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State ponders Wildlife issue

Wildlife officials in Raleigh are scheduled to meet late this week or early next to discuss the case of North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission jurisdiction on Lake Auman.

The Chief of the enforcement division, Colonel Kenneth Everhart, told *The Times* on Wednesday that he would be meeting with Assistant Attorney General Norman Young and NCWRC Director Richard Hamilton in the next several days to discuss the issue. Area landowners could expect a statement from the decision sometime shortly after that meeting, he said.

The lawyer hired by the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association to make its case against NCWRC jurisdiction on the lake

sent a letter to Everhart on May 1 outlining the Association's position.

Local NCWRC officers patrolled Lake Auman in August of last year and again on Easter Sunday of this year. In August, they simply handed out a few warnings; on Easter Sunday, tickets, fines, and sobriety tests were a part of the package. The SLWLA board has been trying to resolve the jurisdictional issue since August; the Easter Sunday patrol substantially accelerated the process.

The Association hired Attorney Kurt J. Olson to make its case. His May 1 letter to the Commission focused on ownership of

(See "NCWRC," p. 29)

Gate guards stretched thin

Seven Lakes' gate guard crew has been stretched pretty thin in the past couple of weeks, and the situation is not expected to materially improve until Security Forces International [SFI] takes over management of gate security at the North and South gates on June 1. SFI already handles security at the West Side gate.

In the past 60 days, the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] has lost four of its six full-time gate guards, two who worked 40 hours a week and two who worked 32 hours per week, Community Manager Dalton Fulcher told *The Times* on Wednesday.

Because it doesn't make sense

for the SLLA to hire replacements just a couple of weeks from the transition to a new company, Fulcher said, the remaining two full-time guards, along with eight or nine part-timers have had to take up the slack.

Despite the crunch, the South Gate has been unmanned only 17.5 hours in the past ten days, Fulcher said. The North Gate is normally manned 24 hours per day; the South Gate, 16. From May 1 to May 10, that amounts to 420 hours.

"We pull the roving patrol first and put them on the gate when we see a need," Fulcher told *The Times*. "If we're still short,

(See "Gate guards," p. 25)

Masons break ground



Members of the Elberta Masonic Lodge #654, A F & A M break ground at the lodge building on NC Highway 73 to add handicapped restrooms, improved kitchen facilities, and a larger dining area. Pictured above are Master Mason (and project General Contractor) Ray Daly, Past Master Doug Raab, Master Mason (and Building Plans Coordinator) Robert Hill, Past Masters Charles Hinson, Paul Davis, and Gus Danielson.

Lakers vote for Morgan

Seven Lakes Republicans bucked the trend in a key House race, voting 62% to 38% to give Richard Morgan another term in office.

But 52% of the overall vote in Moore County went to challenger Joe Boylan who will almost certainly take over Morgan's seat in January, since he faces no Democratic opposition in the November General Election.

Morgan has interceded on behalf of Seven Lakes several times in the past twenty years, introducing local bills to provide for enforcement of traffic reg-

ulations on Seven Lakes streets and, at one point, helping prevent the development of a hog farm at a location very close to

Seven Lakes North.

Boylan's door-to-door campaigning apparently paid off at

(See "7 Lakes," p. 23)

County schedules first Small Area Plan meetings

The Moore County Planning Department will host four public information and input sessions on Small Area Planning for "Area A" during the next several weeks.

Planning Board member Dave Kinney told *The Times* on Wednesday that plans are still in the works, but firm dates and locations have been established for three of four initial meetings.

(See "Small Area," p. 3)

Don't miss Expo, May 20!

Are you one of the many new residents of the Seven Lakes and surrounding area?

If so, you'll want to join your new neighbors at the annual Seven Lakes Business Expo Saturday, May 20 at the Business Plaza at the intersection of Hwy 211 and Seven Lakes Drive.

The all day event is a presentation of the Seven Lakes/West End Business Guild and will be your best opportunity to see what the local area has to offer.

Businesses will display and some will have items for sale, local crafters will be on hand with their unique specialties, and area non-profit groups will be on hand to discuss the many ways one can serve in the community.

The Guild will provide free live music from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. A new feature this year will allow participants to

register for door prizes donated by local merchants to be given away at the end of the day's activities.

Prizes include a \$50 gift certificate from Phoenix Fashions, two large pizzas from Pizza Café, and a free oil change from Carolina Car Care. Register for the prizes at the Business Guild booth, which will be next to the

Phoenix Fashions hospitality booth.

Booth space is free to members of the Business Guild. All others pay just \$35. This event is filling up fast, but a few spaces still remain open.

Anyone interested should call Darrell Marks at 673-5998 as soon as possible.

Cancer survivors day

Thousands of people in more than 700 communities throughout the United States will take part in National Cancer Survivors Day on Sunday, June 4. One of those communities will be Moore County.

"Cancer Survivors Day is a special day each year when we come together to celebrate and honor all people around the world who are living with a history of cancer, including the 10 million cancer survivors," says Kerry Husted, director of Oncology at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital. Sponsored by FirstHealth of the Carolinas, the local Cancer Survivors Day celebration is free and will be held at the Fair Barn in Pinehurst.

Speakers will include Rebecca Ainslie, FirstHealth's director of Hospitality Services, and Cinnamon LeBlanc-Young, manager of the FirstHealth Center for Health & Fitness-Southern Pines. Ainslie will talk about plans for a Hospitality House, a respite

facility for patients who are being treated for cancer and other conditions at Moore Regional Hospital and their families. LeBlanc-Young will speak about FirstHealth's Cancer Wellness Program and other alternative therapy programs.

A catered dinner by Jordan's BBQ will follow the program, and the Al Simmons Band will provide entertainment.

For more information on the local National Cancer Survivors Day program, please call 715-1478.

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We'll be publishing photos and vital stats on graduates in the June 9 issue of *The Seven Lakes Times*. To make sure your grad is included, get us the following by May 26: a photo of the grad, full name, name and location of school, degree, names of parents, grandparents, or other Seven Lakes/West End/McLendon Hills/Foxfire connection, something about the grad's next big step in life (college, job, etc.) and anything else you think brag-worthy.

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Villagers upset over geese-killing dogs

Concerns about geese-killing dogs dominated the public comment session that concluded the regular Tuesday, May 9, meeting of the Foxfire Village Council.

Village resident Vic Koos told council members that a dog or dogs belonging to a resident of North Shamrock Drive had killed "at least four geese and maybe five" in the village in the past several months. He expressed

concern that neither Foxfire Village Police Chief Rick Rhyne nor members of the council had taken the matter seriously.

The geese in question were described as Chinese Swan Geese, a small gaggle of which has inhabited two ponds on either side of North Shamrock for twenty-five years, according to residents who spoke during the meeting. Visiting the ponds, which lie on Foxfire Resort and

Golf property, and feeding the geese have become favored

Foxfire Council Meeting

5/9

activities for villagers and visiting children over the years.

Koos described at least two separate incidents when geese in the ponds were killed by the dogs. He alleged that the dog owner had encouraged the attack.

"I'm upset because nothing was done by the Chief of Police in the first or second instance," Koos said. Several other villagers echoed Koos' concerns.

Because of a perception that law enforcement and the council was not acting to prevent attacks, Koos said, individual villagers have attempted to intervene — resulting in confrontations that were unpleasant at best and, at worst, potentially dangerous. At least one such confrontation resulted in a report to Village Police, though the complainant in that case declined to press charges.

Koos said, based on talk he had heard around town, he was concerned that the conflict could escalate.

Councilman Carl Munro, who has responsibility for public safety, said the dog owner had been cited by Chief Rhyne on April 25 for violating the Village's leash law. Rhyne also "strongly recom-

mended" that James fence his property in order to contain his dogs, Munro told *The Times*.

The village's leash law prohibits allowing dogs and other animals to "run at large" in the village and requires that animals be leashed when they are off the real property of their owner.

(See "Village," p. 27)

Small Area Planning

(Continued from front page)

"Area A" is centered on Seven Lakes and West End and includes Eagle Springs, Jackson Springs, and the unincorporated area around Foxfire.

The three meetings that have been scheduled are:

May 22, 7:00–8:30 pm	West Pine Middle School
May 23, 10:00–11:30 am	Eagle Springs Firehouse
June 5, 7:00–8:30 pm	West End Elementary

A fourth meeting is planned for June 6 in Jackson Springs, but details were not complete at press time.

These initial sessions will explain the small area planning process, provide data on growth and other characteristics of Area A, and gather input from residents on how they would prefer the area to develop in the future.

Applications are now being accepted for a steering committee that will guide the small area planning process. Application forms are available on the county website at www.moore-countync.gov or from the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, Carol Thomas, at 947-6403.

The commissioners are expected to take up the issue of who should serve on the steering committee during their June 19 regular meeting.

More information on the small area planning process will be available at the Seven Lakes Civic Group booth at the Seven Lakes Business Guild's Expo on Saturday, May 20.

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More on Westside mail delivery poll

On May 1st, the SLW Homeowners Association mailed the annual dues and registration package. In order to give the Long Range Plan Steering committee direction, it was decided to include a questionnaire to determine the preference of the membership relative to mail delivery methods.

Hence the mailing included a survey "Are you in favor of home/street mail delivery? Yes or No." The reason for such brevity was reluctance to risk confusion by attempting to cover a complex issue in a short paragraph or two.

In his remarks at the April Homeowners general meeting. Board president Jim Meikle emphasized the need to resolve the Seven Lakes West mail situation. His remarks were accurately printed in *The Seven Lakes Times*. They were also published in the May issue of the Seven Lakes West News letter, however, that publication is not circulated amongst non-resident landowners.

The gravity of the consequences warrants sharing pertinent information with all dues paying landowners - whether local or absentee. To achieve the greatest coverage, we are relying on *The Seven Lakes Times* to bridge any remaining communication gaps. This is simply an addendum to President Meikle's remarks.

The situation. The existing single central mail house was built in 1988 when this community was in its infancy. There are now over 820 west side homes with 100 new homes under construction. Potentially, between 1600 and 1800 homes will require mail service.

Neither the existing building size nor the location is adequate to handle current or future needs. The structure is in a serious state of deterioration. Both traffic congestion and pattern present a safety hazard which will inevitably worsen. Beautification of Lakeway Drive, the "front door" to Seven Lakes West is underway and is not seen as a viable setting for mail house location.

A choice must be made soon

between two delivery arrangements. Hopefully, analyzing rudimentary "costs vs. benefits" will facilitate sound choices.


Preliminary exploration reveals two possible options. a) central mail houses which we have used from the start and b) curbside/home delivery. In our previous contacts with local and Greensboro area USPS representatives, they steadfastly stand by a USPS policy that opposes changing established delivery methods, especially if it adversely affects their cost.

They show little sensitivity for what we as patrons have to pay. In subsequent conversations with other delivery supervisors, they readily acknowledge that "hardship" cases are considered and that the USPS has a pretty clear obligation to serve the public as is demonstrated from border to border.

Central mail houses. For optimum distribution, the Long Range Planning Committee has explored using three strategically located central mail houses. The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association does not own any potential sites except possibly using a part of the West Park Community Center property as one potential location. Even if other properties were available within the west side borders, a covenant change will almost certainly be required to use them for this purpose. Hence, the landowners associations would have to acquire the sites and pay for engineering, construction, paving, landscaping, utilities and maintenance. The initial facility cost is roughly estimated at \$500,000 minimum. Additionally, the on-going users car expense to pick up mail is estimated to average just under \$100 per year.

Curbside delivery. As deserving and qualifying for this type of service that our community appears to be, it is probable that higher levels of decision makers and other influential sources will be needed to bring this matter to a head. It is noteworthy and should be helpful to cite the experience of our prestigious neighboring gated

(See "Westside," p. 31)



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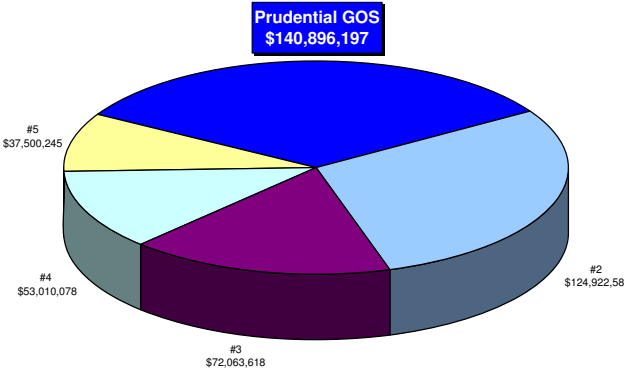
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George D. Anderson Sr., 91, of Penick Village in Southern Pines, died Sunday, April 30, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 4 at First Baptist Church of Aberdeen. The Rev. Charles Hinson and the Rev. Michael Branscome officiated.

Mr. Anderson was the oldest male member of First Baptist Church of Aberdeen where he had served as treasurer and was deacon emeritus. He was a former town commissioner in Aberdeen and was a former mayor of Foxfire Village. He was preceded in death by his son, John Dodd Anderson.

Survivors include his wife of 71 years, Ethel Taylor Anderson; his sons, George Anderson, Howard Anderson, both of Southern Pines; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Aberdeen, PO Box 1066, Aberdeen, NC 28315 or Penick Village, PO Box 2001, Southern Pines, NC 28388.

Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines assisted the family.

Christy Fielding Armstrong, 89, of Seven Lakes, died Saturday, May 6.

Mr. Armstrong was born in Des Moines, Iowa. He received a degree in Commerce from the University of Iowa.

He was a banker at Iowa Des Moines National Bank and later President of American Trust and Savings in Dubuque. In both communities, he was very active in the Presbyterian Church, the United Way, and helped to estab-

lish the Iowa Independent Bankers Association.

Mr. Armstrong was Vice President for the American Bankers Association in Iowa and North

Carolina, where the family moved to in 1986. He enjoyed playing golf and was a life long Mason.

He was preceded in death by his brother; a grandson, Ken-

neth Armstrong Gould and his wife Barbara, to whom his was married to for sixty-two years.

Survivors include three daughters, Barbara (Patrick) Fulford of

Rochester, New York; Carol of Port Orchard, WA and Christine of Seven Lakes; a niece; four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.



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Community Watch volunteers needed

by Michael Florence
SLLA Board

As you know one of our goals is to create a Community Watch Program for Seven Lakes. Last Thursday, April 28, 2006, Jeff Herman, Michael Florence, Dalton Fulcher and Don Truesdell met with Detectives Tim Davis and Bill Mackey and Deputy Mike Kantorowski of the Moore County Sheriff's Office. The purpose of this meeting was to seek the assistance of the Moore County Sheriff's Office in setting up our Community Watch Program.

We were provided with 1200 copies of The Moore County

Citizens Guide to Security, published by the Office of the Sheriff. Copies will be available in the Landowner's Office and the North and South mail

contact either Michael Florence, 673-2808 or Don Truesdell, 673-1509, if you are interested. Your involvement will be limited to a specific section of Seven Lakes and we will be asking you to recruit your neighbors to participate. The more pairs of eyes that we have

then please call 911. If you need to report suspicious activity that does not represent a

dire emergency or you do not require fire or EMS then please call 947-2931.

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Board Notes

Seven Lakes
Landowners Board

houses. Please read this booklet. It contains many simple and effective suggestions that will help to insure your safety and the security of our community.

For our Community Watch Program to be successful we must recruit volunteers from within our community. Please

watching our community the more secure we will be. Your only involvement will be to watch for and report suspicious or unusual activity by call 947-2931. Signs will also be posted around the community.

If you have a dire emergency or need fire or EMS assistance

Seven Lakes Forum meets next on May 18

The next Forum is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, on the upper level of the West Side Park Community Center. Refreshments will be available at 9:00 am with the formal session beginning at 9:15 men and women from Seven Lakes, and their guests, are invited to attend.

Major General Manila (Bud) Shaver (US Army, retired), a resident of Seven Lakes, will present the topic entitled 'Christianity and Islam'.

The format for the session follows:

- 9:00 am Refreshments
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Update on Flood Insurance Rate Maps

by Don Truesdell,
SLLA President

I attended a meeting presented by the Moore County Planning Board. One of the items on the agenda was the flood plain issue. The new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS) will become law on October 17, 2006. These FIRMS will affect Lakes Sequoia, Echo, Longleaf, Big J and Ramapo.

Any property owner that receives a notice from his bank and/or homeowners insurance company stating that his/her home is in a flood plain should follow these suggestions to deter-

mine if his/her home is actually in a flood plain.

1) Contact Kathy Liles, Moore County Planner and certified flood plain expert, 910 947-5010, e-mail: kliles@moore-countync.gov. She may be able to produce a map that will clearly show that your home is outside the boundaries of the flood plain. If so then please present this map to your bank and/or homeowners insurance company and it should resolve the question. You will still be required to submit documentation to FEMA to request a Letter of Map Adjustment (LOMA).

2) You will be required to hire a North Carolina Certified Surveyor to actually determine the elevation of your home (foundation and first floor living area) with respect to the Basic Flood Elevation (BFE). Your surveyor will have to call the Flood Hazard Map Information, telephone 877 336-2627, to request the correct forms to submit your LOMA. The only official map of record is the FIRM and it will always serve as the official basis for making a decision.

If you have any questions please contact me, 673-1509 or dtruesdell@nc.rr.com.

Cyclists must obey traffic laws

by Don Truesdell,
SLLA President

Attention Parents!

We have had several reports of children riding their bicycles and ignoring the North Carolina driving laws, for example, not

stopping at a stop sign. Parents for the safety of your children and our motorists please make sure your child understands and is willing to obey the standard North Carolina driving laws.

Miniatures were garden topic

Members of the Foxfire Garden Club filled the Town Hall to capacity for their meeting on Monday, April 10.

The speaker was floral designer Aldena Frye, whose subject was Miniature Arrangements. In tiny antique as well as contemporary containers from her collection she demonstrated arrangements of small wild flow-

ers and those grown in her gardens. She also answered many questions from her interested audience on growing and arranging flowers.

A brief meeting followed, dur-

ing which reports were given on the Garden Club's recent very successful Foxfire Festival, the proceeds from which will be used in their ongoing Village beautification projects.

Project Linus Workshop 5/24

Join the fun at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Fleece and crochet groups will continue. We will also have simple quilt kits to check out for completion at home.

Make a quilt top, attach batting and back to completed quilt tops or make the entire quilt.

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Bloodmobile attracts new donors

by Jack Lynn - Coordinator

The Bloodmobile on April 19 fell short of goal but improved on the previous drive with 57 productive units collected from 61 presenting donors.

The really good news is there were six first-time donors at Seven Lakes.

This is exceptional and bodes well for our community to regain its stature as a leading per capi-

ta collection site in the Carolina Region.

The next blood drive will be on Wednesday, July 19. Please note and join "regulars" Lee Connelly, Ashley Goforth, Deb-

ora Gray and Lucille Hanson in "The Gift of Life."

Donor prize winners were Elly Lyons, Mike Ellison and Don Thayer. Thank you donors and volunteers.

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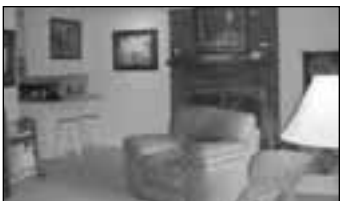
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Taste of Town raises \$6,000 for children

The Women's Auxiliary of Seven Lakes held their second annual Taste of the Town on April 24 at the West Side Park Community Center.

This benefit raised \$6,000 for the Children's Care Fund, which is a program that is overseen by the school nurses in Moore County Schools who provide health care for children in need.

The Auxiliary would like to thank the following restaurants

for participating this year: Goldie's Gourmet, Brats European Bistro, Elliott's, Bonefish, Beacon Ridge Country Club, Table on the Green, Seven Lakes Country Club, Little River Farm, Smithfield's Barbecue, Seven Lakes Pizza Kitchen, Pizza Cafe, Moore Delights Personal Chef Services, Mac's Anytime Breakfast, Panera Bread, Broad Street Bakery and Max and Moritz Bakery. The Auxiliary also thanks

Progress Energy Carolina Inc., Pee Dee Electric Membership Corp and Mountain Clear Springs Water Company for their donations.

In addition to food tasting, gift certificates were raffled and donated by the following restaurants: Nina's, Basil's, 195 Restaurant, Lone Star, Bavarian Brathaus, Camellia's Coffee House, New York Deli, Italian Table, Dugan's Pub, Cafe Sono-

ma, Bangkok Cuisine, Pine Crest Inn, Elliott's, Thai Orchid, Ironwood Cafe, Shucker's, Beefeater's Steakhouse, Outback, Aqua Seafood, Jack's Place, Lula's

Cafe and Tripps.

The Auxiliary thanks everyone from the community who attended this charity event and made this event a success.



Taste of the Town! — Ginny Rowland, Peggy McCallum, Deanna Petrie, Ginger Finney, Carol White of FirstHealth and Laura Werner.

Host hummingbirds in your yard

Pinehurst Greenway Wildlife Habitat Trail is sponsoring free Native Wildlife Workshops this Spring and Summer. The next workshop is on "Attracting Hummingbirds in the Sandhills" on Saturday, May 27, 10:30 am to noon at the Pinehurst Village Assembly Hall, 395 Magnolia Road. A wonderful opportunity to learn about the "hummers".

The guest speaker is Susan Campbell, President of the Sandhills Natural History Society. A well known naturalist in the Sandhills she carries out extensive research on hummingbirds. Her presentation on hummingbirds will be followed by a demonstration of feeders, cleaning procedures and nectar preparation.

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Lions bring Vision Van to Seven Lakes

On Friday, April 21, the Seven Lakes Lions Club sponsored free eye screening when the North Carolina Lions' "See the 21st Century" Vision Van stopped in Seven Lakes.

Lion Dave Petrie, Event Chairman, fielded a team of 12 Lion

Volunteers who were supported by Dr. Keith Poindexter and his staff of eye care professionals.

During this successful visit to Seven Lakes, the Vision Van provided screening for visual acuity and a variety of eye diseases and disorders for seven-

ty-four individuals during the six hours of screening. Forty-three individuals were referred for further evaluation with seven of them were suspected of having either glaucoma or macular degeneration. Twelve individuals screened had never had an eye examination. Ages of those screened ranged from young preschool children to senior citizens — the majority screened were in the 60-80 year range.

The Vision Van is owned and operated by the Lions of North Carolina through the North Carolina Lions Foundation (NCLF). It travels throughout our state visiting North Carolina communities at the request of local Lions Clubs.

Since June 1999, more than 37,000 North Carolina residents have been screened and more than 15,000 have been recommended for follow up eye care. In addition, more than 20,000 school children have been screened in their schools.



Visioneers — Lion Marx Nathan, Club Tail Twister; Event Chairman, Lion Dave Petrie; and Lion Ray Lambert, Club President.

Seven Lakes Country Club Celebrates 30th Anniversary

Everyone's invited to the SLCC's 30th Anniversary party to be held Friday, May 19.

This gala event will feature gourmet dining along with music for entertainment and dancing to be supplied by Glenn Davis.

The menu includes your choice of chicken Oscar with crab cake or six ounce beef filet. Rice pilaf, grilled asparagus, Mandarin orange salad, and Anniversary cake are included. Member's pricing, including tip, tax, and entertainment is \$28. Nonmember's \$33.

Festivities begin with cocktails at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. Music will begin at 7:00 pm and will last until 10:00 pm.

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Quilting a masterpiece

The Seven Lakes Quilters have combined their talents to make a quilt for the community.

The quilters have completed a queen-sized quilt which will be presented to FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital for their future Hospitality Center.

Barbara Eckroth was the coordinator for the quilt project; she selected the pattern and and put the blocks and borders (made by each member) together into a completed quilt top.

Judy Peterson of The Whole Nine Yards, did the quilting, Joanne Lentz sewed the binding, and Jackie Simpson designed and stitched the label. The quilt will first be exhibited at the Sandhills Quilters Guild show, Quilting in the Pines II, October 13 and 14 at the Pinehurst Fair Barn.

The Seven Lakes Quilters, numbering around twenty, meet twice a month in a group members home to work on individual projects. The more experienced women teach the novices new skills as well as help and encourage them.

Gretchen Johnson started the group twelve years ago with eight women. She coordinated the group until two years ago

when she retired and asked Jackie Simpson to take over for her.



Quilters Joanne Lentz and Barbara Eckroth.



Patchworkers — Alice McPheeters, Joanne Lentz, and Judy Swearingen examine quilt made by the Seven Lakes Quilters.



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Tuesday, April 25, was National Red Hat Day and it was celebrated all over the world. Phoenix Fashions had their second annual, all day celebration at their store. Red Hatters came from all over to shop and visit and eat.

Groups came from Greensboro, Asheville, Fayetteville, Robbins, Carthage, Seven Lakes, Southern Pines and Pinehurst and even from as far away as Franklinton, NC. Refreshments and food was provided all day long, hourly door prizes were given away and all red hatters in their regalia were given special discounts.

The grand prize was a Red Hat

tapestry jacket and the winner was the Queen of a local group, Susan Killmeyer of the Foxy Ladies. While this was a celebra-

tion for Red Hat ladies, many of regular customers took part in the enjoyment. A grand time was had by all.



Just two of the many red hats who celebrated National Red Hat Day at Phoenix Fashions.

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Seven Lakes student wins photo award



Cliff Stuckey, Sandhills Department of Art, Stephanie Wells, recipient and Jim Smith, Sandhills Photography Club

For the fourth consecutive year, the Sandhills Photography Club has provided a \$200 award presented to Sandhills Community College for an outstanding student in the Art Department.

Jim Smith, past president of the club, presented the award this year to Stephanie Nicole Wells of Seven Lakes.

Stephanie will pursue a career in Interior Design and be attending UNC in Greensboro for the next three years.

Along with a full academic schedule, she runs an after school day care and teaches preschoolers once a week at her church.

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Contradance at West End Gym

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Church sends helpers to Gulf

by Teresa Copper
Director of Youth
West End Presbyterian Church

Working through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), twelve members of the West End Presbyterian Church traveled to Gulfport, Mississippi April 14-22 to work on hurricane Katrina damaged homes. Camping out as guests of the Orange Grove Presbyterian Church, the group was treated to the first hot showers at the campsite. Starting to work as soon as they arrived, the group put together a shed behind the fellowship hall for storage, mowed grass, planted flowers and prepared the church for Sunday morning's Easter worship.

Orange Grove Presbyterian has a small congregation of about eight members that requested to close its doors prior to Hurricane Katrina. The local Presbytery decided to keep the church open, which turned out to be the only Presbyterian

Church in the county that did not flood when Katrina hit. Offering the grounds around the church to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, a camp has been built with facilities for 120 workers. During the week following Easter, groups from Maryland, Minnesota, Arkansas and Ontario, Canada stayed at the campsite with the West End team and worked on homes in Mississippi.

The West End group was split into two teams working in and around Gulfport painting, clearing debris and putting up sheet rock on ceilings. There is still much work to be done as PDA plans to run work camps for the next five to six years. Thanks goes out to the community for making this trip possible with your support of the pancake breakfast held in January.

West End Presbyterian Church hopes to send another team within the next year to continue rebuilding homes and lives.



Front Row: Judy Kullberg, Teresa Copper, Emily Kline, Barb Gerhardt, Kris Berry. Back Row: Jim Kullberg, Tim Kline, Doug Clark, Coe Huddleston, Virgil Reid, Matt Smith, Don Gerhardt

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The Foundation of FirstHealth has planned an estate-planning seminar, "The Alphabet Soup of Estate Planning," that is designed to help make estate-planning decisions easier and better informed.

Scheduled for Monday, May 15, at Little River Country Club, the program will begin with registration from 8:30 to 9 a.m., followed by a half-hour session called "Unraveling the Alphabet Soup of Estate Planning."

Seminar participants can then take part in any two of five break-out sessions: "A" for Annuities"; "B" for "Beneficiary Designations (Life Insurance, IRAs, Savings Bonds and others)"; "C" for "Charitable Remainder Trusts and Charitable Remainder Annuity Trusts"; "D" for "Decision-making for Singles, Divorcees, Widows and Widowers and Those with No Direct Heirs"; and "E" for "Estate-Planning Tools for all Ages."

Each will focus on particular estate-planning tools and how they can help increase life income and tax deductions, assist with retirement planning or overall asset management, and address the individual's intentions about charitable giving.

Presenters will include financial planners William Eastman and Charles Stockham; Steve Menendez, a financial adviser and certified portfolio manager; James E. Connell, an estate-planning specialist; and attorney Victoria Brenner.

Lunch will conclude the morning's activities, although tee times beginning at 1 p.m. at the Little River Club will be available for seminar participants

who enjoy golfing. The \$45 tee-time cost includes green fees and cart. There is no cost for seminar participation.

"While estate planning may be a subject that most of us would rather avoid, the fact of the matter is that everyone needs an

estate plan," says Kathy Westover, president of the Foundation of FirstHealth.

"All of us need to decide how our surviving families and communities will benefit from the fruits of our life's work, and a thoughtful estate plan can also

provide us with a variety of benefits during our lifetime, including tax advantages and increased income. This seminar is designed to simplify some important planning strategies and to provide participants with some tools to identify and focus on the key issues

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For more information, or to register for the seminar, please call the Foundation of FirstHealth at 695-7510. Golf fees will be collected at the Little River Pro Shop.



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NC State mobile vet van visits Sandhills

Local students aspiring to become veterinarians had an opportunity to speak with Dr. Kelli Ferris, Assistant Professor of Community Practice, Department of Clinical Sciences of the

College of Veterinary Medicine at NC State University. Dr. Ferris oversees The Mobile Veterinary Hospital which was located at the Companion Animal Clinic (CAC) of the Sandhills

booth during Spring Fest on April 29. Companion Animal Clinic (CAC) and the College of Veterinary Medicine at NC State University are working together to raise public awareness for the need to spay/neuter companion animals.

Katey McDonald (right) and Magey McDonald (left) were among the students who toured the veterinary mobile unit on Saturday. They had an opportunity to speak with Dr. Ferris and learn more about the College of Veterinary Medicine at NC State University and its spay/neuter program. "The College of Veterinary Medicine at NC State University is the only veterinary college in the country that offers veterinary students an opportunity to spay/neuter cats and dogs through our mobile spay/neuter clinic", said Dr. Ferris. "As a result, students grad-

uate with hundreds of hours of experience in spay/neuter surgery. They are highly qualified to begin their careers in private veterinary clinics or mobile units."

The Mobile Veterinary Hospital on display at this year's Spring Fest is similar to the unit that Companion Animal Clinic (CAC) of the Sandhills will have as part of its regional low cost spay/neuter program. The CAC clinic will include both fixed and mobile units as part of its mission

to reduce the number of unwanted cats and dogs in a seven county area.

Dr. Ferris and the College of Veterinary Medicine at NC State University support the mission of Companion Animal Clinic of the Sandhills.

For more information, visit the CAC website at www.companionanimalclinic.org; call 692-9650 or write CAC, P.O. Box 148, Southern Pines, NC 28388.



Prospective vet students visit the Mobile Veterinary Hospital during Spring Fest. [Patricia Tocco Smith photo.]

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FRIDAY, MAY 12

- **Carthage Buggy Festival** – 6:00 pm kicks off the Annual Festival with a BBQ Cookoff. Beach music provided by the Sand Band. Food and ice cream available. At the Nancy Kiser Park in Carthage.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

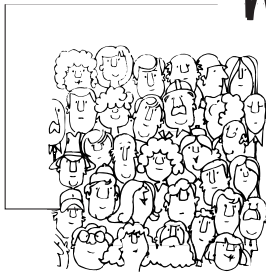
- **Keep Moore County Beautiful Marge Owings Memorial Golf Tournament** – 18-Hole Captain's Choice Charity Golf Tournament, 8:00 am & 2:00 pm Shotgun start. Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club, 1010 Midland Rd., Southern Pines, Entry Fee: \$125 includes green & cart fees, lunch, on course beverages and snacks, and an Owings Memorial Gift Packet which includes four complimentary Green Fees at Mid Pines for every golfer. Prizes, Raffle and Silent Auction. Call 947-3478 for an entry form.
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SUNDAY, MAY 14

- **Mother's Day**
- **Reading is Fun Week** – May 14 – May 20
- **Keep Moore County Beautiful Marge Owings Memorial Golf Tournament** – 18-Hole Captain's Choice Charity Golf Tournament, 8:00 am (only) Shotgun start. Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club, 1010 Midland Rd., Southern Pines, Entry Fee: \$125 includes green & cart fees, lunch, on course beverages and snacks, and an Owings Memorial Gift Packet which includes four complimentary Green Fees at Mid Pines for every golfer. Prizes, Raffle and Silent Auction.
- **Pinehurst Covenant Church** – 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Young Explorers, children's ministry, praise and worship

with a sing-a-long. Meet new friends, enjoy Bible stories and games. 180 West Gate Drive, Hwy 211 East.

What's When Calendar



Contact
Pastor

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MONDAY, MAY 15

- **Alphabet Soup of Estate Planning** – 8:30 am - 1:00 pm, Little River Country Club. Sponsored by FirstHealth Foundation. Learn about Estate Planning, Beneficiary Designations, Annuities, Charitable

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THURSDAY, MAY 18

- **Seven Lakes Forum** –

9:00 am, West Side Community Center, Major General Manila (Bud) Shaver (retired) will present his topic "Christianity and Islam." All residents are welcome to attend.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

- **Moore OnStage Salute to Broadway** – 7:30 pm, Sandhills Community College in the Owens Auditorium. Enjoy a night of

music, song and dance. Reserved seats. Call 255-0667 between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Tickets \$18 adults; seniors & \$10 for students. Mastercard & Visa accepted.

- **Seven Lakes Country Club Hosts 30th Anniversary** – Entertainment and dancing music supplied by Glenn Davis. Member's pricing, including tip, tax, and entertainment is \$28. Non-member's \$33. Cocktails 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm. Reservations 673-1100. Non-members reservations required. Hosts: Lillian & Bill Schafer and Dodie & Jack Lynn.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

- **Yard Sale at Seven Lakes Baptist Church** – 7:00 am until . . . Over 100 vendors, concessions, food, and great deals. Contact Jenny Tues-Fri 9am - 4pm to reserve your space.
- **Seven Lakes Business Guild's Annual Spring Expo** – 9:00 am – 3:30 pm in the Business Plaza, intersection of Hwy 211 and Seven Lakes Drive. Music, refreshments, and merchants with information about their services. For the community in and around Seven Lakes. If anyone is interested in a booth, call Darrell Marks at 673-5998.
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SUNDAY, MAY 21

- **Pinehurst Covenant Church** – 6:00 pm, hosting a Gospel sing-a-long. Ice cream social to follow. 180 West Gate Drive, Hwy 211 East. Contact Pastor David Hicks for more information 692-5090.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

- **Sandhills Natural History Society** 7:00 pm, Social, 7:30 pm meeting at Penick Village North Bldg. auditorium. Mark Salser will present a program on Honeybees & Beekeeping. Call 910-692-2167 for more information.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 24


- **Project Linus Workshop** – Lakes North Clubhouse 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Fleece and crochet groups will continue. We will also have simple quilt kits to check out for completion at home. Make a quilt top, attach batting and back to completed quilt tops or make the entire quilt. Drop by to see us and find a way to help Project Linus give comfort to the children in need in Moore County. Call Pat Weber 673-1457 if you have questions.
- **Wacky Wednesday with Home Choice Network** – 10:00 am - 11:00 am at Oakdale Heights, 190 Fox

Hollow, Pinehurst. Tea and light snack. Bring a teacup with a bag of tea and learn the history of tea, tea etiquette, how to brew tea. Companions and transportation available for those in need. Call 944-1116 to reserve your space or to arrange for transport to Oakdale.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

- **“Attracting Hummingbirds in the Sandhills”** – 10:30 am to noon. A free Native Wildlife Workshop sponsored by Pinehurst Greenway Wildlife Habitat Trail. Pinehurst Village Assembly Hall, 395 Magnolia Road. Guest speaker Susan Campbell, President of the

Sandhills Natural History Society. Demonstrations, feeder cleaning procedures and nectar preparation. Call Marisa Back@ 673-4239 for information.




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Amy E. Ewing, Accredited Staging Professional and owner of Sandhills Staging and Design, LLC has been named to the Board of Directors of the Charlotte Chapter of the International Association of Home Staging Professionals (IAHSP). The Charlotte Chapter is one of 34 IAHSP chapters nationwide and the only one in North Carolina. The Chapter's mission is to advance the art and education of professionals who prepare homes for sale by enhancing Home Staging excellence, facili-

itating business development opportunities, and increasing the IAHSP's identity in the industry. The Chapter also focuses on fostering community awareness in areas where its member live and work.

"I am very appreciative of this opportunity," Ewing said. "I am dedicated to making my business a benchmark of excellence within the staging industry. With this appointment, I hope to foster this same commitment with the Chapter and on a much broader level."

Ewing's business, which is based in Pinehurst, provides Home Staging services that assist homeowners with preparing their homes for sale, as well as professional organization and "Staging to Live" interior redesign services.

Ewing is also involved in educating the public on this unique and innovative profession. In March, she began offering complimentary seminars on the topic of Staging. The next seminar she will host is at Whelan Realty, on Tuesday, May 16, from

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

The seminars are fun and informative and open to anyone who wants to learn more about Staging.

"I love to talk to people about my business and how it can benefit my clients," Ewing added.

If anyone would like more information about the next seminar contact Amy Ewing at Sandhills Staging and Design at 910-603-6770.



Amy Ewing

Moore County wins award for employee health center

An innovative approach to controlling health insurance costs has earned Moore County a statewide award from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC). The "Primary Care Center for Employees and Dependents" program taught in the Caldwell County Social Services Department was one of nine county programs from around the state to win a 2005 Outstanding County Program Award from the NCACC.

Moore County was faced with a dilemma – find a way to combat soaring health insurance premiums without cutting benefits for employees. As a result, former Moore County manager Steve Wyatt proposed creating an on-site primary care center for employees and dependents. The center was opened in March 2005 and provides basic primary care for employees and dependents enrolled in the county's health plan.

The center treats employees' worker's compensation claims, performs drug testing and does pre-employment assessments of new hires. Employees and their dependents can get complete physicals, including all blood work, EKG tests, pap smears, vision and hearing tests and PSA exams. The county contracts with a local provider to staff the facility.

During the first six months of operation, the primary care center produced a savings of more than \$100,000, and the county

realized a 17.45 percent decrease per employee in medical claims costs.

"The purpose of this awards program is to highlight some of the outstanding work that is going on in North Carolina counties," said NCACC Executive Director David F. Thompson. "We commend Moore County for

a program that not only controls medical insurance costs for employees, but also educates their employees and dependents about the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Healthier employees are also happier employees, and that creates a win-win situation for everybody."



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Lakers now have two garden shops to visit

The showers that graced the last week in April greatly improved garden conditions, soil moisture, enhanced growth, and rejuvenated early May flowering. According to my rain gauge the much needed 2.8 inches is the largest single rain we have received in weeks.

Our Seven Lakes water levels have been raised somewhat, but meteorologists and weather forecasters tell us our rainfall and moisture levels are still 5 to 6 inches below normal. Hopefully, the situation will change soon.

We are fortunate this year to have two garden centers serving our area. The Garden Spot, located on Highway 211 west of Seven Lakes, a plant center very dear to Mary and me, has been reopened. Greg McAuley, of McAuley's Plant Farm, Ellerbe, is the third generation in the plant business. The McAuleys are known for production of fine quality plants. Their family experience goes back for almost 70 years. They offer quite a selection of hanging baskets, pots, flats, and various other flowering arrangements of annuals and perennials.

The Log Cabin operated by Kevin Moore located on Highway 211 West going to West End is

again open this year with a good selection of quality flowering plants, hanging baskets, fresh vegetables, and produce. They also have bird baths, garden benches, and several different yard ornaments.

Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill



Kevin and his parents have been in the garden center business for many years.

Day lilies

Several gardeners in the Sandhills area have a continued interest in day lilies and have questions about the varieties that do

well and show up. There are thousands of cultivars, but most popular locally are the dwarf varieties namely "Stella de Oro"

"Happy Returns" and "Black Eyed Stella."

These are basically yellow or gold in color and bloom in reg-

ular cycles throughout the season; whereas most day lilies bloom once or twice. The scape (See "Day lilies," p. 22)



Beth Dunn at the newly-reopened Garden Spot in Seven Lakes.

18th Annual National Cancer Survivors Day

As a part of a nationwide celebration of life, our community will join together Sunday, June 4, 2006, and recognize the 18th Annual National Cancer Survivors Day. The event is free and open to cancer survivors, their families and friends as well as physicians and other medical staff who treat cancer patients.

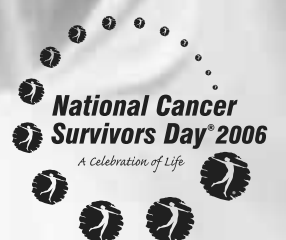
National Cancer Survivors Day brings together living people - not cancer victims - to share their smiles, tears and victories. Join us in our celebration of life and triumph over cancer by being a part of our fun-filled event.

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- 3 p.m. Registration
- 4 p.m. Program
- 5-7 p.m. Southern-style picnic dinner with music by "Al Simmons & Friends"

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Day lilies well suited to the Sandhills

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(flowering panicle stem) is approximately 12 to 18 inches tall and bloom sizes range 3 to 4 inches in diameter, however some cultivars may be smaller. They are basically adapted to our sandy loam soil and require a medium amount of fertility and organic matter. These like other day lilies grow in full sun or shade and will do better with some moisture, although are considered drought tolerant.

Day lilies are relatively free from pests, but voles on rare occasions will eat the rhizomes. When you purchase day lilies select the evergreen type or cultivars if possible. After planting, lightly mulch the rhizomes or plants until they become established. These day lilies may be used in mass arrangements for bed or roadside plantings, also they are ideal for erosion control

on banks. When planting, space them 2 to 3 feet apart.

Garden tips and reminders for May.

If you haven't fertilized your established bermuda or zoysia lawn do it now because these grasses are beginning to turn green. In the absence of a soil test, use 5 to 10 pounds per 1000 square feet of a premium slow release lawn fertilizer such as 10-10-10, 14-0-14, 8-0-24, 16-4-8 and other analysis. Established centipede lawns need very little or no fertilizer or plant food for maintenance, but if signs of yellowing appear a light application of special centipede plant food containing iron usually corrects the problem.

If you have failed to fertilize your azaleas, camellias, or rhododendrons it's time to do it. Use a slow release premium granular acid plant food fertilizer at

the recommended soil test analysis rate. In the absence of a soil test, use 1 to 2 tablespoons per foot of plant height. Broadcast it uniformly under the canopy spread of the plant.

Now that the flowering period is over and you desire or need to cut back or prune your early blooming azaleas, camellias, or rhododendrons or early spring blooming plants do the job as early as possible. Do not prune the late blooming azaleas, those yet to flower. Normally, these plants don't require much pruning if they have been properly maintained during their growth period. Always cut out and remove any dead or diseased plant parts and branches.

By this time most plantings have been made and stands hopefully established. Mulching flower beds, shrubs, and your vegetable garden will conserve

moisture and help control grasses and weeds.

Pinch back and prune the tops or your Chrysanthemum plants when they reach the height of 4 to 6 inches. By pruning them monthly, they will produce fuller, bushier, and stockier and better plants. Check your landscape plantings for insects periodically and if present in significant numbers use the proper control measures.

Vegetable planting reminder:

You can plant okra, pumpkin, cantaloupe, watermelons, sweet corn, cucumbers, summer squash, southern field, or crowder peas, all types of beans: bush, pole, and lima. If you haven't planted your tomato or pepper plants, do it now. It's also time to set out sweet potato slips or plants, and don't forget your eggplants.

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2006 Primary Election Results

	Moore County		7 Lakes	
NC State House				
Richard T. Morgan	4,166	48%	448	62%
Joe Boylan	4,457	52%	272	38%
County Commissioner I				
Larry Caddell	5,361	65%	497	75%
David J. Cummings	2,909	35%	166	25%
County Commissioner III				
Virginia W. Saunders	4,121	49%	271	38%
Cindy Richardson Morgan	4,348	51%	440	62%
County Commissioner V				
Jimmy D. Melton	5,210	66%	408	68%
Jerry D. Daeke	2,628	34%	196	32%
Supreme Court (Wainwrigth)				
Robin Hudson	1,209	14%	98	20%
Bill Gore	1,672	19%	133	28%
Gus Gray	1,100	13%	113	24%
Ann Marie Calabria	4,067	46%	117	24%
Jill Cheek	707	8%	19	4%
Court of Appeals (Hunter)				
Robert C. (Bob) Hunter	3,655	46%	316	56%
Bill Constangy	2,555	32%	124	22%
Kris Bailey	1,788	22%	121	22%
Court of Appeals (Stephen)				
Linda Stephens	2,584	33%	211	38%
Donna Stroud	3,122	40%	174	31%
Christopher L. (Chris) Parrish	2,177	28%	175	31%
Board of Education - At Large				
Pamela D. Thompson	3,092	13%	221	13%
James F. Koch	3,415	14%	272	16%
J. Dale Frye	5,898	24%	373	21%
Angela Headen Davis	2,040	8%	142	8%
Sue McKenzie Black	3,681	15%	331	19%
Judith L. (Judy) Borden	3,177	13%	189	11%
Bobby W. Allen	2,923	12%	223	13%

7 Lakes backs Morgan

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the polls, though some Seven Lakers were surprised to find the candidate knocking on their door on the weekend before the election. Community rules prevent door-to-door soliciting, but state law makes an exception for candidates, Community Manager Dalton Fulcher told *The Times*.

Fulcher said the office received a number of complaints from residents about the campaign activity. He said a Seven Lakes resident had invited Boylan to campaign in the community.

Election officials statewide reported a low turnout for the primary election.

Official turnout calculations for Moore County precincts won't be available for several weeks, the Moore County Board of Elections told *The Times*.

Calculating turnout is complicated because unaffiliated voters in North Carolina may vote in either primary. The question becomes whether to count those potential voters when calculating turnout for the Republican primary — or just to count the registered Republicans.

Counting just the eligible Republicans and looking at voting in the Morgan-Boylan race

gives a rough estimate of a turnout of forty percent in the Seven Lakes precinct.

That's among the highest in the county, with only the Pinehurst precincts and the tiny Eureka precinct posting comparable percentages.

Again, looking only at registered Republicans, overall turnout in the county was approximately thirty-five percent.

A Morgan was also a big winner in Seven Lakes in the District III County Commissioners race, which pitted challenger Cindy Morgan — wife of Richard Morgan — against incumbent commissioner Virginia Saunders.

Morgan won 62% of the vote

in Seven Lakes, compared to just 51% overall in the county.

Challenger Larry Caddell did even better, taking three-quarters of the Seven Lakes precinct vote in his successful bid to unseat current Board of Commissioners Chairman David Cummings.

In the third commissioner race in the Republican primary, Jimmy Melton took 68% of the vote in Seven Lakes, versus 32% for Jerry Daeke. Melton will face Democrat Terry Marquez in the general election.

The table at left provides a comparison of county and Seven Lakes results in other races.



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OPINION

Worth getting up early for the Forum

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The Forum meets at the West Side Community Center at 9:00 am for refreshments and then the meeting starts at 9:15 am.

Hats off to Bill Mamel and Don Welch who conceived of this forum to promote civil discussion of the major issues of our day.

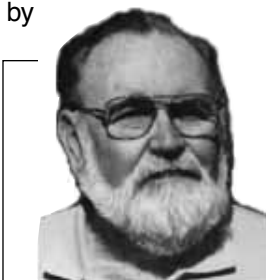
The first meeting of the forum dealt with the question of religious diversity and religion in the public schools.

The second meeting dealt with human behavior associat-

ed with the brain.

The subject of the next meeting dealt with questions concerning the power of government in the cases of eminent domain.

In April, the subject of the forum was The March of China. This meeting was led by Moshia



Ollie's Thoughts
Oliver Gossard

Alli, a long time correspondent on China and Asia.

The subject of the May meeting is "The Clash between Christianity and Islam." Certainly this is an issue important for all of us.

Each meeting begins with an examination of the subject by an informed member. Then questions and discussion follows.

I hope to see you at future meetings.

I know that these are important meetings for me.

New SLLA board needs to communicate better

Dear Editor:

For the past year, the Concerned Citizens Committee (CCC) & its supporters constantly complained about the SLLA Board of Directors. One of their main complaints was that the Board would act without adequately explaining to the landowners "why" they were taking an action and "what" the costs of said action were to the association in comparison to the way things had been done up until then. They accused the Board of, in essence, acting like a secret society, even though the Board had a perfectly legal right to take said action.

Now, the shoe is on the other foot. Our newly elected, CCC member/supporter-infused Board, is doing the exact same thing that the previous Board was blamed for doing. With only rumors of such action heretofore, it was suddenly announced in the last issue of this paper, that the Board had hired SFI to man the North & South Gates, replacing our own guards. In the same article, they also stated that we would continue to have 80 hours of roving security patrol handled "in-house."

My first thoughts were, "What?

How can we have in-house security patrols when our former security people now work for SFI? Why did the Board decide to hire SFI? Did they do a cost analysis to see if hiring SFI would actually save the association money?" I

talked to Vicky in the association office, and she answered those questions. I guess if any other SLLA landowner wants an explanation, they'll have to call the association.

My point is, Vicky should not have had to explain it to me. The new CCC-dominated Board did not follow their own advice.

Even though the Board had a legal right to make the security changes, all of my above questions should have been answered in the article that made the announcement.

The Board needs to get it through their collective

heads that most SLLA landowners are amenable to change, but only if the Board gives us the information we need, and is seen to act in an open, above-board manner. Am I surprised that didn't happen? No. It's easy to talk a good game.

Larry Yates
Seven Lakes South



Candidate thanks Seven Lakes voters

Dear Editor:

Campaigning for the office of County Commissioner has been an amazing journey, and I am deeply grateful to all who supported my campaign and helped in so many ways. I have learned so much from the citizens of Moore County about their concerns and hopes for our county's future, and this knowledge will be invaluable to me as I begin my term of office in December.

I am overwhelmed by your vote of confidence and sincere-

ly grateful for the opportunity to serve all the citizens of Moore County as your County Commissioner. As we face some difficult decisions ahead, I will need your continued support and commitment. Working together we can make a difference in Moore County.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity!

Larry Caddell
Carthage, NC

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It doesn’t help much to continually feel plundered by what life

has handed us, always ruing the niches in the patchwork of our journey, succumbing to the festering of thoughts of what might have been.

Instead, concentrate on the fresh breeze of indelible moments that each of us has felt, holding them close to our hearts.

So, as time moves quickly on, my timidly offered advice is: don’t walk past that neighbor’s bush without noticing, and marveling at, its exquisitely, delicately created form and the beauty of those blooms.



Mason’s Musings
Mason Gould

Gate guards stretched thin

(Continued from front page)
we pull the South Gate Guard, because the South Gate can be operated from the North Gate house.”
The 17.5 hours of missed coverage on the South Gate amounts to a little more than ten percent of the total hours of coverage normally scheduled for that gate; about four percent of the total hours of gate coverage in the ten day period.
“It’s been a little bit of a hard transition for us,” Fulcher said. Even Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane was pressed

into service to shepherd a couple of large golf groups through the South Gate on a day when guards were not available.
SLLA President Don Truesdell gave *The Times* the following statement on the issue: “We have hired Security Forces International (SFI) to man our gates. We signed the contract on April 25, 2006, and the effective date when they will begin providing services is June 1, 2006.”
“The reason for this transition period is to provide SFI an opportunity to produce their Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and

to hire personnel to man our gates. Please bear with us in this transition period. The basic justification for making this change is the Seven Lakes Landowners Association will save approximately \$20,000. Thank you.”
A flowchart of the thirty-day transition period developed by SFI and provided to *The Times* shows that SFI is currently in the recruitment phase and will be putting the guards it hires through more than thirty hours of training that includes state certification.

A sad primary day

Dear Editor:
A Sad Primary Day
I just want to thank the people of Seven Lakes. Also Don Truesdell who was out in the hot sun all day with me. We did very well by Rep. Morgan.
There were many people turned off by all the nasty literature – and, therefore, didn’t read any of it including the Morgan responses. Many were so disgusted that they didn’t vote which made turnout very low.

The activists from Raleigh spent many, many hours on the phone, plus making the recordings we got — sometimes four a day. They convinced our gatekeepers to let them in. Our covenants include “no soliciting” and “no unauthorized trespassing” on personal property.
Sleaze won in the end, but not in Seven Lakes.
Pud Kent
Seven Lakes West



Nona’s Notes
Nona Wiley

Nona’s column will return next issue.
— Ed.

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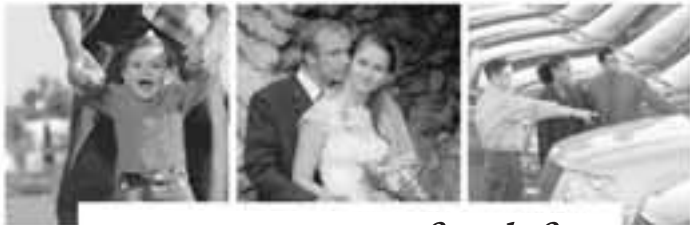
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Village annexes 13 parcels, 350 acres

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Munro said one of the dogs had escaped from the North Shamrock Drive property on the occasion when the geese were killed.

Responding to questioning from the crowd, he said he was not sure whether the fine had been paid or whether a deadline had been established for the installation of the fence. The original attack on geese occurred about a year ago, Munro told *The Times*. At that time, the dog owner paid to replace the geese that were killed.

Munro said he had some concern that action by the village could result in the dog owner suing the village — perhaps on the grounds that the geese were not leashed. The village's leash law applies to any "domestic animal," which could be taken to apply to the geese.

"What we are asking for is some guts here," Koos said. "We need leaders in the village to go to him and say, 'You did threaten someone and we don't like that here.'"

"In the last eight months, we've had four geese killed," another resident said. "Our police chief does nothing, our city council sits mute. How do we get some help?"

Annexation approved. In other business, council members held a public hearing on and then approved the annexation of thirteen parcels along Richmond

Road, adding approximately 350 acres to the village.

A resident asked whether water would be extended to the properties and who would pay for that. Mayor George Erickson said the parcels would ultimately be connected to the village water system. The cost of the extension will be borne by the landowners, by means of special assessments from the village.

Planning and Zoning Board Chairman Nick Xanders asked whether the parcels would be brought in under the Equestrian Zoning classification and was told that question would be reserved for the Planning and Zoning Board.

Zoning. Mayor Erickson provided some statistics on construction in the village compiled by Zoning Administrator Frank Holloway. Since last month's council meeting, Erickson said, Holloway has approved permits for seven homes, one barn, and one fence. There is one additional application pending, and two certificates of occupancy have been issued. Twenty-five homes are currently under construction in the village.

The council considered five separate recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Committee, presented by Xanders. The discussion of these items was continued from the council's April meeting:

Unfinished construction. An

amendment to village ordinances would have denied building permits to builders who had failed to complete in a timely fashion construction projects in the village. Councilman Gene Petrie expressed a concern that failure to complete a project could arise through no fault of the builder — perhaps because the property owner suffered a financial setback.

Xanders noted that more and more spec homes are being built in the village and said current ordinances offer the Zoning Administrator no option for denying a permit to a builder who has left projects unfinished.

The measure was turned down in a three-to-two vote, with Petrie, Wally Peckitt, and Erickson voting against. Erickson said the Planning and Zoning Board might want to revise the pro-

posed ordinance amendment in light of council's discussion and bring a modified version back for consideration at a later date.

Parks district. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended establishing a new zoning designation for municipal parks — called a "Village Recreation and Parks District," even though it does not envision a single contiguous area, as that term would imply. Councilman Petrie suggested this could simply be added to the definitions section of the zoning ordinance, since almost all of the current zoning "districts" provide for parks as a permitted use.

Others argued it would be useful for zoning maps to reflect the fact that certain areas have been set aside for use as parks. The council approved the recommendation in a three-to-two vote,

with Peckitt, Erickson, and Harsany in favor. Petrie suggested that parks be removed as a permitted use in the remaining zoning districts.

Two items recommended were essentially checklists: one for homeowners and builders planning construction in the village and the other for the zoning administrator to use prior to issuing a certificate of occupancy. Xanders described the former as "Cliff's Notes" on the Zoning Ordinance. The council expressed support for both checklists but did not feel it necessary to vote on either, which were both well within the authority of the zoning administrator to implement, Erickson explained.

Finally, Xanders presented a process that would notify owners of adjacent properties when

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Foxfire Club withdraws rezoning request

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plans were filed with the village for new construction on a neighboring lot. Signage on the building lot would alert other residents to the planned construction. Plans would be made available at the Town Hall and a three-week comment period.

Xander explained that this would reduce the instance of "I only wish I had known sooner ..." comments about construction plans. Village Clerk Janice Thomas noted that plans are already available for public inspection at Village Hall, and Councilman Peckitt expressed concern that the new process would slow the permitting process overall.

Ultimately, no council member moved to approve or reject the recommendation; no action was taken.

Finance. Peckitt reported that the Village's cash reserves stood at \$343,000 in the general fund and \$148,000 in the water fund.

He said the council met for an initial budget planning session which suggested the village budget would total nearly \$450,000 for fiscal year 2006-2007, including \$124,000 in administrative expenses, \$155,000 for public safety, \$39,000 for streets, along with other expenses.

Property tax revenues are expected to total just under \$230,000, while sales tax revenues will add \$111,000 and state Powell Bill funds will amount to \$35,000. Adding in other revenue streams still leaves a \$30,000 to \$40,000 revenue shortfall.

Peckitt said he did not feel it would be necessary to raise property tax rates to come up with that money, but that it could be accumulated through the sale of village-owned lots.

Noting that he had said last year he believed the village park project could be undertaken without a tax increase, Peckitt said he still believes that will be possible.

The council scheduled a public hearing on the 2006-2007 budget for Tuesday, June 13 at 7:00 pm.

Public Safety. Councilman Munro said he has been hosting informational sessions on the village's hazard mitigation plan since mid-April. The sessions

have gone well, though turnout has been lower than expected, Munro said. Additional efforts will be undertaken to encourage villagers to attend future sessions. The meetings have lasted at most 45 minutes and have already produced a good group of volunteers, both to act as neighborhood "spotters" in case of emergencies, and to participate in a year long first aid certification course that will be offered to the village by Moore County.

Parks. Councilman Petrie said work by the Hayter Firm to redesign the Village Green park was delayed when a lightning strike knocked out the firm's computer systems. However, things are now back on track and Petrie said he expects to put the project out for bids by early next week.

Petrie asked for and council approved a payment of \$5,000 to Hayter for the additional design work. The redesign was necessary in order to downsize the acreage covered in the initial

build-out of the park because initial construction estimates significantly exceeded the project budget.

Park Grant. Mayor Erickson said the committee charged with evaluating applications for North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grants will announce awards totaling three-quarters of its \$16 million fund on Thursday. The village won a grant last year for the Village Green project and has applied for funds this year to renovate the pool and tennis court complex.

Streets. Petrie said the truck traffic resulting from increased

construction in the village has begun to take its toll on some village streets — particularly on the east side of town. Petrie said he would be keeping an eye on the situation and expressed hope that Powell Bill funds would help with whatever repairs are needed.

Petrie said a persistent drainage problem on the Deer-track Road cul-de-sac surfaced again with recent heavy rains. Attempts in years past to reach an agreement among property owners that would allow the creation of a drainage easement have not been successful, he

said.

"We are going to have to do something about this problem," Petrie said, "even if — and I hate to say it — we have to condemn some land."

Multi-family rezoning. The council was scheduled to discuss and perhaps vote on a request from Foxfire Resort and Golf owner Avestra to have three lots on Foxfire Boulevard rezoned multi-family. The request was debated at length during a public hearing on the request held at the April council meeting, with many residents speaking in

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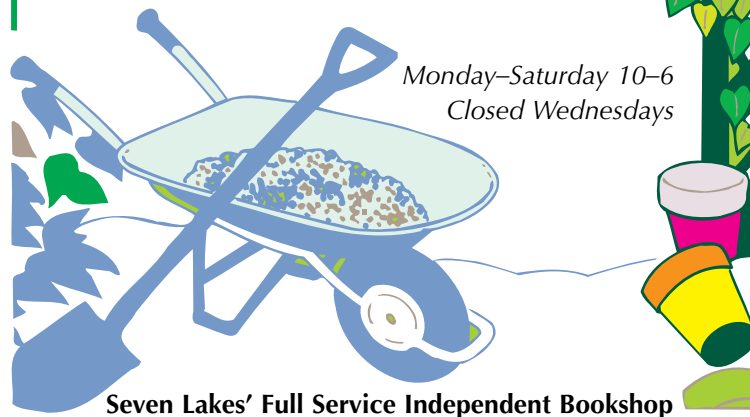
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NCWRC ponders jurisdiction on Auman

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the land on which Lake Auman rests, which he contends is a single tract owned by the Seven Lakes Landowners Association.

State statutes give the NCWRC jurisdiction to enforce fishing, wildlife, and boating regulations — as well as other statutes on all inland waters of the state. The exception is for private ponds. The SLWLA contends that Lake Auman is a private pond; the Commission, so far, disagrees.

There is a three-part test to

- determine whether a body of water is a private pond:
1. Can fish enter it from public fishing waters?
 2. Can fish leave it and enter public fishing waters?
 3. Does it arise within and lie wholly upon a single tract of privately owned land?
- The Commission seems satisfied on this first point, according to Everhart, since no streams run into Lake Auman.

The second point was investigated during a visit to the lake by NCWRC's District 6 fish biologist Lawrence Dorsey. Dorsey has filed his report, but declined to discuss it with *The Times*, referring us to the Chief of the Inland Fisheries Division, Bob Curry, who was not available for comment until after this issue of *The Times* went to press.

Attorney Olson's letter to the Commission focused on the third test, attempting to demonstrate that Lake Auman rests on a tract wholly owned by the SLWLA. Olson points to the deed for Lake Auman, which conveyed to the association "that certain man-made body of water

and lake basin known as Lake Auman" and "that area of any platted lot shown on the maps . . . of Seven Lakes West [as] covered by the waters of Lake Auman and located between any platted lot line and the mean high water mark of Lake Auman and located between any platted lot line and the mean high water mark of Lake Auman or any legally erected bulkhead."

As the complex language of the deed suggests, at issue is the fact that many lakefront lots, as they are shown on the original plats of Seven Lakes West, run into what is now the lake. It was not possible to predict, before the lake was filled, exactly where the shoreline would be.

However, as Olson's letter points out, the development company — Longleaf, Inc. — had this problem covered in the covenants, which state that "any lot or property adjacent to or bordering upon any of the man-made lakes shall not convey any right, title or interest in any property lying beneath the high water mark of such lake or to the surface waters thereover, it being

specifically understood and agreed that the Development Company retains the exclusive right and title to all lake basins and water contained therein."

Olson argues that "the Declaration placed each subsequent lot owner on notice that their title ran up to the high water mark, wherever that may end up, notwithstanding any metes and bounds description of any individual lot." He makes the point that the Declaration was filed in 1979 "before any lakeside lots were sold."

Both Olson's argument and biologist Dorsey's report are both likely to be topics of conversation during the upcoming meeting of top NCWRC offi-

cials. Everhart would not comment, in advance of that meeting, on his assessment of either.

But he did tell *The Times* that he was interested in getting Westside landowners a definitive answer as quickly as possible.

As for Lake Sequoia in Seven Lakes North, President Don Truesdell told *The Times* the Seven Lakes Landowners Association is taking a "wait-and-see" approach to the jurisdictional issue — waiting to see whether and how the issue is resolved on the West Side before pursuing its own case with the commission.

Foxfire

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opposition to the request.

When this agenda item came up Tuesday Night, Mayor Erickson read a letter from Avestra asking that the request be tabled. Council complied with the request. In response to a question from the public, Erickson he was not privy to why Avestra asked to have the issue tabled.

Appointments. The council made two appointments to fill committee vacancies: Warren Landis to the Parks Committee and Mary Spotts to the Appearance Committee.

Tax release. Council members voted to release Avestra from \$666.14 in property taxes — taxes associated with the swimming pool and tennis courts, which are now owned by the village.

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Westside mail delivery

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community which is served by the Pinehurst post office. Pinewild utilized three central mail houses from 1988 until 1996.

At that time they were able to convert to curbside delivery. Their general manager reports a high level of resident satisfaction. It is very significant that Seven Lakes is the only one of eight country club communities in the area using central mail houses. More study has to be made to determine whether the covenants would need to be changed to allow curbside boxes as would be the case for use of platted property for public mail houses.

Some concerns center on the esthetics of mail boxes lining the streets and the safety exposure of the mail carrier vehicles along Longleaf Drive. With regard to the latter, the speed limit on Longleaf Drive is 35 mph. Its 7 mile length is only 20% of the total roads. This should help to put the issue into an acceptable perspective. The apprehension regarding esthetics should be lessened by requiring standardized and unobtrusive box design. The experiences of other nearby communities indicate curbside delivery enjoys a high satisfaction level and that safety and theft worries are essentially non-existent.

If curbside boxes are used, the cost should run about \$100 each and be rapidly offset by eliminating the cost of special trips to get mail. As an example, Pinewild Landowners Assoc. builds, installs and maintains compatible rustic mail boxes for a one-time price of \$85.

It is not certain that curbside home delivery can be obtained. Before investing a lot of work exploring that arrangement, the

committee needs to know that the wishes of the landowners justify the anticipated effort. If the majority wants this service, all avenues of support would be explored. On the other hand, if most members prefer central mail houses, budgetary provisions for funding the cost will have to be initiated very soon.

Hopefully, the foregoing will aid in your deliberations. If your response to the question has already been submitted and a change of mind has occurred, simply send a signed note to

that effect to George Jenner. Chairman, Long Range Plan Steering Committee, 4255 Seven Lakes W., Seven Lakes NC 27376

Another delivery option has become known to us. There is also the option of "City Delivery" which means door-to-door as opposed to "Curbside." If we can qualify for City Delivery the question of curbside mail boxes would not be an issue. This type of delivery is a long shot to say the least.



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by Sandra Schroeder

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Marisa came to this area from Akron, Ohio, in 1996. She left her native Ohio's rich gardening soil and came to a very different soil and landscape experience. She tackled the challenge by taking classes at Sandhills Community College and then completed the Master Gardening Course offered by Al Cooke, Moore County Horticultural Agent in 1999. Her interest in and enthusiasm for the environment of Moore County is inspiring.

Marisa explained that only three percent of all world water is fresh water that we use daily. The importance of keeping this supply pollutant and contaminant free cannot be overstated.

She stressed that everyone must become more aware of their actions in relationship to the environment and gave examples of steps that can help keep the different waters clean.

For example, those who live on lakefront property should not use fertilizers that contain nitrogen or phosphates. These encourage growth and once they seep into the ground, and then the lake water, causing the algae to grow. This is not desirable.

Marisa encouraged home watering to take place between 4:00 am and 9:00 am, which is when more water will be utilized and less will evaporate. Another point made was that a deep watering once a week is more beneficial than frequent light watering.

She also spoke about Xeriscaping, (pronounced zerascaping) which is a method of using native plants in landscaping.

For an added treat she supplied

seeds and instructions for planting Ipomopsis rubra, known as Standing Cypress.

Many flyers on the day's topics were available to take home for personal use.

Marisa's talk was most enjoyable. She proved that old axiom "learning can be fun."

Before the meeting came to an end the outgoing Board of Women of Seven Lakes was thanked and the new Board was installed. The new members are: President - Peggy McCallum;

Vice President - Jo Nicholas; Vice President of Programs - Brenda Massimo and Pat Weber; Vice President of Membership - Shirley Kristek and Sandi Carl; Secretary - Nancy Workman; Treasurer - Ginger Finney.

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DAY	DATE	TIME	HOME	AWAY	AGE GROUP
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		7:30	West End II	West End III	11-12 boys
Tuesday	May 2, 2006	6:00	West End	FarmLife/Carthage II	10 boys
		7:30	West End III	Carthage I	11-12 boys
Tuesday	May 9, 2006	6:00	West End I	FarmLife III	11-12 boys
		7:30	West End II	FarmLife II	11-12 boys
Monday	May 15, 2006	6:00	West End II	Westmoore	11-12 boys
		7:30	West End III	Vass I	11-12 boys
Thursday	May 18, 2006	6:00	West End/Academy Heights	FarmLife II	11-12 girls
		7:30	West End III	West End I	11-12 boys
Wednesday	May 24, 2006	6:00	West End	Highfalls/Robbins	13-14 girls
Tuesday	May 30, 2006	6:00	West End I	Robbins I	11-12 boys
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Tuesday	June 6, 2006	7:30	West End I	Vass I	11-12 boys
Wednesday	June 7, 2006	6:00	West End II	Robbins II	11-12 boys
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