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# Foxfire pursues robbery leads

Foxfire Village Police and Moore County Sheriff's Deputies are pursuing leads in two robberies that shattered the tranquility of a typically peaceful Foxfire Sunday for two households.

On Sunday, January 8, one village resident was held at gunpoint in an armed robbery and another family had cash and valuables stolen while they were at church.

A home on Richmond Road was burglarized during the church hour Sunday morning. The homeowners customarily leave their garage door open a bit to allow their dog access to the yard while they are away.

When they came back from church, the garage door was wide open. But they didn't realize that anything was awry until the lady of the house went to her jewelry box and found that her jewelry and some cash had been taken.

The thieves made off with in excess of \$750 in cash and jewelry, according to Foxfire Village Councilman Carl Munro, who provided *The Times* with details of both crimes.

The armed robbery took place later on the same day, between 6:00 and 8:30 pm. A resident on Ridge Road responded to a knock on his door and had a gun shoved in his face. Two large white males, masked, both with guns, forced their way into the home.

One kept the owner under gun while the other searched through the home looking for cash. They roughed him up try-

(See "Thefts," p. 3)

# Put on a happy face!



And a stylish hat doesn't hurt, either! Edie Belle doesn't let cataracts get her down, she just puts on her best bonnet and hops in the truck for a spin around Seven Lakes. The Boston Terrier, who belongs to Al and Peg Anderson of Seven Lakes North, turned 14 last month.

#### It's Election Season

It's election season in Seven Lakes — time for both the Seven Lakes [SLLA] and Seven Lakes West [SLWLA] Landowners Associations to choose new members for their respective boards of directors. The associations finalize those elections at their annual meetings held a week apart in mid-March.

For the first time in recent memory, both associations have more candidates than seats available, offering voters a choice of candidates. And there's still time for petition candidates to win a slot on the SLLA ballot.

The Times plans to interview candidates for both boards, as well as cover the Candidate's Night forums held on each side of Highway 211. Here's a rundown of the coverage we have planned.

**February 3:** SLWLA Candidate Interviews **February 17:** SLLA Candidate Interviews

SLWLA Candidate's Night Coverage

March 3: SLLA Candidate's Night Coverage March 31: Coverage of both Annual Meetings

and Election Results

If you have questions you'd like us to ask the candidates, please drop us a note, send us an email, or give us a call. And, as always, we welcome your letters to the editor.

# Board moves forward on small area planning

A new land use planning process for the area around Seven Lakes and West End took another step forward Wednesday afternoon, as the Moore County Planning Board agreed on several key points about how the process will work.

Their recommendations will now go to the Moore County Board of Commissioners for approval, possibly as early as the February 6 commissioners meeting.

The "Small Area Planning" approach the planning board is advocating is similar to the countywide Land Use Planning

process the county undertook in 1998, utilizing a variety of community meetings and input sessions to develop guidelines that can shape future development.

Small Area Planning, as the name implies, is for an area smaller than the county as a whole. Over the next several years, if the process wins approval from the commissioners, six or eight Small Area Plans will be developed, covering all the unincorporated areas of the county.

On Wednesday, the Planning Board agreed on the shape of the first area to be studied, the composition of the committee that will oversee the planning process, and the timetable for completing the plan. Recommendations on each point had been developed by a subcommittee chaired by Dave Kinney, of Seven Lakes South, and included planning baord chair Harry Huberth, and Aaron McNeill.

Area A, the first area to be studied, will conform to the boundaries of the school district served by West End Elementary School. Huberth said the subcommittee looked at a variety of possibilities for boundaries and

(See "Planning" p. 6)

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# Civic Group annual meeting is Feb. 8

by Dave Kinney

The Seven Lakes Civic Group will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, February 8 at 7:30 am at the Westside Communitv Center.

Andrea Surratt, Director of Planning and Community Development for Moore County, will be the featured speaker. She will talk about Small Area Planning, a process of gathering citizens input on land use, that may ulti-

mately lead to improvements in the county's 1999 Zoning Ordinance.

The Civic Group - often in cooperation with the Business Guild and landowner's associations — is dedicated to preserving and improving the quality of life, property values, and safety of the greater Seven Lakes Community.

During the meeting we will summarize our activities over the past year. The results of the election of three new members to our board will be announced.

The meeting promises to be of great interest to our community.

Members of the Civic group are encouraged to attend. Non-members too are most welcome to attend the meeting.

At the meeting there will be an

opportunity for members to pay their 2006 dues and for others with a vested interest in our community to become supporting members.

# Attract wildlife to your yard

A workshop on how to create and protect wildlife habitat in you own backyard.

The Pinehurst Conservation Commission, Greenway Wildlife Habitat Committee, in cooperation with the Moore County Master Gardener Volunteers. invites all Sandhills residents to its Wildlife Habitat Workshop on "Attracting Desirable Wildlife to Your Backyard." The workshop will be held on Saturday, January 28, 10:30 am - 11:30 am, Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road.

Speakers Peter Hanly, Dolores Muller and Arleen Rutkofske will offer guidance on neighborhood projects to enhance the wildlife habitats in our community's backyards and open spaces. Emphasis will be on tats to support native plants, birds and other animals in this

how to create and protect habi-

unique Sandhills ecosystem. Open to the public at no charge. For information call 295-1900.

#### Correction

# And the winner actually is . . .

by Rollin Tomberlin

The Kiwanis Club of Seven Lakes reported in error the name of the West Side Christmas decoration contest winners. The actual winners were brother and

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April 14	April 10
April 28	April 24
May 12	May 8
May 26	May 22
June 9	June 5
June 23	June 19
July 7	June 30*
July 21	July 17
August 4	July 31
August 18	August 14

\*Early publication or deadline due to holiday.

sister, Daniel Petruccelli and Mary Ann Greco, of 113 Forest Square Lane.

Ron and Patty Speziale who were listed as the winners in our original story, actually sold this home to the current residents two years ago. The Kiwanis Club regrets their mistake and deeply apologizes to Miss Greco and Mr. Petruccelli and The Seven Lakes Times for this oversight.

**Little Miss Seven Lakes** 

Girls aged 6 to 11 are encouraged to sign up for the drawing of Little Miss Seven Lakes. Little Miss Seven Lakes will lead the Saint Patty's Day Parade with two attendants on Saturday, March 11. The parade begins at 11 am at the North Clubhouse.

The winning name will be drawn on Monday, February 27. Fill out an entry slip and leave it in the boxes found at the North

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# Council working toward parks grant

Work is proceeding on the village's application for a North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund [PARTF] grant to help pay for an overhaul of the pool and tennis courts, villagers learned at the Tuesday, January 10 meeting of the Foxfire Village Council.

They also heard one councilman — Gene Petrie — express concern that the \$500,000 planned for repairing the pool and tennis courts might be better spent on new facilities located at the new Village Green municipal park. Petrie was not present for the council meeting at which the park was debated and given the go-ahead by the council.

"I know that we are going to proceed with this and that is the decision of the council," Petrie said. "What I look at is \$535,000 and what we could do with that at Village Green."

After months of negotiations, the village was able earlier this year to purchase the pool from the owners of Foxfire Golf and Country Club for one dollar.

Petrie also expressed concern that parking for the tennis and pool area may not be adequate — and that some of that parking lies too close to one of the village's wells.

Responding to Petrie, Vic Koos, a member of the Parks Committee, said locating a pool at Village Green would create more work for Foxfire Police in attempting to regulate use of the facility. The current pool is located in the center of the village.

Jack Olson, who chairs the Parks Committee, said "The park master plan does not include the notion that everything will

Foxfire Council
1/10 Meeting

be at Village Green."

Mayor George Erickson said that working on the parking issue should be a priority as planning for the project continues. He said that the center-village location of the facility was an advantage, particularly given the likelihood that additional condos will be built in the center village over the next few years.

Erickson said that meeting had been scheduled with repre-

sentatives of PARTF for the week of January 16 to get their input on any adjustments needed before finalizing the village's application.

If successful, the village's application could win it funding for half the projected \$535,000 cost of the pool and tennis renovation.

Streets. Both Petrie and Erickson noted that an Institute of Transportation Research and Education survey of the condition of village roads had been completed and recommended approximately \$52,000 in improvements.

The report prioritizes needed repairs to assist the village in budgeting for the work over a period of time. Erickson noted that the last round of road repairs, based on an earlier study, had been completed in 2003.

**Finance.** Councilman Wally Peckitt said the village had nearly \$350,000 in the bank, reflect-

ing an increase of \$37,000 in the past six months. He said expenditures are right on track in most departments.

Water. Councilman Harsany said the water departent is in the process of cleaning screens in some village wells, a process that can increase the flow of water from the wells.

Public Safety. Councilman Carl Munro said the village's annual campaign to have landowners clean up vacant lots is well underway. There are far fewer lots that need cleaning up this year than last year.

Munro shared information with villagers on two recent robberies in the village. [See story on page 1.]

Noting that he has been working for some time on finding a suitable storage area for recreational vehicles and trailers, so that they aren't parked in Foxfire Village driveways, Munro said a (See "Foxfire," p. 6)

# **Thefts**

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ing to get information about where his money was hidden. The resident explained that he did not keep money in the house. The thieves made off with about \$40 in cash.

The Foxfire Village Police Department and Moore Coun-

ty Sheriff's Office are cooperating in the investigation of both crimes, Munro told *The Times*. Anyone with information that might aid the investigation are encouraged to call the Village Police Department at 295-5959 or the Sheriff's Office at 947-2931.

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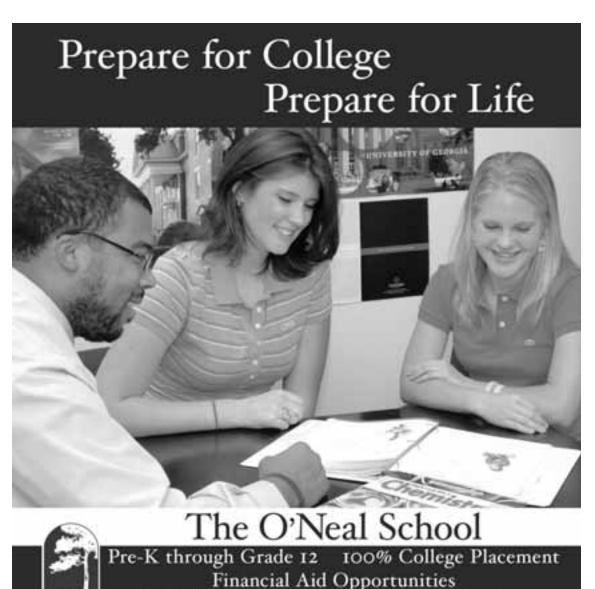
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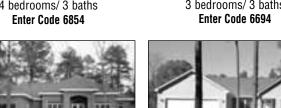


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# Dr. Massey takes reins from Dr. Kuhn

Dr. Jennifer S. Massey has purchased the dental practice of Dr. Lionel Kuhn in Seven Lakes. After 13 years of practicing in Seven Lakes, Dr. Kuhn has retired. Dr. Massey was an associate with Dr. Kuhn for over three years before purchasing the

Dr. Kuhn said, "I am very happy that Dr. Massey has purchased the practice. I take great pleasure in knowing that the practice I started, will continue to serve the community with such a high standard of excel-

by Marisa Back

berry Brochure.

"During her time as an associate in our office, Dr. Massey had the opportunity to meet and care for most of our patients. I have no reservations about the care and treatment that patients will continue to receive from her. Dr. Massey has my utmost confidence in her diagnostic and practical skills. In fact, she is and will continue to be my den-

Originally from Fayetteville, 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 is a member of the American Dental Association, North Carolina Dental Society, Sandhills Dental Study Club, and the Academy of General Dentistry.

Prior to joining Dr. Kuhn's practice about three years ago, Dr.

Dr. Jennifer S. Massey

in Colorado and North Carolina and worked with First Health Dental Care Centers.

Dr. Massey is pleased that Dr. Kuhn's dental staff is remaining with the practice. The dental office will continue to provide comprehensive adult dental care including general dentistry, crowns and bridges, cosmetic procedures, dentures, extractions,

Massey completed externships restorative dentistry, and dental treatment for children.

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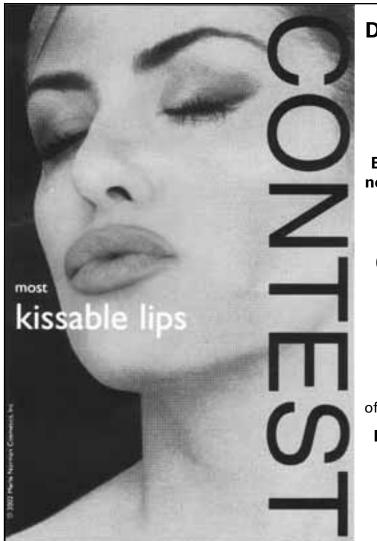
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# **Planning**

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the school district produced an area that, from the perspective of topography and soil type was relatively homogeneous, making it likely that development across area would follow similar patterns.

The roughly triangular area stretches from below Foxfire village in the South to the intersection of Firetower and Mount Carmel Church roads in the North, from West Pine Middle School in the east to the Montgomery County line in the west.

It includes all of Seven Lakes, West End, Eagle Springs, and Jackson Springs, and surrounds Foxfire Village.

The Steering Committee leading the study of this first area will be the Planning Board itself, the subcommittee recommended

When a representative of the Moore County Homebuilders Association expressed surprise

that this structure did not include local residents of the area being studied, Kinney stressed that the key to the process is public input and noted that members of the public will be involved in work on various key topics as the study progresses. But the Planning Board, with the assistance of staff, will do the steering.

Finally, the Board approved an 18-month timetable for completion of the study of this first area. Kinney noted that work on the second small area to be studied — likely to be the Woodlake-Lobelia area — could begin roughly six months after the SevenLakes-West End area study is underway.

The six members of the planning board present at the meeting approved all three recommendations and instructed staff to present them to the board of commissioners at the earliest opportunity — their February 6

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# Foxfire

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location has been found but now needs to be brought before the planning and zoning board and the council for an appropriate zoning permit.

The application fee for such permit is \$200. Munro asked for and received council approval to waive that fee.

Mayor's report. Erickson said the village had anticipating receiving ten or twelve applications for the job opening created in the village staff by Sue Shuster's departure. In fact, 35 applications were received.

After a careful process of winnowing down the applications, interviewing candidates, and checking references, the job had been offered to and accepted by Lisa Kibett, who lives near Foxfire and has worked on the Southern Pines municipal staff since 1998, serving since 2000 as deputy clerk.

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# In memory of .

Foxfire, died on Monday, January 9 at his home.

Mr. Gilbert was born in Battle Creek, Michigan to the late Milo R. Gilbert, Sr. and Gertrude Jones Gilbert. He served in the U.S. Navy during W.W.II and was stationed in the Philippines. After the service, he attended Perdue University and graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering and business.

Mr. Gilbert married Carolyn Hoffman in 1951. They lived in Glenview, ILL and Williamsville, NY. He was a member of Tran-

Milo (Mike) Gilbert, 83, of sit Valley Country Club and served two terms as president of the club.

> He was employed by Robertshaw Controls and Dresser Industries. He and his wife retired to Foxfire. He was an avid golfer, loved to travel, and being with family. He served the Foxfire community as an active member of several committees.

> A Celebration of his life was held on Saturday, January 14 at his home.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn; daughters, Gail Lange, Tracey Bonn; a son, Barrie Gilbert and six grandchildren.

Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines served the family.

James R. Farnan, 84, of Seven Lakes died on Friday, January 13, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mr. Farnan was born in Detroit, MI. He was veteran of the US Navy during W.W.II. He served as an instructor at the US Naval Training School in Detroit for Marine Diesel Operations which was followed by his duty in the South Pacific as a First Class Motor Machinist Mate on a patrol

gunboat in the Sea of Japan.

He was employed by DeVilbiss Company for 27 years as a sales representative for paint systems for automotive manufacturers in the Detroit area.

Mr. Farnan was a lifetime member, and Past Master of the Masonic Lodge in Detroit.

The family moved to Seven Lakes in 1984.

In November of 2005 he and his wife celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Survivors include his wife, Jane; sons, James Farnan, Jr. of

Liberty, IL; Richard Farnan of Douglasville, GA; and daughters, Patricia Wise of Acworth, GA; Joanne Mace of Southern Pines. Six grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Seven Lakes E.M.S., 969 Seven Lakes North, Seven Lakes, NC 27376.

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

# Pancake breakfast will aid **Hurricane Katrina victims**

In order to raise funds for a mission trip to the storm ravaged areas of Mississippi the West End Presbyterian Church is holding a pancake breakfast on January 28, from 7:30 am to 11:00 am.

Everyone in the community is invited to come for the nominal price of only \$5 per person. Chef Fred Suefert will use the same culinary skills he employs each year at the Kiwanis breakfast to ensure a delicious meal and delightful experience.

This church trip will take place during spring break and will include many of the Church's youth group who are willingly giving up their time off from school work to help others clean up from the aftermath of Katri-

Teresa Copper, director of Youth Activities, and several other adults will travel with the youth to an area designated by the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program which directs the overall recovery program supported by the Presbyterian Church.

The breakfast will be held in the Crawford Center located directly behind the Church. West End Presbyterian Church is on Knox Lane. To get there from Seven Lakes Drive, take a right at the lights by the old Stanley Furniture Company and another right onto Knox Lane. The Church will be on your left.

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**GARDENING** Page 8 **Seven Lakes Times** January 20, 2006

# Starting a lawn: Early, but not too early!

Believe it or not 2005 has gone and 2006 is here. The weather thus far has been extremely beautiful and almost ideal for gardening. If you have been distracted from your gardening tasks as I have been during the holidays the outside exposure is good

seed, re-sod your bermuda or zoysia lawn.

Someone recently indicated their fescue lawn had turned brown and asked why?

In the absence of a soil test report analysis and not knowing the details and past history of lim-

ing and fertilizing

practices, these suggestions might be helpful. Fescue lawns should be lightly fertilized in mid September to

Jim Caudill

Gardening in

the Sandhills

exercise and allows one to begin their chores for the approaching season. Some meteorologists or weather forecasters are predicting the future remaining weeks of winter as mild with some variable cooler short periods, but hopefully Spring is just around the corner. January is a good time for planning your annual landscape gardening

Several questions asked regarding lawns. When should I establish and rescue my fescue lawn?

I would not consider establishing, preparing, and seeding a new fescue lawn until about the middle of February, but renovating, spot seeding or lightly thatching, liming, fertilizing, and adding more seed may be done at any time you desire. I would wait until late March or April after the danger of hard freezes to establish, redo, renovate,

early October. January, and March, with a complete 1-1-1 ratio analysis fertilizer such as 10-10-10, 14-14-14,

Also it might be a low pH indicating the need for lime. The best method for determining the fertility needs and requirements is to take a soil samples and when the analysis report is returned follow the recommen-

In the absence of a soil test, as temporary recommendation try a granular 10-10-10 premium fertilizer at the rate of 5 pounds per 1000 square feet, and if you haven't limed in 3 years use 20 pounds per 1000 square feet powdered dolomitic limestone. This will help the situation.

Now would be a good time take soil tests to the Moore County Extension Office in Carthage. They will send them off to Raleigh for analysis. You should receive an analysis report in about 3 weeks. The service is ask if it's too late. free. Testing kits are available from the Seven Lakes Garden Club, the North Side Landowners office, and the Extension office in Carthage.

#### January reminders:

Some people have indicated their fall and winter plantings haven't been completed and

No, container plantings can be made anytime, good maintenance and upkeep practices are followed.

January is still a good time for planting, transplanting and moving shrubs, trees and other plantings in the landscape. Most plants are dormant. Do not plant when the soil is frozen. Water well

when planting, and if rainfall does not occur, weekly watering will necessary. Keep the soil around the new plants moist at

It's a good time to prune the top branches of any transplanted or moved plant to bring it in line with the damaged root system. This will enhance the chance

(See "Gardens," p. 9)

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### **Gardens**

(Continued from page 8) for survival.

January is an ideal time for planting Spring flowering bulbs. Experience has shown, bulbs may be planted here in the Sandhills as late as March. Most of our Seven Lakes soils are highly acid and low in fertility.

Bulbs require fertile soils; therefore it is very important to lime and fertilize for optimum growth and flowering. Use a handful of ground, pulverized, powdered limestone, and either dried cow manure, cottonseed meal, bone meal or super phosphate at planting.

Work it well into the soil and plant. Top dress around planted areas with 1 tablespoon of bulb booster fertilizer at emergence of the crown sprouts.

Water should be applied if needed and rainfall is limited. Remember, bulbs other than narcissus types must be planted in vole protected border areas, pots and beds away from the pesky varmints if possible.

Fertilize your pansies and again as often as needed with liquid or granular fertilizers.

It's time to prepare your garden area for the approaching season. To aid help in controlling diseases, insects, and nematodes move or rotate your garden from the previous spot.

If space is limited for the vegetable garden and an area is fixed, move or rotate the vegetables spots within the garden. Lime should be applied every three years. If lime hasn't been applied previously then you could apply 20 pounds dolomitic limestone per 1000 square feet.

Add any weed free composted matter material you have. Also add 10 pounds cow manure, or 5 pounds of bone meal, or 5 pounds of 8-8-8 or 10-10-10, premium fertilizer per 1000 feet. Till or spade these materials into the soil.

These nutrients should supply most of the annual fertility needs for the vegetable garden.

#### Suggestions for planting in January are:

Asparagus crowns, hardy edible sugar pod peas, and regular garden peas, onion sets, seed, and plants, and rhubarb plants.

#### Rhodes Productions Presents A Pre-Broadway Special Event

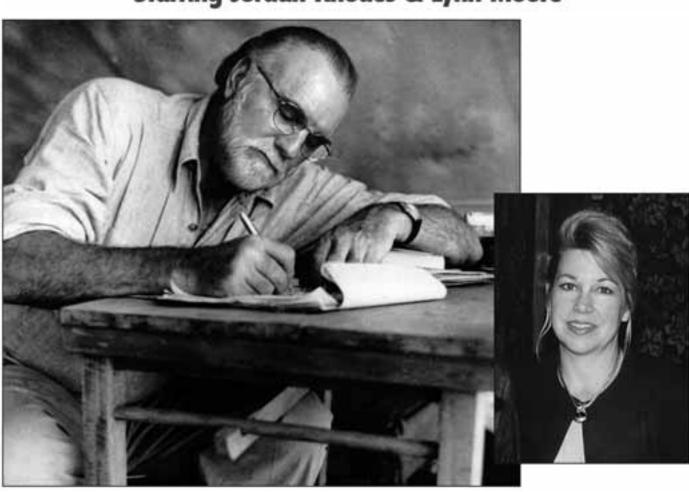
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# 7 Lakes Village to gain new real estate office

One of the Sandhills area's oldest and most trusted real estate agencies is expanding into Seven Lakes. Prudential Gouger O'Neal & Saunders Real Estate, whose associates receive referrals and support from numerous sister Prudential offices, will be able to offer a vast array of resources to assist incoming and existing residents in Seven Lakes.

"To answer the needs of the growing population in the Seven Lakes area, we have made the decision to open an office there," said President Kay Beran.

Gouger O'Neal & Saunders was the first real estate company in the Sandhills to have multiple locations and became a Prudential Real Estate Affiliate in 1995, inheriting a large network of Prudential Real Estate Affiliates throughout the globe. Prudential Gouger O'Neal & Saunders associates have an aggregate of hundreds of years of cumulative experience but take strides to provide individual attention to each client they represent.

"We have always tried to serve the community with excellent service and now we are adding the convenience of a location that can't be missed," said Beran. She refers to the traffic light that dominates the center of Seven Lakes West, North and South. Their new office will be next to Lee-Moore Insurance in Seven Lakes Plaza directly across from this stoplight.

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Beran expects the offices to be open as of February 1, 2006. Linda Criswell has been named the Broker-in-Charge and office hours will be Monday through Saturday from 8:30 AM to 5 PM as well as by appointment.

Prudential Gouger O'Neal & Saunders continues to maintain a number one position in the

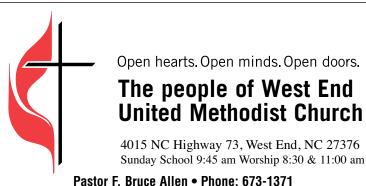


Linda Criswell

real estate market and was the first company in the area to sponsor company-wide buyer agency training and annual continuing education. With more than 40 years of real estate service in Moore County, 38 sales associates and two established offices in Pinehurst and Southern Pines, Beran says the Seven Lakes office will provide an excellent platform to continue serving the citizens of Moore County.

"People want to work with knowledgeable, successful people who smile and go the extra mile for them," she said, "We love what we do and are anxious to get better acquainted with the Seven Lakes residents. We plan to invite them to drop by and meet our staff as soon as we are open."

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Chef Amy will be serving a choice of three gourmet dinners: a) Cornish Hen with raspberry & red wine sauce at \$21.95; or b) Champagne Shrimp at \$25.95; and Filet stuffed w/basil & sun-dried tomatoes at \$30.95.

The meals will include salad, vegetables, and scrumptious chocolate tuxedo cake. (Prices include tax and gratuity.) Non-club-members will pay a surcharge of \$5 per person.

Reservations may be made by calling 673-1100 after 11:00 am.

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**EDUCATION** January 20, 2006 **Seven Lakes Times** Page 11

# Home schooling firm opens in Seven Lakes

Classical Conversations, Inc. has opened its first brick and mortar storefront to complement their internet bookstore for home schooling families.

The store is located at 1030-B Seven Lakes Drive across from First Health of Seven Lakes. Cyndi Widman of Seven Lakes North is the store manager.

Classical Conversations' internet and book conference sales have been growing so quickly that they outgrew their basement and garage.

So owner, Leigh Bortins, and her family, moved from Winston-Salem to Seven Lakes and immediately began looking for a new facility to warehouse inventory and provide shipping space.

They had so many customers ask if they could come to browse through inventory that they decided to find a facility that would make walk-ins comfortable while staff shipped books each day. Hours for the store are Monday-Friday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm and while classes are being

Classical Conversations will hold a Free Parent Practicum on Monday, February 20 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

They will also offer a drawing instruction class using Mona Brooks Drawing With Children for children ages 4 – 14 years old. The cost for students is \$10 for the whole day. Parents can spend the morning developing their personal vision and plan for academic excellence for their home schooled children.

In the afternoon, the parents will practice teaching writing with a video from the Institute for Excellence in Writing and learn more about the services and curriculum offered by Classical Conversations.

For more details and registration, visit www.ClassicalConversationsBooks.com. Students must register by February 9. Adults may register at the door. Come for a part or the whole day, but plan to learn a lot!

The Grand Opening Sale of the bookstore will also be February 20.

The new facility will allow Classical Conversations to offer classes for students and parents whether their children home school full time or attend school. The company believes every parent is their child's best teacher and they want to help all parents do a better job with academics.

Classical Conversations will be holding a series of classes to introduce good classical education to the local community.

Each class teaches an independent skill so you can attend for eight weeks or miss a few. The following classes are being offered at this time:

#### Geography

Geography is critical to the love of History, Literature, Politics and more yet few Americans can identify the Missouri River let alone the Adriatic or

Baltic Seas. Time will be spent during the eight classes mastering the major features of the seven continents. Mondays from February 6 to March 27, 1:30 -3:00 pm.

#### **Arithmetic**

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Tuesdays from February 7 to March 28, 1:30-3:00 pm.

#### **Essentials of the English Language**

Classical Conversations pro-(See "Home," p. 12)

### **Seven Lakes EMS Phone Directory Now Available**

The 2006 Edition of the Seven Lakes Phone Directory is now available for sale. Copies can be purchased at the Landowner's Offices on the North and West Sides.

The cost remains at \$6 for the expanded edition.

Since this is a fund raising effort by Seven Lakes E.M.S. they hope that all residents will purchase a copy. Additional contributions would be greatly appreciated.

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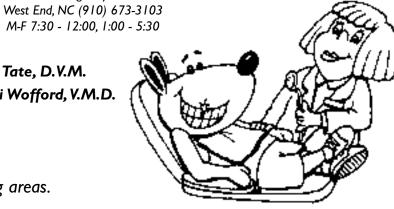
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prietary Essentials classes teaches grammar and writing to both children and adults using a method that breaks everything down into easy steps. Adults

are especially encouraged to attend with their children. Mondays from February 6 to March 27, 3:30 – 5:00 pm and/or Tuesdays from February 7 to March 27, 3:30 – 5:00 pm.

To register for any of these classes, call 910-987-4683 by January 31. Class sizes are limited so don't wait. All classes are for second grade and older. Parents and grandparents are

even encouraged to enroll.

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# Project Linus plans fleece blanket workshop

shop planned to make blankets surrounding Moore County area - 3:00 pm. If you would like to

The next fleece blanket work- for children in need from the is Wednesday, January 25 10:00 help and donate your time to a good cause join the Project Linus blanket makers at the North Clubhouse Gameroom. You can stay all day or just for a few hours.

The only tool requirement for

the workshop is a pair of sharp scissors and small pieces of soap for marking material.

Bring your lunch. Desert and drinks will be provided.

Call Pat Weber for information or questions at 673-1457.



Linus Donation — Alice While, Treasurer of the Seven Lakes Crafters, presents Pat Weber, Coordinator of Project Linus, with a check to be used for Project Linus Blankets.

# Estate planning next Aux topic

meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2 at 2:00 pm at the North Clubhouse.

Victoria Bremer of Robbins May and Rich LLP Law Firm, will be the guest speaker.

She will be discussing trust and estate planning.

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# Gardners learn about lawns

Billy Gray, of the Southern Landscape Group, presented a very informative program entitled Turf in the Sandhills to the members of the Seven Lakes Garden Club at their January meeting.

Gray's presentation, supplemented by extensive handouts, covered everything the home gardener needs to know to select and maintain the "perfect" lawn. Mr. Gray helped Garden Club President Al Geiger award the evening's door prizes.

Up coming programs of interest to area gardeners include: The Pinehurst Conservation Commission's first Wildlife Habitat Workshop entitled "Attracting Wildlife to Your Backyard."

The program will be held on Saturday, January 28 at the

Pinehurst Village Hall from 10:30 to 11:30 am.

For further information call 295-1900.

The next Seven Lakes Garden Club meeting on Thursday, February 9 will feature presentations by Steve Thornburg and Denise Maynor of the Horticulture Department of the NC Zoo.

#### Don't forget! **Bloodmobile February 8th**

The Bloodmobile will be visiting on Wednesday, February 8, from 1:00 to 6:00 pm at the Seven Lakes North Club-

Please come and bring a buddy along to give "The gift of Life" with "regulars" like Charles Beattie, Beth Blondin, Laura Britt and Lionel Bryson.

If you are over 17, over 110 pounds and in good health, you are needed.

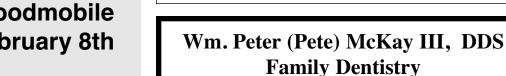
# Swing! opens 2/3

Moore OnStage brings that exciting period in American music to the Sunrise Theatre with the Broadway musical "Swing!"

Don't miss the live orchestra, under the direction of Steve Menendez, playing "Stompin' at the Savoy," or "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" or "Blues in the Night."

"Swing!" opens on Friday, February 3 at the Sunrise Theatre and plays February 3 and 4 at 7:30 pm and February 5 at 2:00 pm. After a couple of days off, it reopens on Thursday, February 9 for two shows at 2:00 and 7:30 pm. Then plays on February 10 and 11 at 7:30 pm and closing on Sunday, February 12 at 2:00

For reservations, call 255-0667 between 2:00 and 6:00 pm Monday through Friday. Tickets \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$10 for students.



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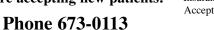
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On Tuesday, January 24 and on Sunday, January 29, two events will be held to give parents an opportunity to learn more about The O'Neal School.

The information session on Tuesday, January 2 will begin at 8:30 am in the atrium of Bradshaw Hall with refreshments. The heads of O'Neal's Upper, Middle and Lower Schools will meet with interested parents and then lead tours of the campus and classrooms.

An Open House will be held on the O'Neal campus in Southern Pines on Sunday, January 29 from 3:00 until 5:00 pm. Children are also invited to tour the school with their parents at the Open House, O'Neal administrators. teachers and parents will be on hand to answer questions.

Topics that will be addressed include:

· An overview of The O'Neal

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The Moore County Schools Exceptional Education Department is hosting its first "Support Agencies Fair" Tuesday, February 7, from 6:00 -8:00 pm at the Agricultural Building located at 707 Pinehurst Avenue, Carthage.

The Fair is designed primarily to be of service to families of students with disabilities, particularly middle and high school grade levels. Organizations and agencies in the area have been invited to educate, assist and inform parents and students about local opportunities during and after high school.

Local service agencies attending include ARC of Moore County, Vocational Rehabilitation, Pinetree Community Services, Project Succeed, Cardinal Clinic, Behavioral Healthcare, Mentor Network-KidsPeace, and more.

"If you need assistance for your student, please drop in and get to know your local support people," said Judy Clendenin, Transition Facilita-

For more information, contact Clendenin at 947-2342.

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- Tuition, financial aid, and scholarships
- O'Neal's SAT scores and college admission

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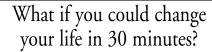
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#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

- Seven Lakes West Landowners Association
   7:30 pm, General Meeting, West Side Park Community Center.
- Sandhills Natural History Society – 7:00 pm at Penick Village. Kerry Brust and Jessie Schillaci will talk about Hawaiian birds as they share their experiences from this tropical paradise. Call 692-2167.
- 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.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

- Project Linus Fleece
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trends, faux finishing and decorating secrets. Make your reservation by January 20. Call 944-1166 if you require a ride or assistance.

 Seven Lakes Landowners Association – 7:30 pm, General Meeting, North Clubhouse.

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pm Sunday (1/29/06) matinee. For information about the play visit www.hemingwayon-

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"Callback" at Temple Theatre - The play chronicles the 40-year friendship of an actress and a director. The show will be presented January 27 through February 12. Opening night tonight at 8:00 pm. Tickets \$18 adults, \$15 groups & military,\$10 students, through Temple Theatre Box Office at 120 Carthage Street in Downtown Sanford, 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Monday - Friday or by For show times call (919) 774-4155.

 Country Bookshop – 7:00 pm, Paul Shepherd, Writer in Residence at Florida
State University, will discuss
his award-winning debut
novel, "More Like Not
Running Away," the haunting
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and the power that binds
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#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

- West End Presbyterian Church Sponsors A Pancake Breakfast For Hurricane Katrina Victims, 7:30 am to 11:00 am. Everyone in the community is invited to come for the nominal price of only \$5 per person. Held in the Crawford Center located directly behind the Church. West End Presbyterian Church is on Knox Lane, West End.
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#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Seven Lakes Women's
Auxiliary – 2:00 pm at the
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#### T<u>uesday, February, 7</u>

- Creating a Backyard Habitat From a Bird's Point of View -2:00 pm, sponsored by Moore County Department of Aging. This free one hour workshop will be presented by Bill Kastern of Wild Birds Unlimited . At the Department of Aging offices, 302 Monroe Street, Carthage. Register at 947-
- Kiwanis Bingo 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse, \$350 Jackpot. Bring a friend for the fun.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- Bloodmobile Visits 1:00 to 6:00 pm at Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Please come and bring a buddy along to give "The gift of Life" for those in need.
- **Seven Lakes Civic Group** Meeting - 7:30 pm, at West Park Community Center. Andrea Surratt, Director of Planning and Zoning of Moore County will be the guest speaker. All are welcome to attend.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Seven Lakes Garden Club - 7:30 pm, North Clubhouse. Guest speakers will be Steve Thornburg and Denise Maynor from the Horticulture Department of the NC Zoo. Topics will include working with our

sandy soil and plants native to North Carolina. Door prizes will be awarded.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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# Auxiliary gets scoop on FirstHealth plans

by Sondra Schroeder

On Thursday, January 5, the Women's Auxiliary of Seven Lakes began the new year with a presentation by John LeTrent describing the "2010 Initiative" of First Health of Moore County.

LeTrent is Director of Corporate Facilities for FirstHealth of the Carolinas and well qualified to inform the community concerning the health care facilities coming its way.

The "2010 Initiative" is a three phase program that began in 1996 and is estimated to be completed in 2010.

This ambitious program, a \$200 million investment, includes updating existing facilities and



John LeTrent exaplins First Health's facilities master plan.

# 7 Lakes University at SLCC

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Space has been described as the final frontier, but for Seven Lakes Country Club it is their next frontier. Starting in February the club will introduce their inaugural session of Seven Lakes University with a four week series titled "Exploring the Solar System."

Seven Lakes University is part of Seven Lakes Country Club 2010 program to be more fully intertwined the community. The goal is to present informative sessions that will attract young and old to the Club to share in their enjoyment of common interests and the pursuit of greater knowledge of the world around

The series will begin on Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 pm and will run for the three consecutive Tuesdays. The main speaker for the series will be Steve Danford who is the Head of the Department of Physics and Astronomy at UNC Greensboro.

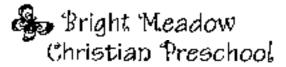
Danford will include in his presentations, the history of observing planets, NASA exploration of the solar system and the latest on the Mars, Saturn and Jupiter missions.

As part of the series the group will be taking a bus trip to the Three College Observatory near Graham to view the cosmos. The cost of the four week series will be \$30 to cover the cost of

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The hospitality house is sim-

ilar to the well known "McDonald House." It will provide a place of shelter, comfort and support for those who have a seriously ill loved one confined to the hospital.

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# Foxfire is bluebird paradise, gardeners learn

by Beth Schettler

Foxfire Village resident Helen Munro presented a fascinating program on bluebirds to a capacity crowd of Foxfire Garden Club members in the Town Hall on Monday, January 8. Munro is well-known throughout this area, particularly for her presentations to club groups and to children's classes, and for many years she has served the North Carolina Bluebird Society in many capacities.

She explained the history of Bluebird monitoring in Foxfire Village, and demonstrated the success of this activity with charts.

Munro's bluebird monitoring program began in 1995, when the Foxfire Property Owners Association provided bluebird houses, placed along the two golf courses. Over the years she has had a total of eighty Vil-

lagers, each of whom monitors eighteen bluebird boxes once a week and reports their findings

Her charts showed that 296 bluebirds fledged from Foxfire nest boxes in 1996, the project's first year; 352 fledged in 2005. Foxfire's total fledgling population to date is 3,445.

Before answering the questions of her interested audience, and showing several types of bluebird houses, she ran an extraordinary film titled "Inside the Nest Box" which showed the life stages of a bluebird from nest-building and egg-laying until the day it leaves the nest.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to outlining plans for the Foxfire Garden Club's gigantic "Scottish Rumble" in March, when their huge flea market will be combined with several athletic events, food offerings, and sales of gardening items.

Many vendors from the area have already agreed to participate in this event. Carl and Helen The club's March meeting will be devoted to finalizing plans for the event, the proceeds from

Munro are General Chairmen. which will be used in the Garden Club's ongoing Village beautification projects.

# New co-chairs for book club

At the January meeting of the review for the next few months Foxfire Book Club the group reviewed and discussed Jane Austin's Pride and Prejudice, as well as the social conditions and customs of the time in which it was written.

The group's Co-chairs have been Betty Dresher and Helen Munro, through whose efforts the club was organized three years ago. Over that time, sixtytwo books have been read and reviewed. includding classics, novels, history, and mysteries.

The new Co-chairs are Francine Crumbaugh and Pepper Bahr. The books selected for are: February 20, The Lady and the Unicorn, Tracy Chevalier; March 20, Wild Swans, Jung Chang; April 17, The Mists of Avalon, Marion Zimmer Bradley; May 15, 1776, David McCullough; June 19, Guns, Arms, and Steel, Jared Diamond; and July 17, Forty Signs of Rain, Kim Stanley Robinson.

The Book Club meets in the Clubhouse at 3:00 pm on the third Monday of the month. There are no dues, and a book swap takes place at each meeting. For more information call 673-5812 or 291-4905.



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# SLLA Police & Security Report 12/21 - 1/14

The paragraphs below are are based on handwritten security reports filed by Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] security officers at the time of the incidents reported and police reports compiled by Seven Lakes Company Police Chief Dennis Lombard. Because we receive the police and security reports separately, some dates may overlap from one issue to the next.

#### December 21

Chief Lombard and Seven Lakes Company Police Officer Todd Maness were notified that there was a fire on the beach at Longleaf Lake. This is the third fire reported. The fire had been extinguished when the officers arrived.

#### December 22

Chief Lombard discovered the railing outside of the North Clubhouse was bent.

Chief Lombard discovered that the fence that encloses the swimming pool at the North Clubhouse had some new broken slats

Chief Lombard discovered that someone had set a fire in the men's shower at the North Clubhouse. The fire was out. This is the fourth fire found.

#### December 23

Chief Lombard observed a stop sign on the ground at Fire-tree and Thistle. This is the second stop sign removed from the ground.

#### December 27

Chief Lombard and Officer Maness were informed by a motorist that there was a fire in front of the North Clubhouse. Officers arrived, the fire was out and the area was checked. There was no one in the area. This was the fifth fire reported in the last two months.

#### **December 28**

Chief Lombard and Officer Maness were dispatched to the North Mail Room Building on a report of youths loitering in the building. They found no youths in the building or in the area.

Officer Maness discovered that someone had been throwing apples against the wall inside the South Side Mail House. The

need for cleanup was reported to the Seven Lakes Maintenance.

Chief Lombard and Officer was secured.

Maness were dispatched to a residence on Sunset Way in regards to an unsecured door. The door was secured

# Unlocked cars tempt thieves

Westside Community Manager Tony Robertson is encouraging residents to make sure their doors — automobile and home — are locked, after a spate of recent petty crimes in the neighborhood around Baker Circle.

Robertson and Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Director Virgil Reid told *The Times* that several folks who had left their vehicle parked unlocked in their driveways found that someone had rummaged through the vehicles, taking any valuables they found.

"People leave their cars unlocked, they leave stuff in them, and people just walk by and open them up to see what they can find," Reid told *The Times*.

He said he knew of four incidents of this type in the past four or five weeks, but wasn't sure that all the incidents had been reported to the association. The most valuable item stolen so far was a toolbox taken from the pickup truck of a resident in the construction business, Reid said.

In addition to the thefts from cars, items have been taken from the unlocked garages of at least two construction sites: a storm door and a construction heater.

Both Robertson and Reid stressed the importance of reporting such incidents to the Moore County Sheriff's Office.

"Initially, they should call the Sheriff's Office," Reid said, "because they will handle the investigation."

"Then, if it's during business hours, they should call the Landowners Office — or the gate guard, if its after hours. That way the association can keep track of these incidents so that we know if we have a real problem here."

A resident reported to the South Guard House that there were three boys urinating on the rugs in the South Side Mail House. He said these same three youths had been walking the street in front of his residence for several nights, harassing the resident's granddaughter. The report was apparently not relayed to Seven Lakes Company Police, though both officers were on duty at the time.

#### December 29

A Moore County Sheriff's Deputy had been dispatched to the area of Firetree and Cardinal on a report of the complainant bearing a woman screaming and gunshots. The area was checked with negative results.

Security patrol responded to a report of a loose dog on Hastings but could not locate the dog.

#### December 30

Chief Lombard and Officer Maness were dispatched to a residence on Shady Wood Court on a complaint of a trespassing on private property. It was reported that someone had been walking

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# SLLA Police & Security Report 12/21 - 1/14

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around a vacant house on Cardinal with a flashlight. The area was checked with negative results. The complainant was informed to telephone the Moore County Sheriff's Department if they see anyone on the Cardinal Drive property.

#### December 31

Security received another report of people walking around the vacant home on Cardinal. It turned out to be the new owners showing off the home to relatives.

A resident on Lakeview reported that his cat had been missing for several days - a white and gray tabby named "Lucky."

#### January 1

A resident on Firetree reported a chocolate-colored pit bull or boxer roaming.

A resident on Sunset Way reported a beagle roaming but security was unable to locate the dog.

#### January 2

Officer Maness was dispatched to the playground on a report of a missing bicycle. The owner had left the bike, locked, at the playground before going to school in the morning. Officer Maness found the bike, with a broken lock in Longleaf Lake and returned it to its owner.

Chief Lombard reported a stop sign on the ground at Juniper and Milestone. This is the third stop sign removed from the ground.

Security spotted a grey Chevy truck parked on the side of the road at Cherokee and Firetree at 8:22 am, apparently having been left there overnight. It had a January 1 visitor's tag.

A resident reported a truck tractor parked by a residence. Security could not determine when the vehicle had entered the community, but found it gone by mid-morning.

Patrol found the pool side door to the North Clubhouse unlocked and secured it.

#### January 3

No Report.

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#### January 4

A resident found a stray cat on Firetree. Patrol picked it up and ultimately transferred it to Moore County Animal Control.

A resident on Sandspur reported a fawn-colored pit bull with a purple collar roaming.

A resident on Overlook reported a barking dog after 11:00 pm. The Sheriff's Office was called.

A resident on Sandham called to ask for help securing a door banging on the underside of her

#### January 5

Chief Lombard was dispatched on a dog call on Overlook Drive. The area was checked with negative results.

#### January 6

A resident on Primrose reported regular morning visits by a stray dog; patrol was unable to locate the animal.

#### January 7

Highway Patrol entered the community to investigate a minor automobile accident on Primrose.

#### January 8

A resident on Hampton reported seeing a suspicious individual on West Devonshire near Hampton Court. Patrol could not locate the individual.

#### January 9

Officer Maness was dispatched to a residence on Sunset Way to investigate a report of a four wheeler on private property. The complainant indicated he knew the youth operating the fourwheeler. He was informed that he could contact the Magistrates Office for an arrest warrant and asked to contact the Sheriffs Department regarding the inci-

Chief Lombard received information that a resident on Winsford Circle discovered that his gas cap was on top of his motor

vehicle which was parked in his plainant. driveway. This may have happening on the evening of January 8 or early morning of January 9.

Patrol picked up a stray Chocolate Lab that had been reported several times in the road in the Firetree-Primrose area. The animal was turned over to Animal Control. Patrol was unable to apprehend a second dog roaming in the same area.

#### January 10

Chief Lombard was dispatched to residence on Sandy Ridge Road on the report of someone operating a four wheeler. The Chief observed a youth operating a four-wheeler on his parents' property. He spoke with the parents about the complaint and followed up with the com-

#### January 14

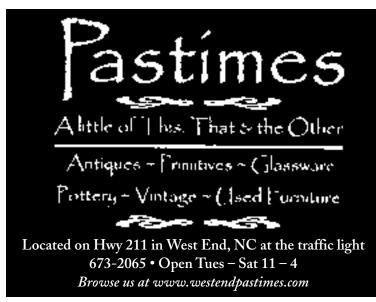
Chief Lombard was dispatched on a report of kids on the Tennis Courts by the Landowners Office. He found two boys playing tennis. The complaint was unfound-

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Chief Lombard was dispatched to Lancashire Lane on a report of a tree on the highway. The Chief telephoned Chad Beane and asked him for assistance in removing the tree from the

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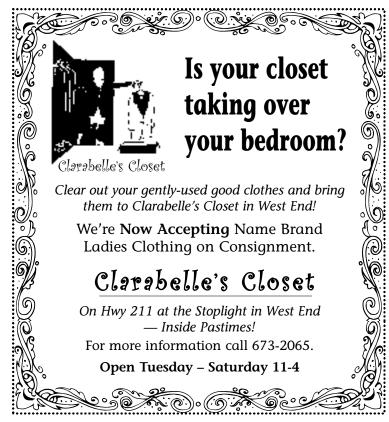


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# OPINION

# Soldier poet's a worthy read

"I think that I shall never see a poem ..."

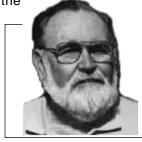
Remember that poem? Sure you do.

That is the opening line of a poem about the beauty of trees that most of us were taught in the first or second grade.

And then, as we progressed in school, we studied other poems, poems by A.E. Houseman, Emily Dickinson, or Robert Frost for instance.

I have a pleasant memory of many of them. I do, however,

remember the agony of sloughing through John Milton's "Paradise Lost" in an English class in college.



passion, hurt and horror, sympathy and desire." Here is his lead poem, "Here, Bullet:"

If a body is what you want, then here is bone and gristle and flesh.

Here is the clavicle-snapped wish.

the aorta's opened valves, the leap

thought makes at the synaptic gap.

Here is the adrenaline rush vou crave.

# Ollie's -Thoughts Oliver Gossard

Do we read any contempo-

Probably not. I do like to sample some of the poetry that is carried in each issue of The New Yorker magazine each week. I admire many of them, but few are memorable.

rary poems these days?

Three weeks ago as I was driving into Southern Pines with my radio turned to the NPR station, I heard an interview of a young poet who has recently published his poetry about his year in Iraq with the US Armv.

He had served in the army for seven years the last of which was in Iraq as an NCO. He is Brian Turner and his slim volume is entitled Here, Bullet.

I was so struck by his reading of several of his poems that I purchased his book from Bookshop by the Lakes and I have been carefully reading and rereading his poetry.

One of his critics has written "Brian Turner writes as only a soldier can, of terror and com-

that inexorable flight, that insane puncture into heat and blood. And I dare vou to finish what you you've started. Because here, Bullet, here is where I complete the word you bring hissing through the air, here is where I moan the barrel's cold esophagus,

triggering my tongue's explosives for the rifling I have

inside of me, each twist of the round

spun deeper, because here,

here is where the world ends, every time.

Other poems of note are "A Soldier's Arabic," "The Baghdad Zoo," and "The Al Havishma Weapons Market."

I recommend that you purchase this book or find it at the library.

It is rewarding to read.

# Take the time to choose board members wisely

Once again the opportunity to influence the governance of our private corporation, Seven Lakes West Landowners Association, approaches.

This time the board presents us with a slate of choices. Candidates listed seem to have impressive credentials. I assume they understand the commitment of time and I'm grateful for their offer.

I encourage eligible voters to take the small amount of time to study these choices.

Read what's offered. The candidates night presents "face time" but gives an edge to those with public speaking abilities. Beware the "squeaking wheels," the single-issue mavens. When elected these people control our community assets, physical and financial, with no oversight.

Those of us who have been here awhile have seen remarkable accomplishments by past boards. We've been to board meetings where there was screaming from the front and the back of the room.

Several years ago

# Your Turn

Dorothy Eliason Seven Lakes West

As the demographics of the Westside change in both numbers and ages, we need governance which understands and respects those changes.

People with nothing to do but walk around the community making lists of infractions for the board to act on, are sowing bad

feelings, not building commu-

The greater our numbers and diversity, the more important is it to have the wisdom of Solomon on our board.

Be careful with your vote. Read all you can, attend the candidates' night, phone them if you still have questions.

we were asked to vote on a \$100 raise in annual dues. While those votes were being counted. the chairman of the board announced that they would 'take a positive vote as the go-ahead for the community center.'

As I recall the plurality was nine votes, six of which were proxies! This incredible power has no control but our vote, our attendance at board meetings.

# More letters, less vandalism!

In recent months, I have noticed a number of, how do I say it, "social commentaries" posted on the bulletin board in the North mail house.

Due to the highly charged Company Police decision and vote, some people decided that it was necessary to express their feelings on the debate in an inappropriate manner, such as defacing notices and actually vandalizing the bulletin board with a magic marker. Although I was somewhat disturbed about these actions, I pretty much wrote it off as a "heat of the battle" loss of civility.

However, when I went to check the mail on Wed, the 11th of Jan., I saw an ad from a gentleman who was trying very hard to find a good home for his elderly cat, because of his future wife's severe allergy to cats. Some anonymous person decid-



ed to take out his or her indignity and anger on the person who had posted the ad by writing that it was disgusting that someone would abandon a cat iust for the sake of his own love life. Would the mysterious writer possible have preferred

(See "Vandalism," p. 23)

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# A New Year's Eve that's hard to forget

It is now a little after midnight. About an hour ago, I slipped in between my freshly laundered sheets thinking that I would soon be asleep.

Unfortunately, not so. Memories of a New Years Eve over sixty vears ago slid into my memory and would not allow that easy drift into dreamland.

On that many long ago New Year's eve night, I had a Saturday night baby-sitting job for the parents of a cute little two year old cherub.

They suggested that I sleep at their home on that one night because they expected to be out later than usual. I spent a quiet evening listening to the radio until a little after midnight.

I was about to head up to bed, when several boys who had been at the midnight show at the local movie theater stopped in unexpectedly.

Needless to say, I was not happy to see the revelers and frantically shooed them out for fear the trusting parents would arrive and greet my unwelcome midnight callers.

After they were rushed out, I went upstairs to bed; however, the new year started out badly. Being upset by the preceding

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that the cat owner take this de-

clawed and obviously loved

indoor cat out into the woods and

abandon it, or possibly take it to the shelter to have it eutha-

To the person who wrote the

ad, I can only say I feel very

sorry that you had to be exposed

to such a vicious and embarrass-

ing piece of graffiti, when you

were trying to do the right thing.

shame on you. If you have a

beef about some ad or public

matter that is posted in our mail

house, please use some other

would be the Seven Lakes Times

Opinion page. Just make sure to

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And please, leave the bulletin

be a civil place to live. Can we

all try to keep it that way?

Maybe a good place to start

forum to vent about it.

sign your name.

To the tagger, I can only say

Vandalism

events, I sat down heavily (my whole 110 pounds) on the bed and the springs went down through the bed slats.

Wondering what to do, I



Nona's-Notes Nona Wiley

returned to the living room where my classmate Dick, who lived next door, saw me as he was walking home.

He stopped to wish me a Happy New Year, and hearing of my distress, he offered to go upstairs with me and try to fix the

As we started up the stairs, the baby awoke, so I went to check on him. I had left Dick on the stairs to wait for me. I went back to see if I could help him fix the springs, but he had just disappeared. I did not where he went in that short amount of time.

The baby awoke after this. and the returning parents were surprised to see me up, holding

explained about the bed, her papa made the necessary adjustments and we all went off to lala land.

> When I went down for breakfast the

next morning, I was not greeted warmly and I was paid far less than I had expected for the

long evening's baby-sitting chore. Later, Scotty (the baby's dad) went to see my father and told him that they would no longer

the little one on my lap. When I require my services on Saturdays.

Dad asked me why, but he was asking the wrong person, because I truly did not know all that had transpired, and considered myself to have done no wrong.

Years later. I learned that Dick's mother had also walked by. She saw Dick and myself headed up the stairs, came in quietly, and grabbed him by the scruff of the neck and took him home.

The next morning, she apparently, was up earlier than me and made a visit to her neighbors (the parents of the little one I was sitting).

Had I been a little more mature,

I would surely have related the night's events to them upon their arrival home, but kids often aren't wise enough to be logical.

It was a good lesson and one that I've never forgotten: "Give people the benefit of the doubt and do ask for explanations. Things are often not as they seem."

Now that I have typed this, it is a little after 1:00 am and I'm about to return to the comfort of my bed and the crisp clean sheets.

I wish we that we could shut off our minds when we turn off the lights at night.



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# Even toughest obstacle can be overcome

Restraints. Hamperings.

Yes, every life becomes familiar with these words.

Would life become too routine if we were all forever free of these inevitable limitations? Aren't frustrations in themselves challenges? Opportunities to flex our intuitive and imaginative muscles?

It's so exhilarating to face up to and defeat something that is impeding the flourishing of our spirits. Certainly, it takes effort and tenacity, but the result is there to see.

Let's consider the subject of our constantly warring world. Virtually everyday you can pickup a newspaper or tune to a television

Obstacles. Impediments. news program and recoil at the mankind vs mankind confrontations in many far flung areas.



Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

Is it simply too unrealistic to expect the emergence someday of a world at peace?

After this writer completed the reading of a Christmas gift book entitled Peace containing 221 quotations from world renowned philosophers, national leaders and historians about what to do about

making more practical

inroads on the centuries old persistent outbreaks of warfare, it hurts to concede that despite those hopes we're no closer to world peace than those living many decades ago.

Perhaps it's too

idealistic to insert here the thought expressed by just one of the survivors of the Holocaust. Anne Frank, "I still believe people are really good at heart. I

haven't dropped all of my ideals."

Here is a yearning, and perhaps the germ of an incipient, universal point of view somehow locked inside the breasts of humanity - with a desperate need to get out.

Over one recent month, the Raleigh News and Observer published reports of at least a dozen inter-nation or civil wars going on in several areas of the

world. That puts wars in the category of "disease." Something that seemingly may never be cured, a study of history sadly reveals.

But, we need to keep trying. Even the will to "love thy neighbor," as not only Christianity but other religions throughout the world urge, can help if placed even deeper in our hearts and actions.



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# Fire crew makes the party

Dear Editor:

Our family was recently planning our sons third birthday party and we were trying to

trucks and one of his presents

was a small toy fire truck. We

decided to call the chief at the fire

station to see if they could stop

by the party with one of the big rigs. They said they would be

happy to drop by and we set a

time for their arrival. When that

truck drove up to the party the

Fire Chief, Cal, was great. He

allowed the kids to sit in the

fun was just beginning.

decide what we could do to make it special.

The theme of the party would be fire Letters to the

the sirens, and of course get a few photos. He even brought a child's hat for our son and gave all the kids a little memento. It was a priceless

moment and I'm sure the memory will stay with the kids forever.

We just wanted to say thanks to Cal and the Seven Lakes Fire Department.

Ross, Cindy, Logan & Gavin Laton Seven Lakes North

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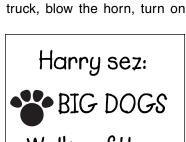
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# Thanks from SARL

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Dear Editor:

Sandhills Animal Rescue League thanks everyone who bought a hot dog, a catnip bag, something at our many yard sales, or adopted a furry friend

from the League in 2005.

Our volunteers work very hard at fundraisers, a dop-a-thons, the Turkey Shoot, and fos-

tering the unwanted pets we rescue. The only pay they receive is the joy of seeing the hard work pays off when the pets get a new forever home and to give the animals pet and hug when they are with them.

Sandhills Animal Rescue League needs more volunteers to foster the pets, help with fundraisers, and adopt-a-thons, throughout the new year. If anyone is interested in donating time to the League, please contact Lou Atkins at 974-4468.

The rescued pets can always use paper towels, bleach, old towels, blankets, dog collars, leashes, cat litter, rawhide chew, rope chews, cat balls to roll, cat greenies, carriers, dog houses, kennels, and of course monetary donations are always acceptable. Monetary donations are used to pay veterinarian bills

and for medical supplies. Donations are tax deduct-ible.

Sandhills Animal Rescue League has one weekend a month at Pets-Mart in

Aberdeen to show and adopt out the rescued cats and dogs. Two times a year the League has the Cat Center for a whole month for adoptions.

The other places we set up for adoptions are at The Ice Cream Palor in Southern Pines on Saturdays or at Belk on Sundays. We also have adopt-a-thons at various Seven Lakes special events.

Again, Sandhills Animal Rescue League thanks all our supporters throughout the Sandhills area who support us financially, but in other ways too.

Lou Atkins Founder &President Sandhills Animal Rescue League

# Speed up that computer!

On Tuesday, January 10, Brian Hudson was the featured speaker at the Seven Lakes Computer Club.

His subject of "Speed it Up" was very informative as to ways the average person can improve their computer's performance.

These simple, but helpful steps include removing from the desk top any lcons that you do not use and do not store files on your desk top.

In addition you should use the "m/sconfig" in your system to eliminate the unnecessary programs from your start files. Another item that causes individual problems is placing magnetic note holders on the side of their computer.

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olinas Healthcare Public Relations and Marketing Society (CHPRMS).

The three "Wallie Awards"

care marketing from the Car- were presented during the annu- zine, FirstHealth of the Carolinas, al CHPRMS conference in Asheville in November.

> The first-place Wallie went to FirstHealth's full-color maga

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#### #2352/2353 - Under Contract - \$17,000 ea. INTERIOR

#196 - Double Lot - \$29,000

#453 - Under Contract - \$12,000 #2327 - Extra Large - \$14,900

#2475 - Really Nice - \$14,900

#2479 - Cul-de-sac - \$8,000 #5433 - Under Contract - \$18,000

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#41 & #42 Pinewild (NC-211)

- \$20,000 each

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111 Brown Bark - Under Contract

128 Cambridge - SOLD!

Lot #2347 - Under Contract Lot #529 - SOLD!

159 W. Devonshire -

**Under Contract** 

Lot #2188 - Under Contract

103 Wildleaf - New Listing

108 Dorset - New Listing

Lot #453 - Under Contract

Lot #529 - Under Contract Lot #2352/2353 -

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Lot #4001 - SOLD!

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### 7 Lakes Bestsellers

#### **Fiction**

- 1. Kite Runner Khaled Hosseini
- 2. Red Lily Nora Roberts
- 3. At First Sight Nicholas Evans
- 4. Memoirs of a Geisha Arthur Golden
- 5. Light from Heaven Jan Karon
- 6. My Sister's Keeper Jodi Picoult
- 7. Going Home Nora Roberts
- 8. Mary Mary James Patterson

#### Nonfiction

1. Misquoting Jesus Bart Ehrman

- 2. A Million Little Pieces James Frey
- 3. Marley & Me John Grogan
- 4. Mountains **Beyond Mountains** Tracy Kidder
- 5. The World is Flat Thomas Friedman

#### **Young Readers**

- 1. Lion, Witch, & Wardrobe C.S. Lewis
- 2. Eragon Christopher Paolini
- 3. The Horse and his Boy C.S. Lewis

Seven Lakes Bestsellers are provided courtesy of Bookshop by the Lakes.

# Leftover ham? Try this.

There always seems to be some ham left on the bone after you serve it a time or two.

Soup is good, and ham salad is delicious, but sometimes I make a Ham Loaf.

Most people really enjoy it.

#### Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 lbs ground ham (I do mine in the food processor)
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup green pepper
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper



# from Lucy's Kitchen

Lucy Ingram Seven Lakes South

Combine ingredients for topping. Mix well, and spoon half of it over the loaf. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour and 20 min-

in loaf pan.

utes, basting with remainder of

medium bowl and mix well. Place

One recipe suggests topping it with cranberry sauce and baking 10 more minutes. I usually don't.

#### **Topping**

1/2 cup brown sugar 1 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard 1/4 cup vinegar

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# **Beaconettes elect officers**

The Beaconettes held their award luncheon December 8, at Beacon Ridge Country Club with 39 members attending.

Golf Professional Jared McCarthy, presented awards to Katy Swain, Club Champion for 2005, and most improved players Nancy Steelman and Ann

Ringer Board Champion was Mary Hauck, and second place

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winner was Alice Shaughnessy. Overall net scores for the 2005 year were Sally Terruty and Katy

Alice Shaughnessy, outgoing President, thanked all the committees for their excellent work during the year.

The new officers for 2006 voted into office are: President, Mary Hauck; Vice President, Jo Nicholas; Secretary, Judy Pendleton; and Treasurer, Marlyn Mac-Donald.

Mary Hauck thanked the members who volunteered to head committees and to help during the 2006 season.

The kickoff breakfast will be hosted by the Beacon Ridge Women's Association on Tuesday, February 21 at 8:30 am.





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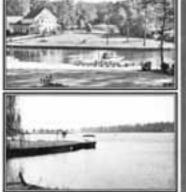
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# Westover named president of foundation

named president of the Foundation of FirstHealth.

A Foundation employee since 1990, Westover served as interim executive director following the resignation of her predecessor, Terry Mohr, last year. She assumed her new role as Foundation president in November.

"We are very happy that Kathy has accepted the position to lead the Foundation of FirstHealth," says Charles T. Frock, chief executive officer of FirstHealth of the Carolinas. "We conducted a nationwide search and are pleased to say that nobody is better positioned to take our Foundation to the next level. Kathy's knowledge of the organization, the community and the Foundation's network of relationships made her the perfect person for the job."

"Kathy is uniquely qualified to lead the Foundation at this point in its development," says Robin Cummings, M.D., chair of the Moore Regional Hospital Foundation. "The Foundation has enjoyed tremendous success

Kathy Westover has been over the last year, but is ready to move to the next level in terms of function. Kathy clearly understands the symbiotic relationship that FirstHealth has with all its communities and how this community support translates into the success of FirstHealth and, more importantly, quality care."

> Westover joined Moore Regional Hospital in 1988 and transferred to the Moore Regional Foundation in 1990. With her



Kathy Westover

1996 promotion to director of development, she became responsible for the implementation and management of Foundation support systems, the implementation of the Moore Regional Hospital Foundation's seven CARE funds, and administrative support of Foundation governance and volunteer leadership.

Since joining the Foundation, she has been directly involved with the success of two major fund-raising campaigns: In Love and Service and the FirstHealth Hospice Challenge. She is currently working with the Stepping Stones capital campaign.

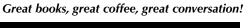
"Kathy enjoys tremendous support from the Foundation's many volunteers, including the community networks, CARE Funds, Board members and the many others who work to make the Foundation a success in its mission to support our physicians and promote quality care," Dr. Cummings says. "She has the knowledge, expertise and charisma needed to take the Foundation forward."

"I am honored and privileged to accept the opportunity to lead the Foundation to its next level," Westover says. "Outstanding volunteer leadership and participation have been the hallmark of our success in enlisting unprecedented community support. That legacy of support has kept FirstHealth of the Carolinas at the forefront of medical excellence"

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# FirstHealth offers top-flight newborn ICU

Premature and sick infants in the Clarke Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital receive care that is at least as effective and efficient as the care they would get at larger hospitals and university medical centers, according to an international organization that tracks the care of high-risk newborns.

The Vermont-Oxford Network, a voluntary association dedicated to improving the quality and safety of infant care, looked at treatment outcomes for the 187 babies admitted to Moore Regional's NICU in 2004 and compared those results to data from 485 other NICUs. Moore Regional's NICU scored well for its quality of care, efficiency of care and low infant mortality.

In addition to mortality rates, the Vermont-Oxford analysis focused on two key benchmarks of quality: length of stay and gestational age at discharge for babies with a number of different medical problems including infections and chronic lung disease. Since the lungs are the last major organs to develop, it is not uncommon for premature babies to have respiratory problems

Twenty years ago, NICUs were found mostly in large, urban hospitals and university medical centers. As smaller regional and community hospitals began opening NICUs, questions arose about the quality of care they provided. That led to the creation of databases, such as the one maintained by the Vermont-Oxford Network, for monitoring the quality of care.

Moore Regional joined the network in 2004, the most recent year for which statistics have been compiled.

"We joined the network to compare ourselves with the larger NICUs, to make sure the patients we cared for here are getting equivalent care and having the same outcomes as those who are treated at larger medical centers," says Nicholas Lynn, M.D., a board certified neonatologist and medical director of Moore Regional's Clarke NICU. "We are very pleased with the results from 2004, which showed that we were at or ahead of where we would be expected to perform."

Dr. Lynn attributed the NICU's high level of performance to the staff of board certified neonatologists, neonatal nurse practitioners, and registered nurses and respiratory therapists who are specially trained to care for sick newborns.

"We all stay up to date on current practices," he says, "and we are very concerned about results, making sure outcomes are good and the care we provide is efficient. We are careful not to generate unnecessary expenses or keep babies excessively long. We get them out of the hospital and back to their families and primary care physicians as soon as it is safe."

Christoph Diasio, M.D., of Sandhills Pediatrics in Southern Pines, is among the local pediatricians who care for a number of children who spent their first few days or weeks of life in the NICU at Moore Regional. In general, he said, the better care that premature new-

borns receive and the healthier they are when they leave the hospital, the fewer serious problems they are likely to have later.

"The important thing about the Vermont-Oxford findings is that the hospital isn't just saying it has a good NICU, there is real evidence that proves it," Dr. Diasio says. "By being involved in this network, Moore Regional contributes to the furthering of knowledge about neonatology and also demonstrates that it is doing a really good job."

In addition to caring for babies born at Moore Regional, the NICU accepts premature and sick newborns from FirstHealth Richmond Memorial Hospital in Rockingham and from other hospitals in neighboring counties. The unit can care for up to 16 infants at a time.

As a Level III NICU, it only admits babies with a gestational age of at least 28 weeks. If babies are born earlier than that or if they require surgery or some other type of highly specialized treatment, they are transferred to one of the state's university medical centers.

Depending on their medical problem, babies admitted to the NICU at Moore Regional stay anywhere from a few hours to several weeks. The average is about a week.

While providing excellent medical and nursing care for premature infants, the staff of the NICU at Moore Regional also

gives much-needed comfort and support to the babies' families, says Beth Michelow, R.N., the hospital's assistant director of Women's and Children's Services for the NICU and pediatrics.

"We give each baby and its family a lot of individual attention, which may not always be possible in some of the very large NICUs," she says. "We are able to spend time with them and get to know them."



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# Temple's 'Callback' features award-winners

Temple is pleased to present this professional premiere by award-winning stage and screenwriter and UNC professor Bill Syanoe.

"Callback" chronicles the 40year friendship of an actress and a director. Over the years, the two rarely see each other, yet as their paths cross through many "callbacks" they come to know one another and develop a special relationship.

Though their lives take quite different courses at times, the two are bound together by mutual admiration and overwhelming love of theatre. Throughout the production their lives are set against the backdrop of American pop culture imagery.

His shows have been featured at the Key West Theater Festival, and have received playwriting awards everywhere from New York City to Holland. Svanoe is also well known for his television and movie writing and his produced pieces have included Tom Selleck, Victoria Principle and Whoopi Goldberg among their casts.

The cast of "Callback" also includes impressive names. Joan Darling, a four-time Emmy nominee will star alongside Augie Amarino. Darling, a legend in the television world, has directed and acted in such shows as "Taxi," "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," "MASH," "Mary Hartman,

Mary Hartman" and "Jake and the Fat Man."

Perhaps her greatest claim to fame is directing the "Mary Tyler Moore Show" episode entitled "Chuckles Bites the Dust." That particular episode was named "the funniest half-hour in television history" by the New York Times and the best television episode of all time.

Temple newcomer Augie Amerino will join her onstage. Amerino was originally a student of Darling's and previously appeared in Svanoe's play "The Black Duck" in Santa Fe, NM. Amarino was also involved in the initial staged readings of "Callback" which were performed for the opening of the Shake Rag Alley Center for the Arts in Mineral Point, WI in 2005. His credits include "Destiny: The

Elizabeth Taylor Story; "Charmed" on WB, "The Bold and the Beautiful" and the upcoming project "Adam and Steve" with Parker Posey.

Blake Bradford, a UNC-Chapel Hill grad and NC native will direct the pair. Temple has been honored to receive a new works grant from the NC Arts Council to produce this piece which will feature a set designed by Patrick Rizzotti, four decades of costuming by Mary McKeithen, lighting design by Todd Wren and multi-media and sound design by Thomas Edward Dalton.

"Callback," sponsored by The Ernest and Ruby McSwain Charitable Foundation will be presented January 26 through February 12.

Opening night is Friday, January 27 at 8:00 pm and the audi-

ence is invited to meet the performers and director after the show and enjoy a complimentary champagne toast.

Tickets are on sale now, \$18 for adults, \$15 for groups & military, and \$10 for students, through the Temple Theatre Box Office at 120 Carthage Street in Downtown Sanford, 2:00pm – 6:00pm, Monday through Friday or by calling (919) 774-4155

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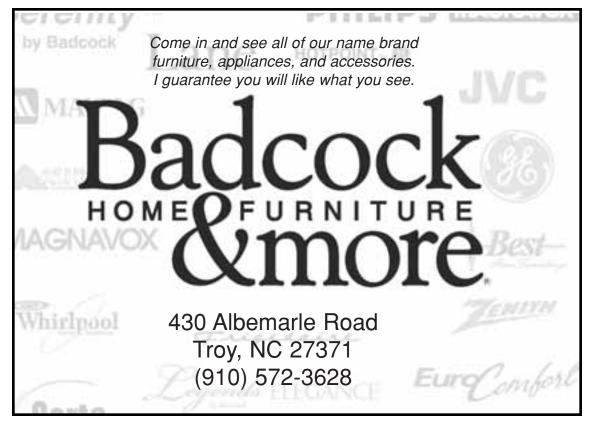
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