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Planning tops 7 Lakes' agenda

The next twelve to twenty-four months will give Seven Lakes a chance to think about what Seven Lakes and the surrounding area should look like — and, perhaps, to make real progress in bringing that vision to life.

Two initiatives aimed at influencing development in the local area are under way. The county's Small Area Planning effort will look at a 80 to 100 square mile area centered on Seven Lakes and West End, while the Seven Lakes Village Tomorrow project will focus much more tightly on the Seven Lakes Business Village.

Ideally, the results of both processes will dovetail at some point in the future. For now, they are moving forward completely independent of each other.

Village Tomorrow

An important organizational meeting for Village Tomorrow is scheduled for this coming Monday, June 26, in the West Side Park Community Center Great Room.

An article by Phil Cook of the Seven Lakes Business Guild and Dave Kinney of the Seven Lakes Civic Group that appears elsewhere on this page provides the details on the meeting. Another, by Terry Hunt of the Seven Lakes Village Beautification Committee [See page 7], suggests that more public meetings are needed to get the project on a firm footing.

Both residents and business people are being encouraged to attend the Village Tomorrow

(See "Planning," p. 23)

Village Tomorrow kick-off Monday

Phil Cook, Seven Lakes
Business Guild
Dave Kinney, Seven Lakes
Civic Group

The Village Tomorrow project — aimed at developing a long-term vision for the Seven Lakes Village Business District — will kick-off with a Community Input meeting at the West Side Park Community Center on Monday, June 26, at 7:00 pm.

All village business people and lot owners are particularly urged to attend. West, North, and South residents — members of the many organizations — are also encouraged to attend. Wide participation is key to the successful completion of the

Village Tomorrow project.

Your "ticket" for admission has two parts. The first is a strong interest in helping to describe, in fairly broad terms, what the business village should look like "tomorrow." The second is an equally strong interest in actively contributing to identifying more specific action items for turning the vision of Village Tomorrow into reality.

The early part of the meeting will cover the process steps to be followed — a road map to our destination, if you will.

Toward the end of the meeting volunteers for contributing to developing plans as a member of one of three committees may

(See "Village," p. 7)

Little Miss Sandhills



Sarah Davidson of Seven Lakes, Little Miss Sandhills, dropped by the Bookshop the other day on a mission to finance her trip to the Little Miss North Carolina Pageant in July. You can help! [See the story on page 2.]

Planning Board will build Area A steering committee

A proposed Small Area Plan Steering Committee for Area A, which is centered on Seven Lakes and West End, may be on the Moore County Board of Commissioners agenda for July 13.

During the regular meeting on June 17, the Commissioners asked Planning Board Chairman Harry Huberth to have the planning board develop a recommended list of candidates for the steering committee. The planning board meets next on July 13. Huberth said he could have the panel's recommendations to Commissioners that evening.

County planners hosted four public sessions introducing the Small Area Planning concept in May and June at locations in various parts of Area A: Eagle Springs, Jackson Spring, Seven Lakes, and at West Pine Middle School.

Planning Director Andrea Surratt told the commissioners that nearly 200 people attended one of the four sessions. Ninety-four percent of those who attended said the session answered their questions about Small Area Planning, Surratt said.

Small Area Planning is a public process for developing guide-

lines for land use for an area smaller than the county as a whole. A countywide land use plan for Moore County was developed in 1998 and approved by the commissioners in 1999. The county is beginning Small Area Planning in an 80-100 square mile area — Area A — that surrounds Seven Lakes and West End.

Surratt told Commissioners that maps originally proposed for Area A may change as a result of feedback from the initial meetings. The planning board initially chose the boundaries of the

(See "Area A," p. 6)

Shaver House petition drive nears goal

With a week to go until the June 30 deadline, retired General Manila Shaver appears to be well on his way to amassing enough signatures to win a slot on the ballot in the District 52 race for the North Carolina House.

Wednesday afternoon, county elections head Glenda Clendenin told *The Times* that Shaver had submitted 87 percent of more than 2,000 signatures he needs to qualify and had just turned in another batch.

The elections staff must verify that each person who signs the petition is an eligible regis-

tered voter.

While collecting petitions, Shaver has also collected a new potential opponent, former Southern Pines Police Chief Gerald Galloway, who also aspires to challenge Republican primary winner Joe Boylan for the seat

occupied for 16 years by Richard Morgan of Eagle Springs.

Clendenin told *The Times* on Wednesday that Galloway, who entered the race weeks later that Shaver, had so far collected 37 percent of the required signatures.

Lakes lass seeks ‘Little Miss NC’ title

Sarah Davidson will be competing at the Little Miss North Carolina Scholarship Pageant July 19 – 22.

Sarah is an eight year old third grader at West End Elementary. Her parents are Scott and Vicki Davidson of Seven Lakes North.

Sarah started ballet, tap, and jazz when she was three years old at the Seven Lakes dance academy instructed by Marcie Miller. Sarah has chosen to incorporate sign language with dance as her talent at the Little Miss North Carolina pageant.

She began competing in pageants when she was five years old after she met Miss America 1996 Heather Whitestone McCal-

lum at Camp Caraway in Ashboro. During a Cochlear Implant Conference at the camp, McCallum shared her life experiences with her Cochlear Implant.

McCallum signed autographs for the young competitors on photos and books.

She even put her Miss America crown on Sarah's head and then told Sarah she should try pageants, that she would be great and someday win Miss America.

Sarah's pageant director is Gayle Mace of Seven Lakes.

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By SANDY STEWART

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In general, the security will be returned at the end of the lease period less payment of damages — normal wear and tear is that physical deterioration which occurs with the normal use of property, without negligence, carelessness, accident or abuse. The tenant is not responsible for *normal* wear and tear.

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Civic Group offers update on 7 Lakes water

by Walter Eckroth & Dave Kinney
Seven Lakes Civic Group

With Summer bringing drought concerns, it is very likely that a water conservation program for Seven Lakes will be required to keep demand in line with supply.

This article describes our current situation and outlines plans for near term relief and long-

range programs to significantly improve our situation.

In early 2005, five of our eight working wells were shut down when newly-required procedures and standards showed that radium (naturally occurring in the ground) exceeded the maximum allowable levels. No new wells are contemplated for this

area. In the 1990s, a twelve-inch water line and booster station (the "Pinewild connector") was installed to bring water from Pinehurst. Today, our total water supply is about 800,000 per day.

Seven Lakes average consumption for April 2006 was 580,000 per day with a peak day of 788,000 gallons.

County data shows that without conservation, water consumption almost doubles from cool Spring and Fall months to hot, dry Summer months. Therefore, voluntary conservation actions are anticipated.

The Moore County Board of Commissioners has approved a budget that includes a near-term program to improve our supply situation (program to be implemented by Moore County Public Utilities), which includes the following items:

- Installation of a new twelve-inch

water line from Pinehurst bypassing the Pinewild connector. Expected completion date is Fall of 2006.

- Installation of a new booster station on NC Highway 211. Expected completion date is January 2007.

- Maintenance on the West/North Seven Lakes tanks for pressure equalization and water quality. Expected completion date is January 2007.

By itself the new water line will not significantly increase our supply, but together with the new booster station, our supply is forecasted to increase to 1.2 million gallons per day.

Assuming all completion dates

for the near term program are met, our supply situation will be in fairly good shape for the short term; but, given the forecast growth in our community, much work remains.

A long-range study is underway to identify alternate water resources for the county as well as for Seven Lakes.

These studies have long lives and require long time frames to get into the approval process. The Civic Group will keep you informed of the progress on both the near term and long-range programs.

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SLLA minutes to be posted on website

by Don Truesdell
Seven Lakes Landowners
Association

I had promised that the minutes of our last working session of May 25, 2006, would be posted to our web-site by Friday, June 9, 2006. According to "Roberts Rules of Order," the minutes of any board meeting should not be published until approved by the board.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2006, and, once aproved, the minutes from May 25, 2006, will have been posted to our website.

We will continue to post the minutes of all of our meetings to our website after they have been approved.

Our next Open Meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2006, beginning at 7:30 pm at the North Club House. I encourage all residents to attend.

Our boating rules and regulations, page 23 (B) Permits (1) states: Liability insurance is required on all motorboats. All boat owners will be receiving a letter requesting a copy of the declaration page of their liability insurance policy covering their boat. This requirement was imposed on us by our insurance carrier. Please comply as soon as possible.

Our first test e-mail will be sent by Friday, June 30, 2006. We hope to use this tool as well

as our website to keep our residents up to date on current issues.

Your Treasurer, Steve Hudson, has scheduled a special open meeting for July 11, 2006, to discuss the financing alternatives for the mandatory repairs to Echo Dam. See the box below for time and location. Please come.

Dog owners please remember to clean up after your pets. It will be appreciated by all of your neighbors.

Please conserve water. In spite of the torrential downfall from Tropical Depression Alberto we are facing a serious water shortage this summer.

Please mark June 26, on your calendar. There will be a meeting at the West Side Community Center beginning at 7:00 pm. This is the Kick-Off for Village Tomorrow as was written up in the April 14, 2006, edition of the *Seven Lakes Times*. This will

be a community input meeting where attendees will have a chance to present their ideas concerning the Business Village area and an action list will be created. Please make plans to attend.

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Meeting on Echo Dam Financing

All Seven Lakes North and South residents are urged to attend a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 11 at 7:00 pm in the North Clubhouse.

This will be an open finance committee meeting.

The discussion will be on how to best fund the repairs to Echo dam. Please bring your ideas and input for this subject.

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Simple tips to make your home more secure

by Michael Florence
SLLA Board

Living here in Seven Lakes is a dream come true for most people. Whether because of retirement, or job change the residents of Seven Lakes have a lifestyle unlike any other place in America.

There is one thing however we can never forget, that their is a real world outside of our gates, and sometimes that world comes inside.

Here are few more tips to help protect yourself from that world.

Many homes here in Seven Lakes have sliding glass doors that open out to many beautiful vistas. If you always lock your sliding glass doors after you come in then you are above average.

However, you should also consider having an additional lock installed on your sliding glass

doors. This is an inexpensive pin that can only be removed from the inside, and helps prevent the sliding door being jimmied open. A much more low tech

device is a sawn off broom handle. Placed in the groove in front of the path of the door this will also prevent the door from being opened from the outside.

On the outside of the house all trees, bushes and shrubs that are near windows, and doors should be cut back so no one can conceal themselves. All outside lighting should be maintained, and more importantly be sure to check to see if the bulbs are working.

Since, we also seem to have

a large percentage of residents who seem to be always on the go. Keep these tips in mind. If you are going to be gone for an extended absence, ask someone to watch your home, collect the mail and papers, and cut the lawn. This will give your home a "lived-in" look.

Also:

Going out at night leave at least one light on the inside and outside of your home.

If you come home and suspect someone is inside your home, do not go in. Call the police from your cellphone, or a neighbor's house.

One important reminder: If you suspect an underage drinking party is happening in your area call the Front Gate and they will have Roving Patrol check it out, or dial the non-emergency number for the Sheriff's office. The Sheriffs department loves to catch underage drinkers.

All public areas in Seven Lakes North and South has an 11:00 pm curfew. Parents please remind your children.

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'Area A' map may be revised

(Continued from front page)

West End Elementary School district as the boundaries of Area A. But residents of the area North of Highway 211 and West of Highway 705 felt they shouldn't be included in Area A, as did residents of a triangular region south of Foxfire Village.

Residents of a largely rural area near Eastwood that was not included in Area A attended the initial meetings and asked to be included, pointing out that their neighborhoods are under significant development pressure. Surratt said she would be working on criteria for incorpo-

rating those areas into Area A.

Surratt said environmental concerns and preserving the rural character of the area were among the top concerns of those who attended the Area A introductory meetings.

More than thirty citizens have submitted applications to become part of the committee that will steer the Small Area Planning process in Area A. Applications are available from Clerk to the Board of Commissioners Carol Thomas at 910-947-6403 or on the county website at www.moorecountync.gov.

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Village plan needs more than one meeting

by Terry Hunt, Seven Lakes Village Beautification Committee

Regarding the Kick-off meeting for the Village Tomorrow project, I put forward a suggestion: there should be a second meeting of the Seven Lakes Community Input Forum.

The notice for this first very important meeting, only a few days from now, does not give sufficient time to inform the public, i.e., our residents. There are residents who are now out of town who would like to sign up for a committee and will not have the opportunity to be there.

Secondly, with two meetings the outcome would be better. At the initial meeting, there should be adequate time to thoroughly discuss the process, exchange ideas and gather information. There should then be adequate notice of at least three weeks to publicize the second meeting, which could be devoted to signing up for the three committees.

Some background: I was involved along with individuals

from the Seven Lakes Women's Guild, Civic Group, Village Beautification, Garden Club and Business Guild who months ago formed an ad hoc "Standards Committee."

Following that, a larger group representative of our community came together and "Village Tomorrow" came about as a result of that meeting. We all agreed to collaborate, cooperate and have transparency throughout.

It was understood that the Business Guild would take the lead, with Phil Cook designating Committee Chairmen — but that the original "founders" would be informed throughout.

By chance, prior to its publication, I read a copy of the article announcing the Community Input Meeting that appears on the front page of this issue of *The Times*, and was completely surprised to hear about this meeting.

My concern was the short notice of the meeting and how much ground could be ade-

quately covered at the one meeting.

My surprise was that we were not informed that a meeting was scheduled.

But let us go forward and involve the entire community in this process.

I look forward to working on a committee and hope that all of the organizations and individuals take the time to come to the meeting.

By the way, all of the Moore County Zoning Ordinance is on line and reading through the many pages is very informative.

Hope to see you on Monday, June 26 at the Westside Community Center.

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Village Tomorrow

(Continued from front page)

sign up.

The committees are:

- Building Standards (including landscaping) chaired by Les Murray.
- Signage chaired by Fred Seufert.
- Permitted Uses chaired by Tyler Horney.

In anticipating a large numbers of volunteers, the chairmen will

be challenged in selecting a committee with a workable number of members. Those who aren't selected are certainly welcome and encouraged to provide ideas and comments to committee members.

This is everyone's chance to play a part — in planning for Seven Lakes Village Tomorrow.

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No property tax increase for Foxfire Village

The Foxfire Village Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 budget with no increase in the tax rate of 32 cents per hundred dollars of valuation at the Tuesday, June 13 council meeting. The action was taken following a public hearing on the budget.

The general fund totaled \$445,201 and the water fund total appropriations were

\$147,810.

Councilman Wally Peckitt noted that this tax rate was in keeping with a pledge the Council made last year to not increase taxes this year if the Village received a grant for a fifty acre park site.

Councilman Gene Petrie reported that the final bids for Phase I of the park have been accepted by the Council and approved by the State. Con-

Foxfire Council Meeting

struction should be competed in the Fall of 2006.

In other action the Council accepted a bid of \$15,000 for a Village owned lot in Foxfire East.

The property will be advertised for a possible upset bid within ten days.

Zoning Administrator Frank Holloway reported that thirty-seven homes are under construction in the community.

Mayor George Erickson reported that the Village did not receive funding approval for a North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant that was sub-

mitted in January 2006.

Mayor Erickson indicated that the final twenty-five percent of the funding will be awarded on July 28th at Jones Lake State Park in Bladen County.

Councilman Joe Harsany noted that two sites will be tested in the Grande Pines development for additional water resources for the Village. Foxfire Village currently has six well sites.

Weymouth Garden Tour is this weekend

The Fourth Annual Weymouth Garden Tour will run from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, June 24, (rain date, Sunday, June 25, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm).

One of the special highlights of the Weymouth Garden Tour is the presence of Master Gardeners and landscape designers available to answer all your gardening questions at each home.

Weymouth Dirt Gardeners will also assist tour participants at each of the garden sites. Tour

additions that are new include a Bird House collection at one house, a Musical Program at another, and a display of Paintings at another. The houses selected are in the Pinehurst and Southern Pines area.

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Second Row: Jessica Ramirez, Amy Felix Patricia Cruz, Zachary Pipkin, Hannah Hensley, Gabby Sloan, Lexi Martinez, Emily Partain.

Third Row: Michael Campbell, Andiana Davis, Sam Lewis, Stephen Sawyer, Will Morris, Noah Richardson.

Back Row: Lane Patterson, Dylan Lord, Matt Miller, Corey Barber, Nolan Shoemake, Daniel Harman.



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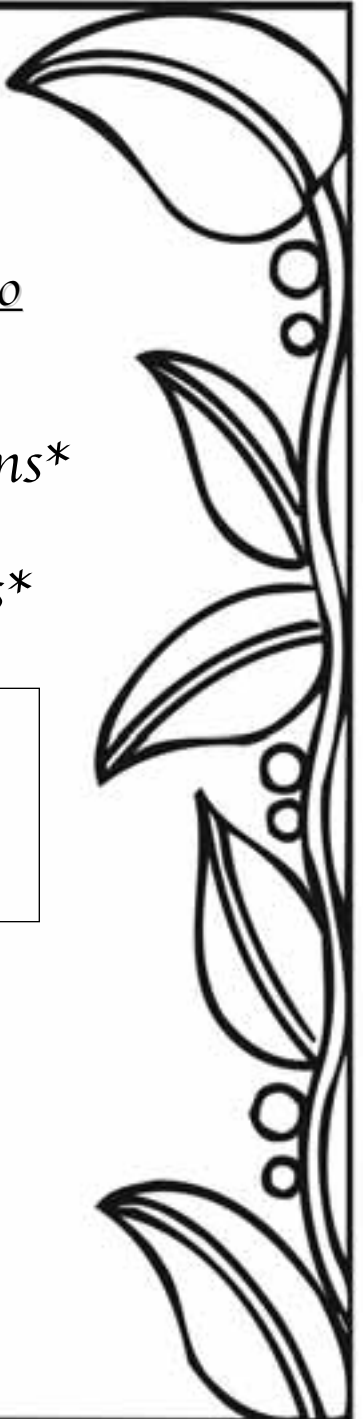
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Jane E. O'Neill, 83, formerly of Seven Lakes, died at her home on Thursday, June 1.

Mrs. O'Neill was born in Wayland, New York, to the late William and Addie Engel.

She graduated from Wayland High School in New York and Stephen's College in Missouri and Syracuse University in New York. She loved to play bridge and was an avid golfer. The family had lived in Seven Lakes for 20 years before moving to Ashbury Ridge, PA.

Services were held privately.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Joan Leibenguth.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. Richard D. O'Neill; three sons, Michael O'Neill of Erie, PA, Jim O'Neill of Peninsula, Ohio, John O'Neill of Livonia, New York; one daughter, Mary Jane O'Neill of Kamiah, Idaho. Six grandchildren, one great grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Blasco Library, 160 E. Front Street, Erie, PA

Valerie Anne Fentzlaff, 57, of Seven Lakes, died Sunday, June 11, at her home.

Mrs. Fentzlaff was born in Elmhurst, IL, the daughter of Clara Z. Szerlong and the late Roman Szerlong. She was a beauty consultant for Merle Norman Cosmetics.

A memorial service was held at the Chapel in the Pines at Seven Lakes. The Rev. Don Welch officiated.

Survivors include her husband, Donald G. Fentzlaff; her mother, Clara Z. Szerlong of Milton, WI; a sister, Ramona Steinberg of Terra Bonne, OR.; two brothers, Joseph Szerlong of Janesville, WI., Richard Szerlong of Bolingbrook, IL, and Raymond Szerlong of Bloomington, IL.

Carole Louise Patterson, 58, of Seven Lakes, died Tuesday, June 13, at her home.

She was born in Brooklyn, NY. She owned and operated a travel agency, and most recently A World of Children Daycare in Seven Lakes. She was preceded in death by her father, Ricardo Munoz.

Funeral services were held on Friday, June 16 at Chapel in the Pines. Dr. Beverly Jessup officiated. Entombment followed

in Pinelawn Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Mrs. Patterson is survived by her husband, Lannie Patterson; a son, L. Scott Patterson of California; a daughter, C. Nicole Patterson of Seven Lakes; and her mother, Louise Munoz of Seven Lakes. She is also survived by three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to FirstHealth Hospice, 150 Applecross Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374 or Gray Hound Friends, 2908 Oak Ridge Rd., Oak Ridge, NC 27310.

Francis R. Janosky, 81, of Seven Lakes, died on Wednesday, June 14, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

A Rite of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, June 19 at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Pinehurst. Father James Labosky presided. Burial was at Seven Lakes Cemetery.

Born in Natrona, PA, to the late Zigmund Janosky and Anna Petrak Janosky, he graduated from Har-Brack High School in Natrona Heights, PA. He continued his education at the Uni-

versity of Pittsburgh.

In World War II, Mr. Janosky served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps and the Merchant Marines. Following the war, he attended Carnegie Tech and graduated in 1948 with a degree in electrical engineering.

His professional career in telecommunications, electrical contracting, and facilities management took Mr. Janosky and his family to Pittsburgh, PA, Buffalo, NY, and Rochester, NY.

The family retired in Seven Lakes in 1988. Mr. Janosky was an avid gardener, an active participant on the Seven Lakes Country Club greens committee, and an active member of the

Computer Club of Seven Lakes. He also enjoyed singing with the Golf Capital Chorus.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Alberta S. Janosky; two sons, Joel F. Janosky, of Apollo Beach, FL, Thomas A. Janosky, of Little Rock, AK; a daughter, Judith A. Songer of Windsor, VA. Five grandchildren also survive.

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Megan Sheldon Schwertfager
Arcadia High School
Phoenix, AZ

Megan is the daughter of Madeline Robles of Phoenix, AZ and Scott J. Schwertfager of Atlanta, GA. She is the granddaughter of Emmeline Body of Seven Lakes West and Jack and Jane Schwertfager of Seven Lakes North. Megan is interested in journalism and will attend the University of Arizona in Phoenix.



Allison Janet Walden
Bowling Green High School
Bowling Green, OH

Allison is the daughter of Andrea and Edward G. Walden, Jr. of Bowling Green, Ohio. She is the granddaughter of Virginia and Bill Taylor of Seven Lakes North. Allison was a member of the National Honor Society and the tennis team. She will attend the University of Dayton in Ohio.



Matthew Scott Walters
Person High School
Roxboro, NC

Matthew is the son of Harry and Barbara Walters former residents of Seven Lakes. His grandparents are Bobby and Pauline Cox and H.P. and Betty Walters all of Raeford. He was a member of the journalism staff for the school newspaper and a key player on the soccer team for four years. Matthew will attend UNC-Greensboro to pursue a degree in Graphic Design and Advertising.



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More Grads



Anthony Andrew Daniels

Rio Grande University
Rio Grande, Ohio

Anthony Andrew Daniels received his Master of Education degree from Rio Grande University. The son of Al and Annette Daniels of Seven Lakes West, Tony is Director of the Rio Grande University Sports Center, and assistant varsity soccer coach of the Rio Redmen championship soccer team. Tony and his wife Teresa have two children.



Kristin J. McKenna M.D.

Ross University School of Medicine, NY

Kristin is the daughter of Frank, Jr. and Jayne McKenna of Long Island, NY. Her grandparents are Frank and Scotty McKenna of Seven Lakes North.

She graduated with honors and will be starting a residency position in Pediatrics at Stony Brook University Hospital on Long Island, NY in July.

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Dick's career kept his head in the clouds

by Mason Gould

We all finally admit it: flapping our arms wildly will not enable us to rise gracefully into the sky. But those with the real flying "bug" found a way, spending lots of their years in cockpits of airplanes of various types and capabilities.

Like a group of Seven Lakers who have served their coun-

try in the air, or worked with some commercial airlines, or have flown recreationally as private pilots, so is Dick Dick of Seven Lakes.

Dick is a native of Turtle Creek, PA, in the western part of the state. He and childhood sweetheart Dee married and eventually arrived here from Hunting-

ton (Long Island), NY.

While a senior in high school, he signed up for the Naval Aviation College Program (NACP) established by an Admiral Holmway. That enabled him to enter Bethany College in West Virginia under the program. He also attended Carnegie Institute of Technology.

He was called to active duty in Naval aviation in 1948 at Pensacola, FL, and trained on Corsair single-engine fighter planes. He later served on the aircraft carrier USS Midway, piloting a fighter/bomber with the Mediterranean 6th Fleet.

Following his active duty, Dick began a career with TWA that lasted 33 years until his retirement in 1988. He flew a variety of planes, from twin-engine Martins seating 40, to three-engine 727's seating 135, four-engine Constellations seating 165, four-engine 707's seating 160, and four-engine 747's with a capacity of 430.

During six of those years, he was a member of what were called the "Weekend Warriors," keeping sharp at Naval Air Stations in Akron, OH, and Grosse Isle, MI, on call as members of the Naval Air Reserve.

When serving on a Constellation, Dick was appointed a captain with the airline.

Asked to recall a few unusual experiences, he mentioned

these as qualifying:

On a contracted assignment, he flew a herd of cattle from the U.S. to Iran. "The combined cattle calls and highly noticeable odors didn't take long to reach my spot," he recalls.

The piloting a small plane with the Naval Air Reserve in Michigan, he was over the Detroit River when a "herd" of geese flew directly into his engine, bent the props, and drastically cut power, causing the plane to go nose first into water.

With the help of a little rubber rescue boat aboard, Dick was able to get himself ashore.

And, oh yes, he won't forget the day when a reunion of cobra snakes (lots of them!) took over the tarmac on an island off of Sri Lanka, causing a bit of a stir.

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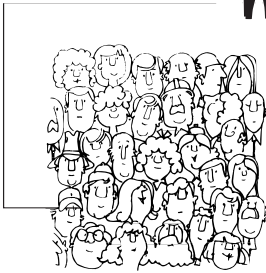
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- Kiwanis Bingo** – 7:30 pm, North Clubhouse. Community welcome. Bring a friend.

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- Village Tomorrow** – 7:00 pm, West Side Community Center. Community Input Planning for Seven Lakes Business Village. Join the committee of your choice.
- Sandhills Natural History**

Society – 7:30 pm, Dave Davenport will have a presentation on Mountain Gorillas, in the North Building of Penick Village, Southern Pines. Visitors and members welcome. 692-2167.

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association** – 7:30 pm, West Side Community Center. Monthly general meeting. Residents welcome.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

- **Elliott's on Linden** – 6:00 pm to last reservation. Taste the one wine vineyard at a time. 215-0775.905 Linden Rd, Pinehurst.

TUESDAY, JULY 4

- **Veteran's Independence Day Service** – 9:00 am, Chapel in the Pines. For the congregation and all who served in the cause for freedom. Singing by the choir. Don Welch will speak.
- **Independence Day** – Seven Lakes North Fireworks will be on Sequoia Point at dark.
- **Seven Lakes Country Club Independence Day Golf** – celebrate Independence Day with a mixed format golf event and buffet dinner. Golf: 8:30 am shotgun. Cocktails: 5:30 pm, dinner: 6:30 pm. Cost \$30 all inclusive for golf and dinner. Cost for dinner only - \$16. Sign up - Seven Lakes golf shop or 673-1092, Ext. #1.

SATURDAY, JULY 8

- **"Happy Tails to You!" Super Pet Adoption Event** – 10 am to 4 pm, The National Guard Armory, 500 E. Morganton Join in for "furry" fun! Hot dogs, soda

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TUESDAY, JULY 11

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 7:00 pm. Open finance committee meeting. Residents are welcome to discuss and bring ideas on how to pay for dam repairs.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

- **Project Linus** – 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, workshop held in Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Bring needle and white thread. We will be inspecting blankets and sewing on labels for blanket delivery. Fleece and crochet

groups will continue. Simple quilt kits to check out for completion at home - material with batting and flannel with no batting. Please 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 any questions.

SATURDAY, JULY 15

- **Sandhills Teen Golf Challenge** – Captain's Choice Tournament at Longleaf Golf and County Club. 692-6476 or 947-2944.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

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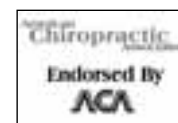


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The camp also offers Junior Handling skills for the show rings and proper presentation of a dog for the show ring as seen on

Animal Planet's televised dog shows. The campers will pitch in with day to day chores of running a kennel: cleaning, training, and grooming show dogs.

There are a few openings in the day camping program and two spots are left for the week-long over night program.

Interested parents should con-

tact Jane Hammett for details at 910-974-3647.

One more camp is scheduled for August. The day program will start at 9 am and end at 5 pm. The children are expected to bring a good sense of humor, a good work ethic, good manners, helping hands and most important — a friendly smile.

Dogs in the program must be up to date on shots and rabies and free of fleas and worms.

Dogs must be friendly to strangers.

If your child doesn't have a dog or your pet is too old Shadow Hill has trained dogs for your children to borrow for the day.



Campers at Shadow Hill Farm's Dog Camp.

Lions enjoy annual picnic

by Jerry Farley

The Seven Lakes Lions Club held it's annual picnic on June 15 at Johnson's Point, Seven Lakes West, with over 40 members and guests in attendance.

A bountiful buffet of fried chicken and BBQ pork with all the "fix-ins" was provided.

The beautiful afternoon was culminated with a sunset boat ride on Lake Auman.

Pictured at right: Ray Lambert Lions Club President, Clint Ingram, Marx Nathan Club Tail Twister, and Roger Irwin.



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Lakes garden tour showcased local talent

Weather and moisture conditions have greatly improved the past few days. Alberto before and during its passing according to my record produced more than 5 1/2 inches of much needed and welcomed rainfall, plant growth and flowering in our landscape gardens have picked up. Overall response has been fascinating, almost unbelievable. Let's hope that that frequent showers will continue throughout the growing season.

The Seven Lakes Garden Club Tour on Saturday, June 20 was well attended and enjoyed by everyone.

Mike and Peggy McCuthen, 102 Douglas Drive, Seven Lakes West has a well planned, designed, arranged, constructed, and well kept place. The plant growth shrubs blend in with the beautiful structured home. The paths are well laid out in a rather unique design. This couple has great landscaping for a home only three years old.

Neighboring **Steve and Claire Ziprene**, 106 Douglas Drive have another well designed, planned and arranged landscape residence. The neatness is portrayed by the beautiful plantings of cannas and day lilies. The sloping and tiered are very appropriate for the terrain of the lot. The sectional areas of the pine straw and grass area adds beauty to the environment back to the lake.

Jim and Freda Deaton, 320 Longleaf Drive, also Seven Lakes West exhibited on their large residential layout a variety of landscape innovations. The spacious natural area consisted of a fenced border of native oaks. Especially interesting is the vegetable and berry garden spots where tomatoes, corn, blackberries, dew berries, and raspberries are grown to mention a few. Also there are several fruit trees scattered throughout the place. The shrubs and zoysia lawn ideally frame the beautiful house and surroundings.

Randall Zielsdorf, 114 Pine Needle Drive, Seven Lakes North, has a natural backyard scene typical of the Sandhills. His rock walls of Uwharrie Mountain sandstone, igneous era, and other rock formations are very interesting. Randall has a number of small vegetable and

fruit garden spots somewhat protected from the wildlife by netting. It's an attractive low maintenance place.



Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

The next stop was the residence of **Elaine Yow Girgis**, 116 Overlook Court, Seven Lakes North, where an unusual display of flowering annuals, perennials, shrubs, blooming roses, vines, hanging baskets, and pots, statuary, garden works, lawn furniture, walkways, beau-

tiful fescue lawn grass, pottery, and a variety of other garden attractions catch your eye. These are Elaine's own innovations, designs, and hands on ideas, beginning April 16 each year, just after the tax season deadline rush. Basically her only work

(See "Still," p. 22)



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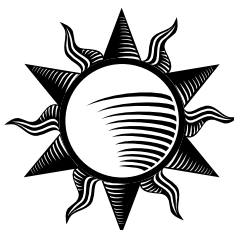
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Still time to prune shrubs before July 15

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assistance was by friends and neighbors for the showy event. All exhibitors should be commended for their hard work in getting everything looking great for the event even though the weather was dry prior to the tour. Chairperson for the tour Madga Sonderfon should receive much appreciation and thanks for her contribution in selecting, planning and organizing the gala event. Also thanks Garden Club President, Al Geiger for the marked directional signs and maps to each location.

Questions continue to be asked concerning the pruning of shrubs this year.

Yes, the job can be done without growth difficulties this last time of year because growth was retarded earlier due to the dry weather. Plants such as azaleas, rhododendron's, Japanese or boxwood hollies or Chinese hollies. Do it now before July 15.

I have been asked to comment or list perennial flowering plants, shrubs, and vines that do well in our area.

Here are some of the most popular types, not specific varieties: Butterfly bushes, Cone-flowers, Shasta Daisies, Dianthus, Gaillardia, Ice Plants, Day lilies, Hollyhocks, Garden phlox, Coreopsis, Sedum, ground covers for sun and shade, fragrant garden lilies, Hostas, Coral Belles, and Bleeding Hearts, Hydrangas, Clematis, English roses, Hibiscus (Southern Belle), Gardinia, and Japanese Maples.

Other late maturing shrubs, trees, vines and plants are Weigalas, Walking sticks, Encore Azaleas, Pussy Willows, Lilacs, and Carolina Jasmine just to mention some. Also fruits of strawberries and Rhubarb.

June gardening reminders:

Stay after those troublesome weeds in flower beds and lawns and apply a recommended herbicide for control if you are tired of hand weeding.

Check your plants for insects and diseases and if the problems are warranted treat with a recommended safe insecticide.

Observe your outdoor hanging pots and baskets daily for

watering needs.

Inspect your taller growing perennial plants to ascertain if they need light weight stakes

and use those to keep the plants neat and upright.

Pay close attention and harvest vegetables at their peak.

Sow seeds of quick growing plants such as zinnias or cleome, and lightly water and scratch them into the soil.



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Planning is at top of Seven Lakes' agenda

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meeting. The goal of the project is to develop a vision for the

future of Seven Lakes Village, as well as concrete recommendations that can make that vision

a reality.

If all goes according to plan, the effort will likely result in recommendations for revising the county's Village Business zoning designation — recommendations that will have to be approved by the Planning Board and County Commissioners.

Monday's meeting in the West Side Community Center is the first step in the process, designed to both inform local folks about the effort and recruit volunteers to serve on committees that will work on building standards, signage, and permitted uses.

Small Area Planning

At the same time that Seven Lakes leaders are attempting to develop a vision for a very small area — the business village — the county is pursuing its own Small Area Planning process, which will examine a

much larger area surrounding Seven Lakes, labeled "Area A."

The objective of this process is to reach consensus on goals for the area, develop an understanding of development pressures, and create plans for channeling that development.

Ultimately, the small area planning process will produce a policy document, that, when approved by the Planning Board

and County Commissioners, will be used by county planners to evaluate requests for rezoning and subdivision development.

The county is in the process of creating a steering committee to oversee the small area planning process in Area A. For more on those efforts, see the story on page 1.



Proud Grandma — Tinkie Petterson of Seven Lakes North has made it a tradition to make each of her grandchildren a quilt upon their graduation from high school. This year, grandson Adam Miller received a quilt crafted from his t-shirts and sweatshirts highlighting his athletic career.



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OPINION

Editorial

Keep the planning public

Monday's organizational meeting for "Village Tomorrow" is a great first step.

"Village Tomorrow," if you missed the write-up on this edition's front page, is an attempt to better define what we want Seven Lakes Business Village to look like.

Ideally, it will be a very public process that will bring together representatives of various local groups as well as interested residents and business people to think about how to improve the village in a variety of ways, from zoning to landscaping, from architectural standards to signage, from better roads to improved public spaces.

A lot of folks who move to Seven Lakes from "up north" — or even "down south" — probably don't realize that there are very limited controls on who builds what where in the village. We're not a municipality, so county zoning and building regulations hold sway.

The entire business area falls under a single zoning classification, so there's no distinction between the type of business that can occupy one of the back streets and those permitted on Seven Lakes Drive. There are no architectural standards at all.

Now we're not big fans of a lot of unnecessary government regulations. And most of our fellow business owners have done a great job of building and maintaining attractive stores and offices that are a credit to the village.

But even the Business Guild recognizes there are a few exceptions. At present, we don't have the tools we need as a community to deal with those exceptions.

Village Tomorrow could be an important step toward giving us those tools. . .

. . . but only if it is a highly visible, thoroughly public, exceptionally open process. When County Planning Director Andrea Surratt met with local leaders to discuss the idea, she was very clear on this point.

Any revisions proposed to Village Business zoning or other parts of the county code will need to win the approval of the Planning Board and County Commissioners. The key to winning those approvals, Surratt said, is to make sure there is broad support in the community for the suggested changes.

The death blow for the project would be to have a large group of disaffected Lakers show up at a public hearing on the issue to express opposition.

So, it's critical for the various groups interested in pursuing Village Tomorrow, first, to get themselves organized and pulling in the same direction; second, to report regularly on ideas being discussed and plans being laid; and, third, to create many, many opportunities for community input into the process.

Monday's public organizational meeting is a great first step.

A great second step might be to hold another public meeting in a few weeks to accommodate folks who got the meeting notice too late or who had no idea that they wanted to be involved until they read news reports on the first meeting.

Ultimately, the success or failure of this project will be determined not just by the quality of the ideas it generates, but by the level of public support it can muster behind those ideas.

We're confident that the fine folks who have moved the project this far will rise to the challenge, and we look forward to seeing you at the meeting on Monday night.

Memorial Day prompts memories of another war

Recently on Memorial Day, I was asked by local friends to talk to their two grandsons about my service in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Golly, it pleased my ego to be asked to talk about those three years of my youth.

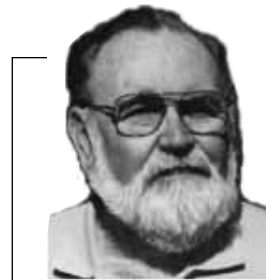
It always pleases me to be seen as one of Tom Brokaw's "Greatest Generation." But that embarrasses me because in those years I didn't do anything heroic. I served those years being shipped across the Pacific Ocean doing tasks that didn't involve being shot at.

My two years of college were interrupted by joining the U.S. Navy and being sent to Chicago to attend Midshipman's School. After many months there I was commissioned as an Ensign. Then, I was sent for small boat training at Coronado and Oceanside, California. Then, I traveled to Pearl Harbor where I was offered more training on Waipio Peninsula, a base recently created on what had been sugar cane fields. Big mosquitoes is my fondest memory of that place.

I was flown to Eniwetok atoll in the Marshall Islands where we were building a base for repair and relaxation for ships needing light repair so that a long voyage to Pearl Harbor was not needed. I remember Eniwetok as a place of hot sun, no rain, beautiful

sky, blue water, and endless days of dull work.

Shortly after the surrender of Japan, I was shipped to the U.S. Argonne in Tokyo Bay to serve as communications officer.



Ollie's Thoughts
Oliver Gossard

On that ship, I spent many nights on the quarterdeck as Officer of the Deck. On the morning watch (4:00 am to 8:00 am) I remember beautiful views of Mt. Fujiham at sunrise. One sunrise in particular was stunning because the snow covered Mt. Fuji was hit in sunrise in such a way as to look golden.

I will never forget that brief view of golden nature.

On board the Argonne, I was ordered to serve as temporary shore Patrol Officer in Tokyo from time to time. That is a memory of the devastation of war for me. The stench of wet mortar, burnt wood, and bombed city is a smell I will never forget.

The sailing of the Argonne from Tokyo Harbor to Pearl Harbor was memorable in that the Argonne was a Hog Islander,

built at the end of World War I. It was certainly the slowest ship that existed in anyone's navy. Once in the middle of the voyage we were passed by a LST, supposedly the slowest ship in existence. Humiliating!

The boredom of the trip was relieved by our passing through the edge of a typhoon for the better part of a

week.

It was a young man's excitement. The possibility of capsizing was not out of the question.

This can go on and on, but it was an interesting time for a young guy.

I was lucky. Some of my boyhood friends didn't make it. I think of them often.

They were of the greatest generation in their short lives. We all served in a necessary war, a war that stopped Nazi philosophy of life and militarism spawned by the Japanese.

I hope that all wars that take the lives of brave young people of the world are necessary.

I would hope that the decision makers of our country are wise and not subject of big power bravado.

I hope.

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stretching towards the heavens in appreciation of life.

Oh, that more could taste the hope that you inspire.



Mason's Musings
Mason Gould

Thanks to Mary Anne Fewkes

Dear Editor:

I would like to offer a big Thank You to Mary Anne Fewkes for all the long hours and hard work she has done for the Westside community.

She has made a great difference to Seven Lakes West, working to keep boats from outside Seven Lakes West or boats that do not have current stickers off our lake. The lake should be reserved for those who pay for it!

She has also worked to protect Johnson Point from damage, and to protect our dues from wasteful spending. She has requested that the accounts of our community, hundreds of thousands of dollars, be officially audited, which has not been done for at least four years. Did you know that?

I strongly suggest that Mary Anne's tireless efforts should be supported fully by the Board of Directors, the office staff, and the entire SLW community. If you think these things are worth working for, then you should say "Thank You" to Mary Anne the next time you see her!

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We also thank the community for your support in helping and rescuing pets, because without your help the League could not continue.

*Lou Atkins
President
Sandhills Animal
Rescue League*

Warning on First Alert smoke alarms

This warning involves "First Alert Smoke Alarms" manufactured before 2000, models 4120B and 4120SB.

If these models are wired into your home electrical system, the electricity can actually charge the backup battery, which the battery cannot take; sometimes the battery will expand or explode.

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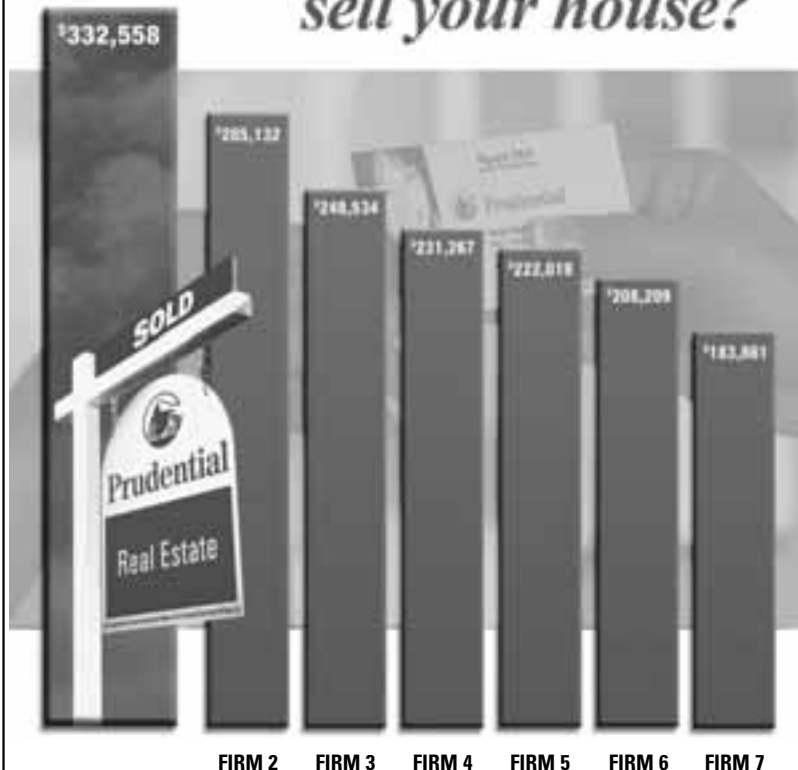
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by James Gunderson,
Commander, Legion Post 516

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The purpose of this important meeting is to keep the American Legion Post open in the Seven Lakes community, for you, the Veterans of Seven Lakes.

Post Commander James Gunderson, has attempted to revitalize the post many times this past year, with very little success. Therefore the District 16 Commander has received a request, the Post Charter be turned in.

Post 516 members, if the charter is turned in, there will never be an American Legion post in your community again.

This would require all current members to transfer and belong to other local posts in the county. There are no officers current-

ly filling the positions, nor no one willing to step up and assist keeping the post open.

Your Commander needs your assistance in keeping your post open, by seeking the services of current or new members in Seven Lakes Post 516. Veterans, please assist your commander, step up and fill required positions, before the Seven Lakes Post 516, is closed forever.

Post 516, has been a vital part of the Seven Lakes community veterans and existed for

several years, with many accomplishments within your community. Veterans and members, please plan to attend this important meeting to keep your local community post open for many years to come.

Thank each of you for your service and sacrifices to a grate-

ful nation.

For more information contact: James Gunderson Commander, Post 516, 161 Edgewater Dr. Seven Lakes, 910-673-1124 or Gary D. Bosworth 16th District Commander Department of North Carolina American Legion 910-235-0519 or 910-528-6419.

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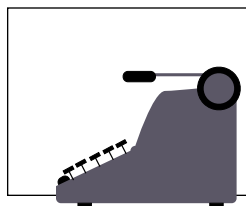
"Why is North Carolina the only state in the union that forces its 100 counties to pay a fixed percentage of the federally mandated Medicaid costs?"

The state requires counties to pay 15 percent of the non-federal share of all Medicaid service costs. Medicaid costs are consuming an ever larger share of county budgets yet counties have no say in how the program is administered.

Counties are not allowed to set Medicaid policy, eligibility criteria, service options or provider rates. Yet they are faced with Medicaid costs that are increasing at nearly 10 percent annually while most counties' property tax base — the only source of revenue under their control — is growing at less than 7.5 percent annually.

Hence, there is a direct connection between a county's Medicaid burden and the upward pressure to increase its property taxes.

For two decades the North Carolina Legislature has imposed this federal mandate upon the State's counties setting the county's share annually in the state budget bill. Counties will spend a combined \$470 million this year paying for



Your Turn

Manila G. Shaver
Seven Lakes North

this unfunded federal mandate which falls disproportionately on counties with high poverty rates, driving property taxes higher while diverting local resources from other pressing requirements.

Medicaid will cost Moore County taxpayers \$3,862,262 next year, a 61 percent increase since year 2000. Currently 15.9 percent of Moore County residents are Medicaid eligible and this

number is expected to increase. Eleven percent of Moore County's property taxes are needed to pay for the county's Medicaid costs.

Yes, there are a number of legislative bills that have been put forth to alleviate the problem by proposing to cap expenditures but they fail to address the basic problem. It is a cost

over which the counties have no control and shouldn't have to include in their annual budgets.

North Carolina's Constitution was written to create a powerful legislature and that local governments were intended to be no more powerful than the legislature chooses to make them.

As such it is my view that the General Assembly Representatives should be standing as a bulwark against the numerous unfunded mandates emanating from those residing by the

Potomac instead of passing them off on to the counties which they represent.

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[Shaver has announced his intention to run for the District 52 seat in the NC House this November. — SGH]

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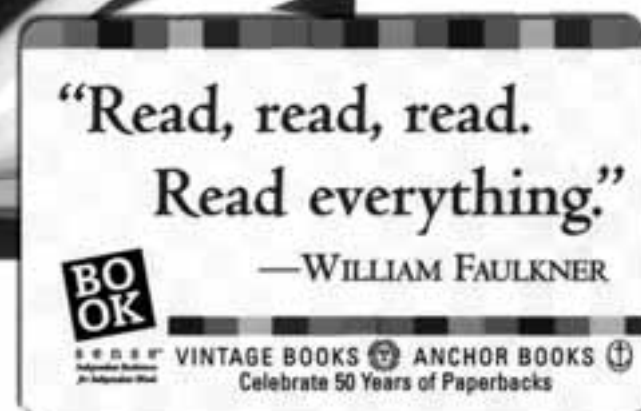
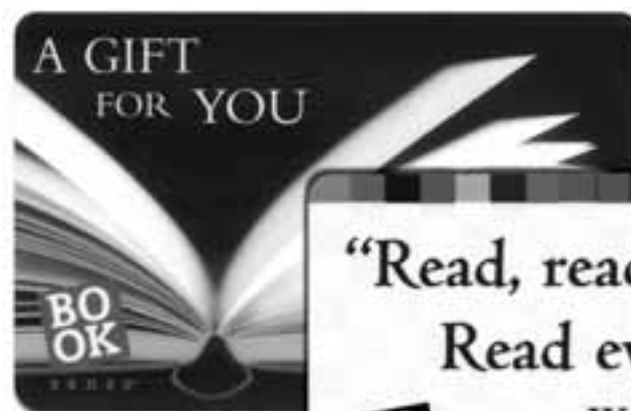
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For many, that pension, plus a social security benefit, plus interest from savings and investments represented their retirement income.

Today's baby boomers are looking at a much different retirement landscape. Employers by and large have abandoned traditional defined benefit pension plans in favor of participant-driven defined contribution plans like 401k's.

This is putting the entire retirement income responsibility squarely on the shoulders of the worker. Participation in these plans is optional, and the employer has no real incentive to encourage people to contribute to the plan.

In fact, the less money contributed by the employees, the more the employer saves on those plans where employer matching contributions may be elected.

The good news about 401k-type plans is that recent tax legislation allows for higher per-

sonal contributions, generally, as much as \$15,000 per year (\$20,000 for participants age 50 and older). Remember that all 401k contributions are made pre-tax and accumulate on a tax



Financially Speaking

Geoff Gower

it's probably safe to assume some form of social security retirement system will be maintained but it may wind up much different than our current system. With only two to three contributors for every recipient, something is going to have to give and that can only mean some combination of lower benefits, delayed benefits and significantly higher taxes

in the meantime. Sooner or later the boys and girls in Washington are going to have to deal with this and it's not going to be pretty. The whole retirement planning process is confusing when you consider the vast array of plan choices, tax implications and the ever increasing sources of information available from all of the financial companies that have a huge stake in the retirement planning marketplace. Not

deferred basis.

But again, 401k plans are useful only to the extent folks take advantage of them by contributing a slice of their incomes.

Of course there's always social security, right?

Well, probably, but the system is in real trouble and will be running in the red before the last of the baby boomers begin receiving benefits.

With politics being what it is (or not what it should be) I think

in the meantime.

Sooner or later the boys and girls in Washington are going to have to deal with this and it's not going to be pretty.

The whole retirement planning process is confusing when you consider the vast array of plan choices, tax implications and the ever increasing sources of information available from all of the financial companies that have a huge stake in the retirement planning marketplace. Not

to mention what even modest inflation is doing to our future purchasing power and the fact that at least statistically, we're living longer, potentially 30 to 40 years beyond the traditional retirement age of 65.

The good news is that through new technology, necessary planning can be achieved. As a financial planner I am using a software tool that can cut through the maze of options, perform the onerous number crunching, evaluate alternative scenarios and ultimately produce customized reports that spell out exactly what actions are required to accomplish our own unique retirement planning objectives.

I invite all interested to call me for more information. This form of analysis is not only beneficial for those planning for future retirement needs, but is also useful for those already in

the retirement income phase to make sure they're still on track.

Please don't hesitate in calling me or *The Times* for specific topics you might like to have discussed in an upcoming column.

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Here's a great pie for the 4th of July!

by Lucy Ingram

I'm sure you've all seen the recipe for the 4th of July Cake, which is made to look like the American flag. I found a recipe for a 4th of July Pie. It's called "Red, White and Blue Pie" and is

very simple.

Red White and Blue Pie

Ingredients:

2 medium bananas (cut up)

1 1/2 cup strawberries

1 cup blueberries

1 baked pie shell

1/2 cup sugar

2 tablespoons cornstarch

1 1/2 cups water

1 small pack strawberry Jello (I would use the sugar-free one and Splenda instead of the sugar.)

8 oz Cool Whip® topping (or whipped cream)

Mix fruit and pour in pastry shell. Mix sugar, dry jello and cornstarch in small pan. Stir in water until smooth.

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Let it cool. Pour over the fruit. Refrigerate until firm.

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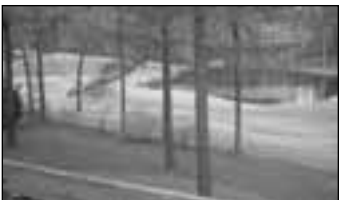
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