for 12

years. He and his wife Kimberly purchased the Coffee Scene earlier this year. They are current-

ly seeking a new owner for that business, which has become a valued meeting and conversation

spot for the community.

"We really appreciate the support folks in the community have given us," Camp told *The Times*. "We hate to leave, but practicing medicine is something I've wanted to do for years. This is an opportunity that we just can't pass up."

In addition to helping run The Coffee Scene, Camp has served as a military trainer at Fort Bragg. He, Kimberly, and their three children live near Vass.

Kay Hodge

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organizations and boards including the Seven Lakes Civics Group; the Public Education Foundation of Moore County, Inc., the Public Education Organization, the Seven Lakes Women's Auxiliary and the Moore County Chapter of the AAUW; and

Whereas, Kay has been the recipient of awards including the North Carolina Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service and the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Human and Spiritual Values Award; and

Whereas, Kay has dedicated her retirement time to being informed and helping others to be informed about how to make Moore County a better place in

which to live; and

Whereas, Kay Hodge resides at 1066 Seven Lakes North with her husband, Kenneth. Kay and Kenneth will be relocating to River Landing at Sandy Ridge in Guilford County in early January 2006.

Now, therefore be it resolved, The Moore County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes Kay Hodge for her outstanding level of professionalism, service and commitment while living in Moore County and on her impartial reporting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, and extends best regards to her and her family.

Adopted this the Fifth day of December 2005.

The resolution was signed by all five commissioners.



Rick Camp

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Cummings still chairman

David Cummings was reelected Chairman of the Moore County Board of Commissioners during the Monday December 5 regular meeting of the board. No other names were placed in nomination, but Commissioner Tim Lea voted against Cummings' reelection.

Virginia Saunders was reelected to the post of Vice Chairperson, with both Lea and Commissioner Colin McKenzie voting in opposition.

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The company started out in a small office located between Lionel Kuhn, DDS and Seven Lakes Chiropractic Clinic. Because of increased productivity and the need to expand, Whelan Realty moved to Central Park in January 2003.

Once again they are on the move. In November 2005, John and Bunny Whelan purchased Unit #1 of the Townhouse Office complex known as South Park – the move is scheduled for December 16.

Whelan has specialized in Seven Lakes Real Estate for 11 years, having started out with Southern Lakes Real Estate and then managing the local Coldwell Banker office.

He is a past Director of the Pinehurst-Southern Pines Area Association of Realtors and has Professional Designators as an Accredited Buyers Representative (ABR), Seniors Real Estate Specialist (SRES), Real Estate Cyber Specialist (RECS), and a Recreational & Resort Specialist (RRS).

His goal is to provide professional and personalized service to folks in the community who are relocating and for the people who move into the community.

The staff at Whelan Realty, LLC includes Bunny Whelan, Kim McCarty who has been with the company since June 2004, and Michelle Barnes who was recently hired on to share the work week with Kim.

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Jolly Ole Santa, along with his side kick and assistant Ms. Elf, entered the front doors by way of his shiny red golf cart. He gathered the many anxiously awaiting children and paraded among the audience before taking his seat by the Christmas tree.



The children sat on Santa's knee, gave him their Christmas lists, and received a gift from Santa and Ms. Elf. After the children left Santa, they had an opportunity to have their face painted by our own Lori Copper. As Santa delighted in the chil-

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(See "Westside," p. 7)



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lar Christmas carols.

In addition to the band, the impressive Sophisticated Ladies dazzled everyone with a number of holiday selections. They looked stunning in their glittering blue costumes while performing their precision dancing. Their smiling faces were radiant.

The Sweet Adeline's, singing their blending harmony in a cappella, captured the audience when they began singing their holiday favorites. To add to the festive occasion, they were dressed in their pretty white blouses and red scarves.

To conclude the afternoon, the band entertained the crowd with more familiar Christmas tunes, with the finale being, "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

Recreation Director, Betty Miligan, gives all the accolades to the committees, performers, and the support from the community. This program was presented with one hundred per cent hard working and willing volunteers. The committee felt that their goal was accomplished in that the people attending left with some sense of holiday spirit during this special time of the year.



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At she celebrates the shop's first anniversary, Malarchick told *The Times* those twelve months have been marked by steady growth in the range and depth of items offered.

"I started in just the front room — a couple of tables and a display case — but now I have two

full rooms of items on display," Malarchick said. And more growth is on the horizon, as she expands further into the space available at her West End location and adds more furniture and home furnishings.

Malarchick said she selects items for the store — and its overall product mix — by listening to her customers. Noting that she has a great selection of tea cups, she told *The Times* she initially thought of locating a tea room in the shop, but customers

steered her away from that idea and into other product lines.

The result is a shop with a wide range of gifts, collectibles, jewelry, and furnishings that span a range of price points. The shop has something for every taste, every budget, Malarchick told *The Times*.

For example, Malarchick explains, the shop carries a selection of jewelry that includes fourteen karat gold, sterling silver, and precious stones on the high-end, as well as semi-precious stones and fashion jewelry for the more budget-minded shopper.

There's a great selection of men's and ladies' watches, as well. And Malarchick even offers an assortment of animal figurines for the collector of cats, dogs, owls, frogs, and so on.

Currently, Malarchick has a group of small tables and chairs,

but larger fine furniture items are on the agenda for next year. She told *The Times* she may use a photographic catalog of some furniture pieces as a sales aid until she can expand the shop to accommodate larger items.

The move to incorporate more furniture is a natural choice for Malarchick, whose previous shopkeeping history includes work with antiques from the 1800s.

Leslie Malarchick, her husband Robert, and Robert's mother Josephine, who goes by "Jay," moved to Seven Lakes in 2002. The move was the culmination of a five-year plan to relocate from Connecticut to North Carolina that also included a move by Malarchick's parents, Clyde and Virginia McDannald, to Pinehurst.

The McDannalds are a branch of the McDonald clan, Malarchick

(See "Great Find," p. 11)



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Hankins acquire Bookshop by the Lakes

Bookshop by the Lakes in Seven Lakes has new owners: Marcy and Greg Hankins, of *The Seven Lakes Times*.

"We've been manning the shop for a couple of weeks," Marcy Hankins told *The Times*, "but we officially took over the bookshop on December 1."

When bookshop founder Robert Sheard accepted a position in the English department of Pinecrest High School, it looked as though the shop might be forced to close. The Hankins filled in at the shop for a couple of weeks before making the decision to buy the bookstore.

"Our first day officially running the shop, December 1, was really exciting," Hankins said, "because we were able to host Mary Kay Andrews, a nationally-known author who was in town to speak with several book groups. We had a nice crowd of folks who took advantage of the opportunity to meet her."

Hankins said Bookshop by the Lakes plans to host both locally- and nationally-known

authors in the future.

"We hope to have a presentation and book signing in January by a Southern Pines writer, Jonathan Scott, who has written a fascinating book on American mysticism," Hankins said.

Aside from the visit by

Andrews, things have been a bit hectic around the bookshop as it was reconfigured to make room for the offices of *The Seven Lakes Times*, which is relocating from its present office in the Southpark office building on Seven Lakes Drive.

Hankins said moving *The Times* to a storefront location with regular hours should be more convenient for the newspaper's readers and customers.

In addition to hosting more author events, plans for the bookshop include a resumption of the monthly book group, beginning in January.

(See "Hankins," p. 29)



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Dr. Kuhn retires from dental practice

After thirteen years serving the Seven Lakes community, local dentist Dr. Lionel Kuhn is retiring from practice.

But he and wife Clair will continue to call Seven Lakes their

home.

"We're here," Clair told *The Times*. "Lake Auman is just wonderful — the kids wouldn't let us move if we wanted to." The Kuhn's have three children and three grandchildren.

Dr. and Mrs. Kuhn moved to Seven Lakes from New Jersey in 1990, after purchasing a dental practice in Hamlet. They opened their Seven Lakes office in 1992.

They've occupied the same

office on Seven Lakes Drive for thirteen years, expanding the facility just two years ago.

Dr. Kuhn, who is a pilot, explained how they became acquainted with the Seven Lakes community. "We started coming here in the late 70s or early 80s. We found out about tennis weekends in Pinehurst and flew down for that."

At the time, the Seven Lakes airstrip was near present-day Ramapo, behind Brett's Restau-

rant.

Arriving in their private plane for a long weekend in the Sandhills, Kuhn would circle the real estate office before landing.

"Phil Harrell would come out to the airstrip to pick us up and take us into town to rent a car and buy groceries," Clair remembered.

In addition to spending more time enjoying Lake Auman, the Kuhn's plan to spend more time

(See "Dr. Kuhn," p. 11)

Dear Patients, Friends, & Neighbors,

After thirteen years of operation in Seven Lakes, I am announcing my retirement from the practice of dentistry as of January 1, 2006. My time in Seven Lakes has been terrific. Clair & I have met so many wonderful people through the practice. This is what we will miss the most. It has been a pleasure to serve as your dentist. Thank you for your trust and patronage.

I am happy to inform you that Dr. Jennifer Massey has purchased the practice. She has met most, if not all, of our patients already in the three + years she has been with us. I have no reservations about the care and treatment our patients will receive from her. Dr. Massey has my utmost confidence in her diagnostic and practical skills.

Dr. Massey is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an honors graduate of the UNC School of Dentistry. She has completed extensive continuing education training since dental school. She is a member of the American Dental Association and Academy of General Dentistry. Prior to joining our practice, Dr. Massey worked with First Health Dental Care Centers. Originally from Fayetteville, Dr. Massey resides in Woodlake with her husband Charlie.

I take great pleasure in knowing that the practice we started will continue to serve the community with a high standard of excellence. Our best wishes to Dr. Massey and the staff for continued success and happiness in Seven Lakes.

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by Paul Kirst

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would like to participate in this opportunity to purchase a new Sunfish at a discount, contact Paul Kirst as soon as possible at

673-8998 or at boathouse@nc.rr.com.

Anyone interested in joining the sailing club should also contact

Paul for an application. A family membership is open to anyone owning a home or lot in Seven Lakes North, South or West.

Great Find

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told *The Times*, noting that both her father's and mother's families trace their lineage to the Revolutionary War — and her fathers, all the way back to the Mayflower.

"In fact, I had ancestors on both sides of the Civil War," Malarchick told *The Times*.

Born in New Jersey, Malarchick is no stranger to the South, having lived in both Kentucky and Florida.

She and Robert, a representative for American Family Legal, initially moved to the West Side, but now make their home in Seven Lakes North.

A Great Find is located at 5318 NC Hwy 211, just before the stop light in West End. Shop hours are Tuesday — Saturday 11:00 am to 5:00 pm; Thursdays until 7:00 pm. The phone number is 673-5005.

Dr. Kuhn

(Continued from page 10)

at their mountain condo near Burnsville. Dr. Kuhn told *The Times* he'll also be devoting more time to the piano.

He's even signed up for courses in Italian at Sandhills Community College, which should add to his enjoyment of two other favorite pastimes: travel and opera.

Dr. Jennifer Massey, who joined Dr. Kuhn's dental practice more than three years ago, will be purchasing the practice.

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Elizabeth (Betty) Norris, 84, formerly of Seven Lakes, died Tuesday, November 15 at at Ginger Cove Life Care Center in Annapolis, MD.

Mrs. Norris was born in East Orange, NJ raised in South Orange. She was a graduate of Columbia High School and of the Berkley Secretarial School. She worked as a secretary for many firms, including Beneficial Management in Newark, NJ and Condec Corporation in Greenwich, CT. She lived in Greenwich for 28 years after the war. She was a Deacon in the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich and was active in sailing and skiing. She and her husband lived in Seven Lakes for 22 years before moving to Annapolis, MD.

She was an avid bridge player, loved golf, crossword puzzles, and nature.

A memorial service will be held on December 29 at Ginger Cove Life Care and her ashes will be interred in the columbarium at Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines.

Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Ken Norris; sons, Jeff Norris of Severna Park, MD, Eric Norris of Missoula, MT; and daughter, Debbie Eddington of Vergennes, VT; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, 2125 Seven Lakes South, West End, NC 27376 or the Ginger Cove Foundation, 4000 River Crescent Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401.

Vivienne Ulansey, 83, of Seven Lakes, formerly of New Hope, PA, died Friday, November 18 at her home.

Memorial services will be held at the Beth Shalom Synagogue, 131 Jackson Springs Road, Foxfire, on Sunday, December 18, at 2:00 pm.

She was born in Philadelphia, PA, to the late Alan and Rose Kaplan, and she was the wife of the late Judson Ulansey, and sister of the late Morton Kaplan. She graduated from Germantown High School in June 1940, Temple University in 1944 with a bachelor's degree in psychology, and completed graduate studies in clinical psychology at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Ulansey began her career as a pediatric psychologist, and was the first civilian, as well as the first woman to be hired as a psychologist for the U.S. Army Induction Center.

She was instrumental in the development of a viable psychology department at Drexel University. In addition she also served as an instructor as well as a vocational counselor for the VA at Drexel. In conjunction with her position at Drexel she was the first woman ever to anchor a medical show on what was later to become public television. She was a research associate for the Psychological Corps and staff consultant to Logan Park Center Hospital. She served as school psychologist and consultant for Centennial School District in Warminster, PA, and The George School in Newtown, Pa. She was a pioneer of new approaches in the practice of psychology and family therapy.

Mrs. Ulansey was a lifelong member of the League of Women Voters in both Pennsylvania and North Carolina, chairing many committees and study groups over the years. A board member and president of the Bucks County Mental Health Society for more than two decades, also a board member of Children of Aging Parents, member of the Board of Elections (holding many positions including Judge of Elections), a member of the governors child fatality team, member of the juvenile division of the department of social services review panel, served on the Moore County Dept. of Aging advisory council, and charter member of the RSVP Advisory Council.

Mrs. Ulansey was also Chairman of the Moore County Nursing Home Advisory Committee, Member of PENPAL, and served as Guardian ad Litem. She was the recipient of many awards and citations including Chapel of the 4 Chaplains, The Chaplain's Legion of Honor and was recognized and honored by the AFL/CIO, and was the recipient of the 2004 Moore County award for volunteerism and community service. She received the North Carolina Governor's commission award on volunteerism and community service, and she was listed in "Who's Who of American Women."

She is survived by her son Raymond of Raleigh.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Beth Shalom Synagogue, 131 Jackson Springs Rd., Jackson Springs NC 27553; National Mental Health Association, Attn: Cynthia Wainscott, 2001 N. Beauregard Street, 12th Floor, Alexandria, Virginia 22311;

Ruth Pauley Lecture Series, c/o Sandhills Community College, 3395, Airport Rd. Pinehurst, NC 28374; or Salvation Army, P.O. Box 269, Alexandria, VA 22313.

Powell Funeral Home and Crematory of Southern Pines is in charge of the arrangements.

Laura Jane "Janie" Zegar, 55, of Seven Lakes died on Friday, November 25 at her home after a long illness.

Mrs. Zegar was the oldest of seven children born to Margurite

(See "In memory," p. 15)

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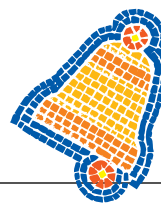
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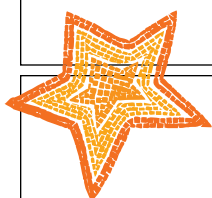


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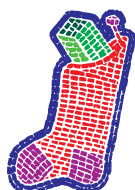
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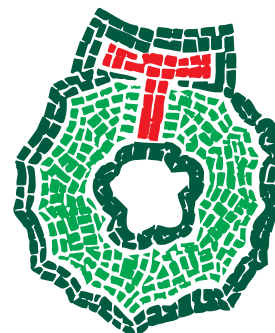
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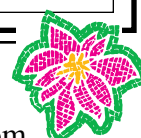
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In memory of . . .

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"Mag" Schaut and the Mark Schaut in St. Marys, PA. She graduated from Elk County Christian High School in St. Marys. She was married to her husband of 33 years, Richard Zegar. The family had recently moved to Seven Lakes. She enjoyed cooking, bowling, traveling, crocheting, and her family.

A private family interment will

be held at a later date.

Survivors include her husband, Richard; sons, Brian Zegar of Garner and Alan "AJ" Zegar of Charlotte; her mother, Margurite Schaut of St. Marys, PA; sisters, Gloria Niederhofer of Portland, OR, Cindy Maxim of Butler, PA, Karen Dick, Marsha Dallsen, and Julie Greenthaner of St. Marys, PA.

Memorial contributions may

be made to the American Cancer Society, 11 South Boylan Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27603.

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

Dr. William James Hanham, 74, of Seven Lakes, died Monday, December 5, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

A memorial service will be held Friday, December 9, at 11:00 am at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church in Seven Lakes with the Rev. Fred Thompson and the Rev. Robert Brown officiating.

A private family inturnment will be held at a later date. The family will receive friends at the home in Seven Lakes.

Dr. Hanham was born in Toronto, Canada to the late Archibald

and Jean Kennedy Hanham.

He graduated from the University of Toronto Medical School in 1955. He practiced medicine in Canada for 22 years and in Troy for 16 years.

He was a member of St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, the Lions Club, the Sandhills Regional Library Board and served as chairman of the Moore County Library Board. He was preceded in death by his brother, Douglas Edmund Hanham.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Bette Jane Hanham; sons, Gregg William Hanham and

Richard Daniel Hanham, both of Carleton Place, Ontario, Canada, John Douglas Hanham of Troy and Gerald James Hanham of Ottawa, Canada; daughters, Bonnie Elizabeth Hanham of Pinebluff and Jane Patricia Parsons of Aberdeen; five grandchildren, Samantha, Alec, Karolina, Liam and Sierra.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, PO Box 456, West End, NC 27376.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes is serving the family.

AARP needs tax help volunteers

by Bill Roberson

Last year, the local AARP Tax-Aide program and 30 local volunteers provided FREE Federal and NC Tax Return counseling and preparation for over 965 Moore County Residents by preparing and filing over 1550 Federal and State Tax Returns. The majority of these were filed electronically to ensure prompt processing and rapid payment of any refunds.

AARP's Tax-Aide Program is the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service. This year we expect to significantly increase the number of customers we assist in Moore County. To do this, we are seeking volunteers of all ages and backgrounds to assist with one-on-one counseling and tax return preparation. You do not need to be a member of AARP to work in this program. You will be comprehensively trained and required to pass a competency test to become IRS Certified as a Tax Counselor.

Volunteer training will be conducted during January 2006. Volunteers who become IRS Certified are asked to give a minimum commitment of forty hours over the ten-week filing season from February 1 to April 15, 2006. Expense reimbursement is provided for some program related out-of-pocket expenses.

To volunteer, or for more information about becoming a local AARP Tax-Aide volunteer, contact the local AARP Tax-Aide Coordinator, Bill Roberson at (910) 673-1452. You may also

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

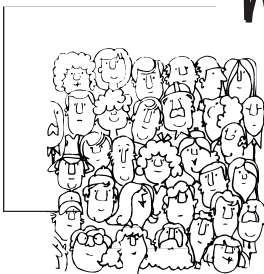
- **Malcom Blue Farm** – noon – 7:00 pm. An early American Christmas. Children will reenact holiday activities at the farmhouse. 944-7558.
- **Bryant House – Open House** – 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Tour the house and enjoy the traditional decorations. Musicians and refreshments. Free. Located at Harris Crossroads. 673-0908.
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- **Contradance** – Lessons at 7:30 pm, dance from 8:00 to

11:00 pm. The Band is The Elftones and the Caller will be Bree Kalb, at the Old West End Gym, 137 Old West End School Road off Hwy 211. Beginners are welcome. No partner is necessary. Admission - \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers,

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- **Annual Christmas Concert** – Sandhills Community College, 2:00 pm, featuring the SCC Guitar Ensemble. Free. 910-695-3829.

What's When Calendar



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Special Meeting** – 2:30 pm, at the West Side Park Community Center. Cast your vote.
- **Malcom Blue Farm** – noon – 7:00 pm. An early American Christmas. Children will reenact holiday activities at the farmhouse. 944-7558.
- **Bryant House – Open**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

- **Moore Philharmonic Orchestra** – 7:00 pm. Pinecrest High School Auditorium. Under the direction of Eric Kopecky. \$5-\$10. 910-944-3452.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

- **Note-A-Belles to Perform** – 7:45 am, at the Annual Sandhill's Men's Breakfast Club's meeting, at the Pinehurst Member's Club. The group will present a Holiday Concert for members & guests, including

Irving Berlin numbers, World War II favorites.

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association** – 8:30 am, Board Work session.
- **Computer Club of Seven Lakes** – 3:00 pm Game Room next to Northside Landowner's Office. Teresa Reynolds from Sandhills Community College will present Firefox Network Browser.
- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Children's Christmas Party** – 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. North Clubhouse. Enjoy refreshments, gifts, and a visit from Santa himself.
- **Kiwanis Bingo** – 7:30 pm, North Clubhouse, Game-room. Jackpot is \$250. Bring a friend. The community is welcome in the game

playing.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 7:30 pm General meeting, North Clubhouse.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

- **Christmas in the Pines at SLCC** – Cocktails begin at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm, Doug Marshall will be at the keyboard. Cost for member is \$20, and non members \$25. Members may make reservations in person or by phone. Call 673-1100 for reservations.
- **Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol** – from What a Life Productions. \$15 at the Sunrise Theater, Southern Pines. 910-947-9935.

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• **The Nutcracker** – 2:00 and 7:00 pm, local dancers perform along with guest performers from Columbia Classical Ballet. \$10-\$12. At Sandhills Community College, Owens Auditorium. 910-695-1116.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
• **The Nutcracker** – 2:00 pm, local dancers perform along with guest performers from Columbia Classical Ballet. \$10-\$12. At SCC's Owens Auditorium. 910-695-1116.
• **Friends of Given Library** – Annual Holiday Concert, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm. \$20. Enjoy the holiday decorations and get into the holiday spirit with seasonal music. At the Grand Ballroom, Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21
• **First Day of Winter**
• **Wacky Wednesday** – 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Home Choice Network luncheon and entertainment for the holiday season. The Sophisticate Ladies and the Note-a-

bells will perform. Reservations required by December 19. Call 944-1116 for reservations and transportation.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
• **Christmas Eve**
• **St. Paul Lutheran Church Pinehurst** – 10:30 pm, Christmas Eve service at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 35 McLean Road, Pinehurst (right behind the Carolina Hotel). A candlelight service with Eucharist.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
• **Christmas Day**
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26
• **First Day of Hanukkah**
• **First Day of Kwanza**


SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
• **New Year's Eve**
• **Seven Lakes Country Club New Year's Eve Party** – This year's party, featuring an international cruise ship theme the "SS Seven Lakes" Evening begins at 7:00 pm at the Club with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, dinner 8:00 pm. Champaign Toast at midnight (included). Dress is

Semi-Formal. Dance music provided by Bob Bennett and vocalist Lynn Nelson from 9:00 pm to 12:30 am. Club members and non members invited. Reservations 673-1100. Price (inclusive): Members \$44 and Non Members \$49. Cash Bar. Hosts for the evening are Nancy Sabo & Charlie Peterson and Judy & Ken Collins.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1
• **News Year's Day**
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19
• **Truth and Fiction in the Da Vinci Code** – Ruth Pauley Lecture Series, 7:30 pm. Dr. Bart Ehrman, James A. Gray, Professor and Chair of the UNC-Chapel Hill, Dept. of Religious Studies will discuss the Da Vinci Code. Free and open to the public. Sandhills Community College, Owens Auditorium. 910-245-3132.
• **Windham Hill Winter Solstice** – 8:00 pm, \$12-\$20. Windham Hill known around the world for its musical mastery. At Given Performing Arts Center,

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
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'Books West' hosts author Katie Kelly

by Dorothy Murphy

Katie Kelly, journalist, television commentator and author, was the guest speaker of the Books West book club of Seven Lakes Monday, November 21, at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Kelly, who is a cousin of Seven Lakes resident, Joe Fellingham, has worked as a writer for *Time Magazine*, has been a television critic for the *New York Post*, an on-air movie and theatre critic for WNBC-TV (New York), TV critic for "The Today Show," movie

critic on "The Morning Show" with Regis Philbin and Kathie Lee Gifford, and movie critic for "Entertainment Tonight."

Her books include *The Wonderful World of Women's Wear Daily* (1972), *My Prime Time: Confessions of a TV Watcher* (1973), *A Year in Saigon* (1992), and *The Kellys: A Midwestern Memoir* (2004).

The Books West book club had chosen *A Year in Saigon*

as the November selection. Fran Fellingham, a member of the book club, invited Katie to travel from her home in Nebraska to be the book club's guest speaker. Katie agreed and gave a talk and slide presentation to members of Books West as well as four other Seven Lakes book clubs: Bookies, Bookies II, Turning Leaves, and Happy Bookers.

In 1988, Katie Kelly took a vacation in Vietnam that was to

become the first step of a larger journey. That Christmas in Ho Chi Minh City, she met many Amerasian children, some of them selling peanuts, postcards and cigarettes to tourists. Kelly returned to New York but she could not forget the young casualties of the Vietnam War.

In early 1990, she took a year off of her job with NBC, packed her bags, gathered what few educational supplies she could find, and flew to Saigon. With some teaching experience and a lot of gumption, Kelly set off to aid these forgotten children, many of them homeless and

barely getting enough food to survive. *A Year in Saigon* is a sprightly account of her 1990 stint teaching in improvised sites, such as restaurants, parks, and homes. Her involvement with the students went far beyond English lessons. She became, as they called her, their "American Mama."

In her Books West presentation, Kelly gave follow-up on what has become of these children. Most of them are now living happy and successful lives in the United States. She helped make many of those children's dreams a reality.



Katie Kelly with Books West organizing committee: Pud Kent, Fran Fellingham, Carolyn Mealing, and Dorothy Murphy

Contradancing this Saturday

Come join in the fun this Saturday, December 10 at the Contradance at the Old West End Gym, 137 Old West End School Road off Hwy 211.

Lessons at 7:30 pm, dance from 8:00 to 11:00 pm. The Band is The Elftones and the caller will be Bree Kalb.

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Candles lit in memory of children Dec. 11

by Sue Davison

In loving memory of all children who are no longer with us, you are invited to join tens of thousands of people around the globe for the ninth annual Worldwide Candle Lighting. The candles will glow for 24 hours if we each leave the candle on for one hour.

The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to help others be supportive.

The Compassionate Friends is a national nonprofit, self-help support organization that offers friendship, understanding, and hope to bereaved parents, grandparents and siblings.

The ninth annual Worldwide Candle Lighting, is held the sec-

ond Sunday in December around the globe, and gives an opportunity for bereaved families everywhere to remember and celebrate the lives of children who have gone too soon. Individuals and families are invited to light a candle at 7:00 pm on Sunday, December 11.

My husband Ned and I are new to Seven Lakes. We moved here from Connecticut in September. Six years ago, we lost our son, Marc.

Each year we have sent out hundreds of notices about the candle lighting to celebrate all lost talent that left this world too soon.

Won't you please take time on December 11 at 7:00 pm to light a candle in memory of all children. . . that their light may always shine?

Chorus receives award

Ron Sickenberger (r), 2004 President of The Golf Capital Chorus, accepts two awards from Thom Hine of the Dixie District and International Board of Directors of the Barbershop Harmony Society at the Chorus' 25th Anniversary Concert.

The Chorus received the Gold Award from the Society for its contributions to the Sandhills community.

The Chorus rates as one of the top choruses throughout the world in the category of money given per member to local charities. The second award was the bronze award for contributions by local chapters to the Barbershop Harmony Society Foundation.

For more information about the Chorus, go to its website at www.thegolfcapitalchorus.org



'His Only Son' at Pinehurst Covenant Church

Pinehurst Covenant Church invites everyone to their Christmas Play "His Only Son" by David Dunlap. This is the story of one family's hope, and humor with a message of giving and forgiving; the true meaning of Christmas.

Performances will be Friday, December 9 and Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 pm. This is a free event. Nursery care is available.

Pinehurst Covenant Church is located at 180 Westgate Drive, Hwy 211, near Premier Lighting.

Light refreshments will follow the play. For more information call 910-295-2151.

Kiwanis Holiday Decoration Contest

The Kiwanis Club will be awarding a \$60 gift certificate for the best decorations on each of the North, South, and West sides. Judging will take place on December 16, 17, and 18. One winner will be chosen from each side. Outdoor lights should be turned on by 5:00 pm all three evenings. Lakefront lights will also be considered by the judges.



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SLLA Security Report: Nov. 16 - Dec. 4

The paragraphs below are based on handwritten reports filed by Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] security officers at the time of the incidents reported. Reports on Seven Lakes Company Police activity were not available at press time.

November 16

A resident on Pinecone reported that her dog was missing. Security patrol looked for the dog, but was unable to locate it.

Patrol noted two young men hanging around the side door of the mailhouse. They ran when the patrol car pulled into the parking lot. Patrol found a package lying near the door, apparently removed from an open mailbox. The mailbox owner was contacted.

Patrol found the main doors to the North Clubhouse unlocked and secured them.

November 17

A loose dog was reported on Millstone. Security looked for the dog but was unable to locate it.

November 18

Patrol found the dogs reported roaming in the Millstone area yesterday and took them to the maintenance area holding pen.

A Juniper resident had reported the same dogs wandering earlier in the day. The owner later paid the \$20 fine to retrieve them.

November 19

A resident on Scuppernong reported that the basketball court lights were on after midnight. Patrol shut off the lights.

A resident on Firetree reported a Jack Russell Terrier roaming on his property. The dog left before patrol arrived.

November 20

Patrol found a key left in the South Mailhouse and delivered it to the mailbox owner.

November 21

A commercial truck entered Seven Lakes using the resident's lane, without securing a pass from the gate guard. The company was contacted and agreed to remind its drivers to use the guest lane and obtain a pass.

November 22

A resident on Brown Bark complained that a Jack Russell Terrier is constantly roaming loose in his yard. Patrol responded but was not able to locate the dog.

Patrol found a package left in

the Southside mailhouse and delivered it to the addresses.

November 23

Patrol responded to an anonymous tip that there was a fire burning in a barbecue grill at Echo Point and extinguished the fire.

November 24

A resident on Cherokee reported a roaming dog. Patrol caught the dog and took it to the holding pen in the maintenance yard. The owner was assessed a \$10 fee when the dog was picked up.

A resident on Firetree reported a dog loose, but security was unable to apprehend the dog.

Patrol responded to a report of

a fire in a barbecue grill at Echo Point and found two youths at the shelter. Patrol told the children they could not light a fire in the grill for the purpose of warming their hands.

Security reported that one of the entrance gates struck an SUV as it entered the gate. The vehicle did not stop.

November 25

A dog was reported roaming on Dogwood but security was unable to locate the dog.

A resident on Firetree reported a roaming Jack Russell terrier. Security caught the dog and returned it to the owner, collecting a \$10 fine.

A resident on Overlook reported that Christmas lights had been taken from her yard. Security contacted both Seven Lakes Company Police and the Moore County Sheriff's Department. Both agencies responded.

November 26

The north gate received reports of both a truck tractor and a recreational vehicle parked at residences.

Patrol, doing a house check, found a FedEx package on the porch and delivered it to the keyholder.

On another house check, patrol
(See "SLLA Security," p. 27)



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More puzzles from the road

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1SLMLDY – Have you figured out this one?

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7LAYX – This is a great identification for one

of our neighbors.

BELVSOM1 – Yes, I believe.

URAQTE – He admires his wife or girl friend.

HOMEFNDR – Must be a real estate agent.

ILLBCNU – A song title.

THANXGMA – A grateful youngster?

4MY2KDZ – This was on a suv. A soccer mom?

WETAHOOK – We know what he does in his spare time.

IMBROK – On a new Cadillac. LUVMIMUTT – A dog owner of course.

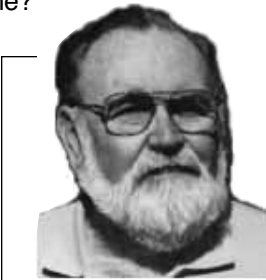
RESCUEMS – Someone who

serves on an emergency medical squad?

FRMASPN – A skier who has moved east?

LISNSPL8 – Yes. it is.

Keep looking, but be careful if you are the driver. But help Mitzi, Walter, Watts, and me.



Ollie's
Thoughts
Oliver Gossard

Trailer lot: money has to come from somewhere

Dear Editor,

The recent letter (November 23rd issue) concerning the projected cost of a trailer parking yard, uses sarcasm to make the writer's point.

Unfortunately, it also shows a lack of understanding of how a community must function in order to accomplish needed goals for the residents.

It is easy to complain.

It is a lot harder to examine the problem and come up with solutions.

We currently have between 300 and 400 RV's and trailers of various descriptions located within Seven Lakes West. That's about one trailer for every two houses and we are growing at a rate of 80 to 100 new homes a year.

Assuming that we don't want to have these vehicles (and the boats that come with them) parked in our neighbor's yards, we have to provide space to store them.

To provide a place to store

them costs money. The two acre trailer yard is well beyond capacity. The Board voted to expand it in August of 2003 when we initially negotiated for the additional acreage.

Your Board has two avenues available to raise the funds necessary to provide for this storage, or for any other community capital improvement, for that matter.

1. The Board can call for a special assessment of all members or

2. they can charge a users fee.

Generally, assessments are enacted when the proposed improvement benefits all the members and a user fee is based on limited benefit to the membership.

To suggest, even sarcastically, that user fees should be charged to use the tennis courts, playground, pool and other community amenities ignores the financial benefit the WSC Park accrues to every property owner. (Why do you suppose the developer touted the Community Cen-

ter in his ads as soon as it was open? But that's a whole different issue, isn't it.)

It is really a simple proposition. If something is needed in the community, it has to be paid for by all or by those who need the service. Sure, it would be better to have a one time \$80 assessment of the membership than for me to pay an annual user fee.

And the community as a whole does benefit by not having hundreds of trailers parked on lots all over so you could argue the case for either method.

And yet, I believe it is fairer for me, the trailer owner, to pay a parking fee than to assess everyone in this case.

So, user fee or assessment. Which do you prefer?

The fact to be faced is that the money has to come from somewhere.

Which do you think is the fairer means of raising it?

Bud Sales
Seven Lakes West

Board's numbers on police don't add up

Dear Editor:

The Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board had two items in their Advertisement in the recent issue of the Seven Lakes Times that I wish to discuss.

First, the ad, under Option 1,

states that the total cost for 120 hours of patrol by two police officers (80 hours) and 40 hours from security would cost \$116,382. My calculations show this 120 hours would cost about \$144,000. The difference would

mean a savings of \$27,618. Why the difference?

My figures include, just for two police officers:

1. Salaries \$79,178
2. Two cars \$10,000
3. FICA \$6,120
this is a cost of social security.
4. Group Insurance \$10,000
this is Health Insurance.
5. IRA \$2,698
this may mean Individual Retirement Account.
6. Expenses \$9,000
this is the share I believe should be applied to these people out of a total cost of \$31,000 in expenses for the Police/Security Dept.

The difference between the Board's figure and mine is \$27,818.

Therefore, if I am correct, the

savings to we Landowners if we adopt Option 3 instead of Option 1 would be:

If we do not pave for 10 years we have a total of most of the \$1 million dollars needed for our roads.

The second issue is crime. The board states in its ad: "We have crime be it drugs, vandalism" etc, etc. etc. I do not believe these comments!

It may have been true before, but not since our Security Committee under the leadership of Loren Swearingen took action this past year.

Sequoia Park, Sequoia Dam and the surrounding parking lot are no longer a major problem. We now have a Sheriff's Deputy on patrol eight hours per day, five days a week, all along Seven Lakes Drive from Beacon Ridge to our shopping center to both the North and South sides.

Thanks to our State Represent-
(See "Board's," p. 25)

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Letters to the
Editor

Some holiday gifts last longer than others

The Christmas Season is upon us. As usual, my shopping is almost complete and it is not yet December. Why so early? Crowded stores, hectic and harried shoppers do not create my favorite Christmas scenes.

Today's parents try to provide a proliferation of toys and gadgets that simply overwhelms me. Loving mamma's and pappa's try to fill the hearts desires of their offspring. Each year I plan to write about the best gifts that can possibly be bestowed upon the darlings, but each year I get sidetracked. The best things we can do for our beloved children cost little in terms of money but are long on time and attention.

The gifts that will last a lifetime are those that result in the creation of really nice kids. Nobody wants to be around a "bratty" child. Likewise nobody wants to be around a self involved, unkind, inconsiderate adult. Teaching your children kindness, courtesy and consideration will ultimately bring tremendous returns to them throughout their lifetime. They will continually

have friends and the chances for success are great for people who are well liked and willing to work for what they get and not expect things to be handed to them.



Nona's Notes

Nona Wiley

How does one teach these behaviors? By modeling them day in and day out – not by preaching at kids and telling them what to do. It is showing them how it is done that works. All good teachers know that modeling behavior is essential in order for students to learn appropriate behavior.

Kind loving parents create kind loving children who, in turn, grow up and keep the cycle going. The following sugges-

tions will work wonders.

- Point out your kid's strengths — not their weaknesses. Teach them to believe in their own goodness and worth. We all need to know that we are okay. Frequently tell them how good they are and that they are loved and lovable. If you want to create a rotten kid just keep telling him he's rotten — he'll believe you. Squelch a good mind by telling him he's stupid — he'll believe that if he keeps hearing it. Tell him he's wonderful and he will be.
- A child who learns the joy of completing a task, will carry the pleasure of accomplishment throughout his life. A compliment doesn't have to go overboard. "good job or

well done" is fine and realistic. Try not to set unattainable expectations but do help to set realistic goals.

- If a child is taught to derive pleasure from being kind and considerate, you know he will be widely accepted by others. When my son Doug was a kid, he enjoyed doing errands for a lady who was "stuck" in her store all day. She told me that she wanted to pay him. I asked her not to do that to him. He felt good about what he was doing for her. Let's not raise kids who think they have to be paid for everything they do.
- Most of our life experience is shaped by personal perceptions. We see: problems or opportunities — half full or half empty — good or bad — restful or boring challenging or difficult — exciting or frightening — ugly or beautiful and so on and on. Life will never be all bright and beautiful, but we

can try to shade things to strongly influence the way we perceive life. Help your kids look to the positive rather than the negative.

- Sometimes things are not fair. That's just the way of the world and we all have to accept it, but when we are unfair with our kids that sows some pretty fruitless seeds. We all need be as decent and fair with them as we possibly can. That's setting a really important example and sometimes we really do have to give explanations. As a teacher, I learned that kids will accept a lot, if they think you're being fair with them. Plus, you are teaching them to incorporate such attitudes into their behavior.
- Rewards are great. Some people say "kids shouldn't be rewarded for doing what they ought to do any way." I say "bosh" to that. How long would you keep working without that pay check. I

(See "Give," p. 26)



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This "smiling back" business is all about a lady who had the look of someone with a heavy burden on her mind as she rolled her shopping cart in the direction of her traditional first stop: the banana table.



Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

said with a grin as wide as the ocean.

"Just fine," she replied.

That grin made her day. As she rolled her cart out to the car, she felt good about the human race.

She thought more about that smile she received as she eased the car into the garage.

She entered her home with a sprightly step, virtually unaware of the heavy burden of supplies she was carrying.

She thought about it a moment. Yes, a smile especially one at the right time – reveals the inherent goodwill we're all capable of. Why not afford that gift more often to those who cross your path?

A bit later, a store worker passed by as she was trying to isolate a couple of unblemished apples from the heap in the display box.

"How ya doin' I today?" he

\$14,167

Dear Editor,

\$14,167 is the cost of our second police officer 'til April 30, 2006.

The landowners bear this cost regardless of the outcome of the binding referendum.

Why didn't the Board wait?

"It's only their money", our Board says with a shout
So we won't wait to see how our ballot turns out?
We'll just barge ahead, build our own self-esteem
And enjoy for three weeks this implausible dream.

We've been told it will cost fourteen thousand or so
But look at it this way, it's not really our dough.
And at least we'll have doubled, yes doubled our force

And the Council my friends, will have little recourse.

Yes, we accept that our chances, are not really that great
And disbanding the police, our most probable fate.
But we'll have a few days to enjoy seventh heaven
At a mere fourteen thousand, and one sixty-seven.

There are many who will ask us to elaborate
Why it is for three weeks, that we just couldn't wait.
We'll respond with a smirk and try not to be funny
Saying "no big deal, 'cause it's only your money!"

Ron Erskine
Seven Lakes North

Letters

The Times welcomes letters from our readers. You will need to sign your letter, and give us a phone number where you can be reached. See Page 22 for our contact information.

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128 Lawrence Overlook	\$60,000
327 Longleaf	\$100,000
153 Owens Circle	Pending \$167,500
Callis Circle	\$295,000
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Community needs company police

Dear Editor:

The subject of the SLLA's retaining the Company Police Department has been before us for several months. Unfortunately, the issue stems from an incident in which one person felt aggrieved. It has since become one in which emotions have at time taken the place of calm consideration.

In reality, voters need to con-

sider potential conditions which might occur in the absence of our Company Police, such as increased traffic violations, vandalism or ill-advised teenage activities.

In summary, we cannot afford to be without the presence of the Company Police.

Hal Blake

Seven Lakes North

Board's numbers

(Continued from page 22)

tative, Mr. Richard Morgan, the Sheriff's Deputies have access to both the North and South Sides, just like the West side has always had. A 9-1-1 call can get you a deputy in minutes; I know from personal experience they can be here in five minutes. If the Board's statement were true where was our Management Team?

1. Our manager has been here for over fifteen years!
2. We have had a company police officer for at least fifteen years and the current company police officer has been on the job for at least seven years.
3. Our Board President and Vice President have served in some capacity on the Board for at least five years.

This is a fine community, my

wife and I moved here in July 1991. We have enjoyed this community and the people here for these fifteen years. Our five children and our twelve grandchildren have visited here often and always have a great time. So I do not appreciate our Board saying "bad" things about us. Perhaps they will discuss the company police issue and the crime issue at the meeting on December 11.

Please attend the meeting on Sunday, December 11, 2:30 pm at the West Side Park Community Center.

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Charles W. Oliver

North Side Resident, 1991

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Get a handle on Halloween

Dear Editor,

Seven lakes North and South are gated communities. We should have control of who comes in here. We pay for it.

Halloween 2005 is an example of how it does not work.

Would they let what happened here happen in Pinewild? Never!

We let the world in here and pay more than Pinewild in dues.

Some thoughts to consider for next year:

- We need complete control of the situation.
- A curfew — 5:30 to 7:30 — for everyone.
- Use the Police Department to close some streets.
- Issue special tags for visitors. On the North Side, let them park only at the North Clubhouse parking lot. On the

South Side, at the country club or mailhouse.

- Record the number of people in each car and the resident they are coming to see.
- Have the resident pick them up at the parking area and return them there — no walking on the roads at night.
- Parking along the roads should be prohibited — illegal — \$25.00 fine.

Presently, some residents invite anyone they know. It's a fact.

Children who live here are welcome. When it gets to hundreds, the showing is beyond the average person being able to handle.

Cooperation and control with an open mind can solve most problems. I would like the elected board and people who are working here to pitch in on this one.

Soon.

John McLoughlin
Seven Lakes North

St. Paul Lutheran Holiday Services

St. Paul Lutheran Church M.S. in Pinehurst will hold its Christmas Eve service at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 35 McLean Road, Pinehurst (right behind the Carolina Hotel) at 10:30 pm. It will be a candlelight service with Eucharist.

Christmas Day, regular Sunday services will be held at 9 am.

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Praise for builder

Dear Editor,

It's a good time of year to count our blessings and be thankful for our home on Lake Auman. We are particularly grateful to Sue and Bill Reaves who made our house plans a reality and who continue to be attentive to our questions and needs, fully, five years after they completed the project.

Like many others, we were not here during the construction of our house and put our confidence in Bill's good judgment. We weren't disappointed. He and Sue were always avail-

able to tell us about progress. The finished product showed their careful attentions.

But since that time, they both have been just as available with advice or service whenever needed.

That's got to be a pretty rare thing for a builder and we continue to applaud Sue and Bill for this attention.

It's nice to know our builders are really good friends and neighbors.

*Ellen and Doug Leslie
Seven Lakes West*

Letters to the Editor



Give gifts that last

(Continued from page 23)

also say, rewards can come in the form of approbation and positive responses. Anything that makes a kid feel good can be used as a reward. An appreciative smile can make the recipient feel good.

Grandparents, please don't think I'm letting you "off the hook" by making these suggestions to parents. I can tell you that as a teacher, I've read many a paper by students who respect and admire grandparents. When asked, they admit that they behave differently with grandparents than with parents. They also state, that they behave differently with some teachers than with others. It is all a matter of expectations. Expect, and model,

the best and that's what you will get.

God bless you all and above all, love the children. The love will come back to you. In my family,

we end every phone conversation with "I love you." I like to hear that, and I believe they do also. I truly believe that love can work miracles.

Church Women United Meeting

Church Women United will hold its Annual Meeting on Friday, January 6, 2006 at The Community Presbyterian Church, 125 Everette Road, Pinehurst at 10:00 am

The Guest Speaker will be Kathryn Sells who is with the MATCH program of the Women's Prison in Raleigh. A lunch will be the program. Everyone is invited to attend. If you have questions or need baby sitting to attend, please call Jacque Klimack 281-0129.

Empty stocking fund

The Chapel in the Pines will commence their 17th year of money raising for "The Empty Stocking Fund."

The funds are slanted towards needy seniors, adults, and children, the Fund provide food vouchers and gifts for 50 area families in West End and Jackson Springs.

Not only are these people remembered at Christmas, but the Fund also gives food vouchers for Thanksgiving and Easter, as well.

The chapel works hand-in-hand with Moore County's Social Services Department to select the recipients of the Funds.

"The source of money for these endeavors is threefold,"

said Fred Renner, Committee Chairman.

"Individual contributions, Seven Lakes area business people, and the Chapel in the Pines' Benevolence Committee."

"The latter, by the way, donates substantial funds from their

annual rummage sale."

Anyone who would like to donate to the fund may send their checks made out to the "Empty Stocking Fund", c/o Bob Jaeger, 2144 Seven Lakes South, Seven Lakes, NC 27376.

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7 Lakes tennis team is Alabama bound

Recently the Seven Lakes Ladies 70's tennis team won the North Carolina State Super Senior Tennis Championship. They are among five local teams that earned the right to compete in the USTA Southern Sectional tournament, which will be held in Palham, Alabama, March 31 – April 2, 2006. The five teams will represent the local Pines League, one of the smallest in the state.

At right: Ladies 70's team

(front) Vi Everhardt, JoAn Moses, (back) Jane Lowe, Judy Streit, Joyce Charles, Marilyn Quintana, with co-captains Kay McCarthy, Barb Horan and Joan Carter. Not available for photo: team member Ally Vogel.



SLLA Security Report

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found an unlocked door, contacted the keyholder and secured the home.

November 27

Patrol checked on the truck tractor and recreational vehilce reported yesterday and found the RV gone but the tractor still parked at the residence.
Security patrol found barbecue sauce spilled on the floor of the North Mail house and cleaned up the mess.
A resident on Sandham reported someone knocking loudly on the outside of the residence. Security responded but did not find anyone in the area.
A resident on Stockport reported finding a puppy in her yard. Patrol was unable to locate the dog.
Patrol found picnic tables removed from the shelter by Longleaf, as well as a concrete bench overturned.

November 28

A resident on Cherokee report-

ed a roaming dog. Patrol caught the dog, placed it in the holding pen and notified the owners, who picked it up.

November 29

No report

November 30

A resident on Sandy Ridge reported her cat missing.
Patrol responded to a report of a resident's 9-1-1- porch light flashing, checked the home, and found the resident had accidentally turned on the flashing light.
December 1
No report.
December 2
A resident on Chesnut reported that his dog was loose, then later reported that he had found the dog.
A resident reported youths skateboarding on the tennis courts. Seven Lakes Company Police Chief Dennis Lombard was dispatched.

December 3

A resident on Overlook reported that his dog was loose. Security caught the dog and the owner came and picked it up.

December 4

No report.

Important News Release

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Foxfire gardeners celebrate the season

by Beth Schettler

Members and guests of the Foxfire Women's Association filled the Clubhouse Grill Room to capacity for their Christmas luncheon on Friday, December 2.

Garden Club members, under Chairwoman Sharon Thingstad's direction, had decorated the Clubhouse with Christmas arrangements, and trimmed the glittering red and gold Christmas trees in each room.

While the ladies enjoyed Christmas Punch, they were welcomed by Chairwoman Pam Koos, who introduced her committee members Karen Ramey, Carole Hunter, Julie Andress, and Carolyn Gilbert. Karen Ramey had

decorated each table with a lovely centerpiece of fresh greens, pine cones, and red candles.

Following luncheon, Pinecrest High School's elite award-winning Chamber Choir, with their Director James Brown, presented to

a very appreciative audience a lovely program of old traditional as well as contemporary Christmas music.

Their accompanist was Susan Ward.

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Hankins acquire Bookshop by the Lakes

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ning in January, and attracting more young readers.

"We'll be adding some more seating to the shop floor, so that kids and adults will be comfort-

able spending time with our books before deciding what to buy," Hankins said.

"We really want to hear from the community about what they'd like to see in the bookshop," she

added. "We have a very deep inventory in fiction and literature, as well as history, biography, and current events. We want to enhance our offerings in other areas, including children's,

young adult, and Christian books."

She noted that the active gardening community in Seven Lakes might also appreciate a strong selection of gardening titles. "We're looking for suggestions from the community; just drop by, have a look, and tell us what we need more of," Hankins said.

Bookshop by the Lakes is located at 4307 Seven Lakes Plaza, beside the Coffee Scene and across from First Bank in the Seven Lakes Business District. Hours are Monday through Saturday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, closed every Wednesday. The phone number is 673-5900.

Westside meeting

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spread around the globe trying to give us that peace. And there are also lots of families giving thanks for having survived natural disasters," Meikle said.

Manager's report. Community Manager Tony Robertson said there are still quite a few residents who do not have house numbers that are visible from the street. He reminded residents that rescue and emergency workers depend on those numbers to located homes where help is needed.

Recreation. Director Betty Milligan encouraged members to attend the tree-lighting event

in the Community Center on Sunday, December 4, and noted that the holiday boat parade would be held on Sunday, December 18, with boats convening at the island at 5:00 pm.

Architectural review. The new architectural standards booklets are at the printers, Director Bill Parker reported. Once they are in hand, a meeting will be scheduled with all builders active in Seven Lakes West, to acquaint them with the new rules governing construction.

At the meeting, builders will be given a copy of the new rules, sign for that copy, and those signatures will be filed in the SLWLA office. "There will be no more excuses," Parker said.

Asked whether the association has the resources to police compliance with construction standards, Parker said a commit-

tee is being assembled for just that task. Committee members will inspect every lot and every home during the various stages of construction, Parker added.

"This has been a very, very difficult document to complete," Parker said. "There are some things that are going to make some of the builders mad, but we are going to enforce this document."

Meikle noted that the overall goal of tougher standards is "to protect everyone's land values . . . to protect appearance of the property while home is being built." He praised the amount of time and effort Parker had spent on developing the new standards since joining the board.

Next Meeting. The SLWLA will hold no general meeting in December; the next meeting is on January 24

Vote

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as the elections committee for the annual meeting election in March. Fulcher said a family illness had prevented Cummings from participating in tallying the current vote.

The special SLLA meeting to finalize the vote will be held this Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 pm in the West Side Park Community Center. Registration for those who have not yet voted will begin at 2:30 pm.

Fulcher said the agenda for that meeting has not yet been set; that was expected to be discussed in a SLLA board work session on Thursday afternoon, December 8.

The by-laws suggest that special meeting voting may be limited to the specific questions the meeting was called to address.

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Community Newsletter

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On behalf of the Seven Lakes West Land Owners Association Board of Directors, I would like to wish all of the community a very happy Holiday Season.

It is during this time of the year that the men and women serving our country around the world...and those who have been affected by nature's disasters... need our thoughts and prayers the most. Please join with me in wishing them peace and hope.

I hope and wish that you all enjoy this special season with your families and friends and have a prosperous New Year.

Jim Meikle, President

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For a while it looked like FEMA would arbitrarily reclassify all our lakefront home sites as floodplain. Thanks to Tony and the Board, that legal problem went away. That does not mean

that there is no potential danger.

Our lake begins to overflow when the water level reaches the overflow pipe at an elevation of 525 ft. Overwhelming rains (or blockage of that pipe) could raise the lake level another 2 feet before it flows over the emergency spillway at the end of the dam.

What almost everyone fails to realize is that the tropical storm force winds we could have from the remnants of a passing hurricane would push enough water across the lake to raise the level another 1 foot on the windward shore. That could be any side of the lake, depending on the path of the storm. Then, add at least two foot waves on top of that, and the breaking waves could reach 4 feet above lake full level.

That's why our rules require the lowest finished level of all lakefront homes to be at least 5 feet above lake level. Unfortunately, there are some that are not. While the chances of flooding are very small, the consequences would be costly. If you have any possibility of being flooded, consider flood insurance.

The fact that your home is not officially in a flood zone will make the cost of flood insurance much cheaper. Don't expect me or the Lake Director to open the big drain valve if the water rises. It was not designed for that purpose, nor would it be even possible to open it under those conditions.

The water clarity in October was 17 feet vertical visibility. That is just slightly clearer than normal, which has been running between 15 and 16.5 ft. for October. During most months this year the water has been slightly clearer than normal, except for August, which was 12 ft. compared with the typical 13 ft.

Contrary to speculation, no one with access to our private files on boat ownership/registration within Seven Lakes West (including Robertson, Meikle, Pitt, Duncan or myself) released any information to the county tax assessor or any other outside agency.

**Secretary
Jan Patton
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Record of Board Actions Taken:

Special meeting of Nov. 1, 2005:

1. Accepted proposal of October 24, 2005 from Rick Sumerel for settlement of GS Communities' donation to West Side Park.

Work Session of Nov. 8, 2005:

1. Approved the record of E-mail action of Sept. 1, 2005 regarding the purchase of a pool cover, and the minutes of the Oct. 13, 2005 work session; the Oct. 25, 2005 general meeting, and the Nov. 1 special meeting's security presentation.
2. Approved the October, 2005 Check Detail.
3. Directed that SLWLA contract with the State Farm Agency, including the proposed option on D&O and EPL coverage, for 2005-2006.
4. Approved policies governing the West Newsletter and

SLWLA website.

5. By general consent, postponed repaving the exit lane of Lakeway Drive until mid-June through August.
6. For a trial period of one year, approved temporary signs to advertise recreational activities focused on youth 3 days prior to the event and re-moved the day after.

Record of E-mail Action of Nov. 11, 2005

1. Approved revised Architectural Review Committee's Standards for Design and

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