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## Gravel is the cure for Echo Dam's woes

A sizable crowd turned out for the July General Meeting of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] and pep-

of Environment and Natural Resources had observed seepage on the downstream face of Echo Dam during a routine annual inspection.

The state required that the problem be investigated and a repair plan developed. S&ME conduct-

ed the analysis and Hobbs-Upchurch developed a plan for the repairs, which has been submitted to but not yet approved by the state.

(See "Engineer," p. 26)

### Seven Lakes Landowners Association Meeting

7/26

pered engineer Jeff Thompson of Hobbs-Upchurch and Associates with questions about the repairs planned for Echo Dam.

In a brief presentation, Thompson explained an engineer with the North Carolina Department

## Lakeway exit reopens early

Ray MacKay was lauded as "Hero of the Month" by Seven Lakes West Landowners Association President Jim Meikle during the group's Tuesday, July 25 general meeting — praise won for the reopening of the Lakeway Drive exit roadway weeks ahead of schedule.

"When you start out letting a contract, you don't know what you are going to get," Ray MacKay said, opening his report on Infrastructure. Our contractor on the exit road paving on Lakeway did the whole project in less than three weeks."

"I opened it Sunday morn-

ing," MacKay continued. "We had a wonderful ribbon cutting ceremony; I was the only one there."

But the meeting wasn't all praise for MacKay's efforts. John Hoffman questioned MacK-

ay fairly aggressively on details of the project: why only a portion of the roadway was paved, why a curb and gutter design was chosen, why the road wasn't

(See "Private," p. 3)

### West Side Landowners Meeting

7/25

## Winners, all!



Jim Davis, Ginny Richmond, Rose Coxhill, Jeanette Martin, Lou Hayes and Jack Fetzer, winners all at the annual Kiwanis Club Picnic on July 11. Here are the final standings: Putting: Jim Davis and Ginny Richmond; Frisbee: Jack Fetzer and Lou Hayes; Darts: Jim Davis and Jeanette Martin; and Ball Toss: Jim Davis and Rose Coxhill. Every year it seems like someone tries to win everything; maybe Jim Davis could head up to Raleigh and give the NC State coaches a few pointers! [Fred Seufert photo]

## More water coming for 7 Lakes . . . but when?

Whether Seven Lakes escapes mandatory water restrictions this summer depends largely on whether we are smarter about watering our lawns, as Seven Lakes Civic Group Vice President Dennis Roberts reports in his article on water conservation elsewhere on page 2 of this issue. That, and whether the weatherman can provide a bit more rain.

But what about next year? Moore County owns the Seven Lakes water system; are they doing anything to deliver more water to the fastest-growing community in the county? Will

we have more next summer?

The answers to those questions are "Yes" . . . and "Maybe."

The county does have a plan to bring more water to Seven Lakes. Work on parts of that plan are getting underway. But whether enough work will be finished before the summer of 2007 to deliver substantially more water to Seven Lakes is more of a question mark.

That's what *The Times* learned in a recent conversation with Moore County Engineer Marcus Jones, the man charged with planning and executing upgrades to the Moore County water sys-

tem. A professional engineer, Jones joined the county last August after a number of years with the North Carolina Department of Transportation. We also spoke with Ben Vaughn, Utility Operations Manager for the county.

Jones explained that there are several inter-related projects that must be completed in order to substantially increase the water supply to Seven Lakes:

- A new Seven Lakes-Pinehurst interconnect, that is, a water line connecting the Seven Lakes and Pinehurst

(See "7 Lakes," p. 3)

# Smarter irrigation is key to saving water

by Dennis Roberts

Seven Lakes Civic Group

As a follow up to the July 21 article in *The Seven Lakes Times* concerning water supply/demand in Seven Lakes, Dave Kinney, President of the Seven Lakes Civic Group, asked me to write a piece on what the residents can do to reduce water consumption and thus avoid the County having to impose a mandatory conservation program.

Not being an expert on the water conservation, I phoned Marcus Jones, Moore County Public Works Director.

Jones explained that during the hot, dry summer months when we are watering our plants and trying to save our lawns, water consumption increases by a whopping 250 percent because of what he called our irrigation practices.

He is not suggesting that residents give up taking showers, or begin drinking bottled water and using paper plates; but he strongly recommends imple-

menting disciplined irrigation practices.

Mr. Jones said a lawn should survive on about an inch of water per week if the water is applied properly. The lawn should be watered every third day, and it is most important that the water be applied very early in the morning. Before dawn is best when the evaporation rate is low so the water will soak in.

Having a watering system that works on a timer is the best way to do this, and a rain gauge is needed on the lawn to calibrate the system to deliver about an inch of water per week.

Watering after the sun is out is essentially a total waste because the water evaporates without reaching the roots of the plants.

As stated in the July 21 *Times*

article, the County has a program underway to increase the water supply to Seven Lakes by March of 2007 to give us short-term relief from the tight supply situation.

There are longer range plans in the works to assure us of a long-term, adequate water supply, but given the forecast growth

in Moore County, water conservation will be an on-going issue.

Residents expecting to maintain a lawn using water supplied by the County would be well to develop a proper irrigation process ASAP to get us through the remaining summer months.

## Swing Carolina Concert 8/10

"Singing couldn't be finer than Swing Carolina"

All Seven Lakers and especially teenage students are invited to attend the Swing Carolina Concert on Thursday, August 10, 7:00 pm, in the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.

This is Swing Carolina's very first performance in Seven Lakes. The concert will be featuring the all girl trio the "CHICK-PEAS" consisting of three talented teens from Seven Lakes North. We hope you can make it. Performing is more fun with an audience! Admission is Free and Refreshments will be served. For more information about Swing Carolina, please contact Connie Ambrosio at 673-3335.

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**However, when the tank is uncovered for pumping, additional critical details should be observed!**

- **Sod cut, removed, and replaced.**
- **Dirt on tarps for a cleaner job site.**
- **Septic tanks have two lids.** County code requires that both ends of septic tank are uncovered to allow proper pumping and to check the outlet baffle or filter.
- **Condition and safety of the tank and access covers:** A cracked or deteriorated septic tank can lead to serious injury or even death!
- **Liquid and waste level in the tank** — should be checked for evidence of waste passing over the baffles. A flooded system is an indication of system failure.
- **Damage to the tank baffles.** Concrete tank baffles may erode from chemicals, detergents, or a poor concrete mix.
- **Broken or missing baffles** can cause solids to flow out of the tank and into the absorption system. The result is reduced absorption into surrounding soil and eventual failure of the system.
- **Thickness of scum & sludge levels:** Back-flow of effluent into the tank during pump down — an indicator of flooded leach fields.
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# 7 Lakes water depends on many projects

(Continued from front page)  
systems.

- A pump station to lift the water from Pinehurst to Seven Lakes.
- The drilling of a new county well near Pinehurst Resort's famous Number 2 golf course, in an attempt to replace water lost to the system when a

contaminated well had to be shut down.

- An interconnect that will bring water from Phase II of the East Moore Water District to Pinehurst.
- Build-out of most of the East Moore Water District water mains, so that the East Moore-

Pinehurst interconnection will have water to carry to Pinehurst. The East Moore water system is already tied to the water system in neighboring Harnett County, which draws its water from the Cape Fear River — a plentiful resource. Each of those projects has

its own timeline for completion, its own potential for delays, and, in the case of the new well, the prospect that it may not deliver the amount or quality of water hoped for.

Before exploring each project in detail, let's take a step back and look at the Seven Lakes water system and its place in the Moore County system.

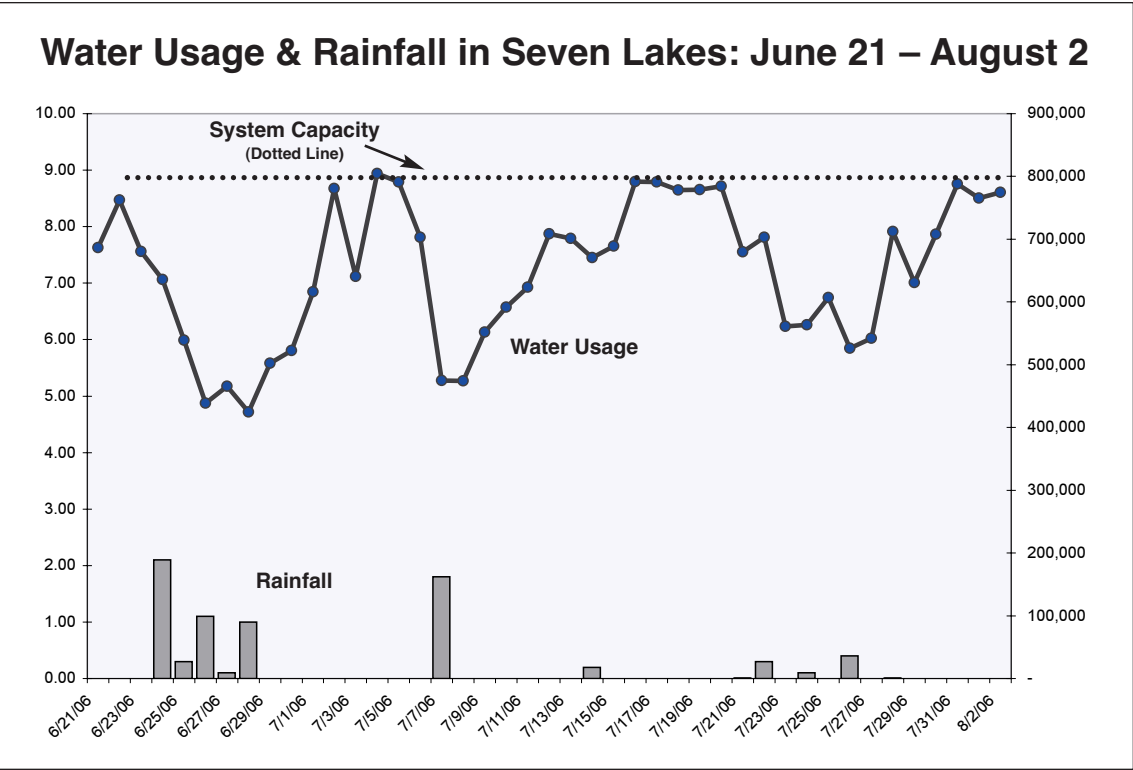
### Water in Seven Lakes

The Seven Lakes water system was built as the Seven Lakes subdivisions were built — by the original developers. There is no significant source of surface water — rivers or streams — in the area, so the system depended entirely on wells drilled

to tap the groundwater of the Mit-tendorf aquifer — the reservoir of water that lies beneath the Sandhills.

The ten wells that are currently part of the Seven Lakes system, though adequate to serve the community in its early years, are significantly less productive than wells drilled closer to Pinehurst, even though they are thought to tap the same underground source. Pinehurst wells produce on average 108 gallons of water per minute; Seven Lakes wells, 27 gallons per minute. This means that new wells drilled in Seven Lakes return less water per dollar of public funds invested and explains

(See "7 Lakes," p. 18)



**Small showers last week** helped Lakers cut back on watering, but hot, dry weather this week had the water system running at full capacity. The pumps feeding water to Seven Lakes ran on average more than 20 hours per day during July, while our 2.8 inches of rainfall was half the normal average for July.

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# County planners to brief Village Tomorrow

*Phil Cook, President, Seven Lakes Business Guild*  
Essential to the tasks of the three Village Tomorrow committees — Building Standards [including landscaping], Signage and Permitted Uses — is a good understanding of the current county Zoning Ordinance.  
A meeting will be held on

Tuesday, August 15 at 4:00 pm in the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse to review the current ordinance, interpret the relevant sections and answer questions. Kathy Liles of the County Planning Department will lead our understanding, providing “everything you need to know.” It is important that that the

committee chairmen and all folks who volunteered to serve on the committees participate in this meeting. Other folks interested in the future of the business village are more than welcome to participate.

# Volunteer at Moore Co. Schools

Moore County Schools offer a variety of volunteer opportunities for Moore County residents to choose from, including:

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**Classroom Assistance:** Provide support to teachers with bulletin boards, copying materials and special projects.

**Career Coach:** Assist students in exploring career opportunities through a mentoring relationship, arranging visits to designated career sites and working with students on college application processes.

**Clerical Support:** Assist administrative office staff in areas like data input, copying

materials, answering phones and greeting visitors.

**Campus Beautification:** Assist with trimming, edging and planting seasonal flowers.

**Cultural Arts Support:** Work with staff and students with cultural arts projects/programs.

**Graphic Design Support:**

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For more information or to volunteer, contact Linda Hubbard, Volunteer Coordinator, Moore County Schools at 947-2342 or lhubbard@mcs.k12.nc.us

## Sandhills Ladies Bowling League

Anyone interested in joining a fun group of lady bowlers, please join the group at Sandhills Bowling Center. The Ladies League will be holding their first General Meeting on Thursday, August 17 at 10:00 am.  
You may sign up then or you can call: Joan Koller, President at 673-8578 or Nancy Paulson, Secretary at 673-4162.  
The Bowling Season begins on Thursday, September 14. Hope to see you there!

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Dwiggins lives in Seven Lakes with her husband, Chris and their 4 1/2 year old daughter, Savannah. She opened her own company last year when GS Communities left as the developer of Seven Lakes West where she had worked since 1996.

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Jennifer Dwiggins

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## Boone to address Lions

The Seven Lakes Lion's Club is pleased to announce Bob Boone, Vice President Professional Services for FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital, as their guest speaker on Thursday, August 17, at 6:00 pm in the Seven Lakes North Club House.

His topic will be an Overview of Moore Regional Hospital and the new FirstVillage currently under construction.

Boone is responsible for most

of the clinical ancillary and support departments (e.g., Laboratory, Imaging, Food and Nutrition, Central Laundry and Security) for the hospital.

He also has system wide responsibility for Rehabilitation Services, plus oversees all the construction activities at the hospital.

For those who desire, a buffet dinner will be provided at 6:30 pm, before the speaker's

presentation. The cost is \$8 per person.

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# Adams joins SLCC Tennis

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Adams is a USPTR certified teaching professional and was most recently Director of Tennis at the National Club. He is past President of Moore Tennis, a USTA Community Tennis Association and currently serves on their Board of Directors. As a former high school tennis coach, he brings 45 years of teaching to Seven Lakes.

Adams will be offering some special Junior Tennis Clinics, from basic beginner's to intermediate players. Plenty of fun with focus on enhancing stroke development and control. Additional clinics will be offered as the season progresses. Youth clinics will be offered after school and also on Saturdays.

Adult clinic's will be offered, from beginner to USTA team play, the time and dates will be announced shortly.

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The tennis shop will offer equipment for basic tennis needs. Next day stringing will also be available.

The tennis shop will be open each morning, Monday through Saturday from 8:30 to 12:00 noon and 2:00 to 4:30 PM, effective August 14. Court time and lessons may be arranged at that time.

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# Auxiliary gets new officers, new name



**Seven Lakes Women Board Members:** Sandi Carl, Nancy Workman, Shirley Kristek, Peggy McCallum, Jo Nicholas, Brenda Massimo and Ginger Finney. Not pictured: Pat Weber.

The Seven Lakes Women's Auxiliary has a new name and a new board for 2006-2007.

On July 5, 2006 the State of North Carolina approved the "Women of Seven Lakes" as the new name. The group is a philanthropic organization sponsoring recreational activities and social events to promote the general well being of the Seven Lakes Community and engage in charitable enterprises in Moore County.

The first Women of Seven Lakes meeting will be held on Thursday, September 7 at 2:00 pm. Monthly meetings are alter-

nated between the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse and the West Side Park Community Center. Everyone is invited to join the Women of Seven Lakes for an exciting year of guest speakers and activities.

The newly elected 2006-2007 Board consists of Co-Presidents – Peggy McCallum and Jo Nicholas; Programs – Brenda Massimo and Pat Weber; Membership – Sandi Carl and Shirley Kristek; Secretary – Nancy Workman and Treasurer – Ginger Finney.

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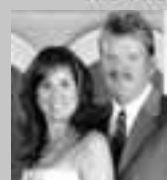
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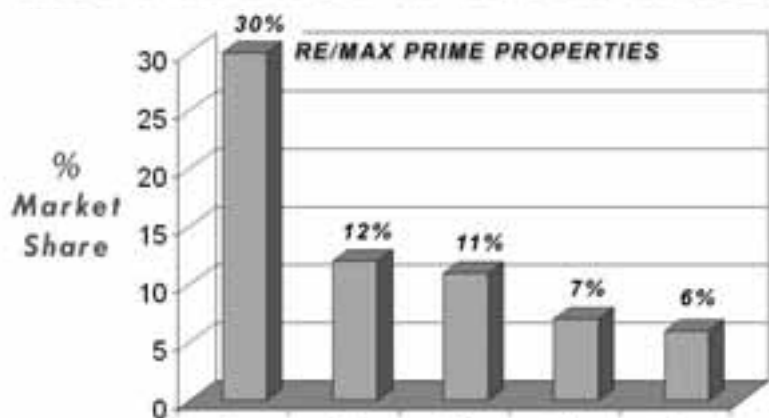


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Meteorologist Jeff Orrock from the National Weather Service in Raleigh is coming to Moore County to talk about our county's chances of getting hit by a devastating and costly hurricane.

Jeff Orrock has done some really interesting research on hurricanes that have affected our state and he has put together a hypothetical hurricane scenario that is designed to get people motivated to prepare for a disaster. His presentation contains jaw-dropping, thought-provoking pictures.

After a refreshment break, Moore County's public safety staff will conduct a session on what you need to prepare your family to survive or evacuate after a disaster.

This all takes place Tuesday, August 8, 6-9 p.m. at Van Dusen Hall, Sandhills Community College. "The biggest problem in getting people to prepare is the disconnect that they feel...that this will never happen to them; it always happens to someone else," says Mr. Orrock.

To register call The Department of Aging at 947-2881.

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# Longnecker, Carlton engaged

Helen and Bill Longnecker of Seven Lakes South, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill, to Christopher Carlton of Chicago, son of Edwin Carlton

and Patricia Carlton of Missouri. Ms. Longnecker is a 1996 graduate of Marple-Newtown Senior High School in Broomall, PA and James Madison Uni-

versity in 2000 with a Bachelor of Social Work. She worked in northern Virginia as a Social Worker for a year before completing her Master of Social Work at UNC-Chapel Hill in 2003.

She has been employed by Connections for the Homeless, a non-profit agency in Evanston, Illinois since 2003, and is currently the Director of Family Services.

Mr. Carlton is a native of Columbia, Missouri. He graduated in 1999 from Southeastern Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science in Education. He is currently an Assistant Vice-President of LaSalle Bank/ABN AMRO in Chicago and also serves in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Their wedding is planned for June 2007 in Chicago.



Jill Longnecker and Christopher Carlton



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# Vietnam Vets help retire aging flags



**Old Glory** — VVA Chapter 966 President Joe Kristek passes a retired flag to Airborne Special Operations Museum Executive Director Sandy Klotz. Four bags containing 145 additional were turned over to be retired.

Over five hundred American Flags have been retired from service through a program that was passed from West End American Legion Post 516 to, newly formed, Moore County Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 966, located in Seven Lakes.

Local veteran's service organizations (VSO's) have accepted some of the retired flags and included them in their flag retirement ceremony. Two of those VSO's are VFW Post 7318 in Southern Pines and American Legion Post 12 in Carthage. The majority of the flags, about four hundred total, have been delivered to the Airborne & Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville by VVA Chapter 966. Museum executive director, Sandy Klotz has been very helpful in accepting the flags.

A flag drop off box, painted red, white and blue, is located in front of the Seven Lakes Hardware & Building Supply store on Rt. 211 in West End.

Not all the flags collected were ready for retirement. With a little cleaning and a minimal amount of sewing, some of the flags are ready to be put back in to service. If a anyone does not have access to an American flag or can't afford to buy one, please contact Joe Kristek 910 673-4562.

## Blood Drive shy of goal

by Jack Lynn

The Bloodmobile was one unit shy of goal with 69 productive units collected. This was an excellent outcome during the low collection summer months and especially so at this time of critical shortage. Most heartening was the continued contribution of our community's younger folks to offset the loss of many older donors due to many factors. And, how about the eleven first time donors!

The next blood drive here will be on Wednesday, September 20 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm at Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Please put this on your calendar and plan to join "regulars" Marianne Anstey, Darrell Collins, Jerome Crutchfield and Carol Mark.

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## Lions add three to pride

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The ladies were sponsored during the induction ceremony by Ray Lambert, the Seven Lakes Lions Club President.

This was the second major membership induction to occur in the club during the past six months. Significantly, the club membership has steadily increased during the past year with nearly 50 members now in the club supporting the mission of the Seven Lakes Lions Club — helping visually and hearing impaired residents of Moore County and North Carolina.

Call Ray Lambert (673-3006) or Howie Pierce (673-2087) for information.



Lions Ray Lambert, President; Samantha Smith, Judy Seldomridge, Cenda Hoogerland.

## Volunteer at School

Linda Hubbard, Volunteer Coordinator for Moore County Schools announced the addition of three new volunteer opportunities for Moore County residents to choose from in addition to traditional opportunities that have been available in Moore County Schools.

**BackPack Pals:** Assist with packing backpacks at the Sandhills Food Bank once a week. BackPacks are distributed to children on Friday afternoons. These children are identified as those that have little to eat over the weekend.

**C.A.R.E Program:** Canine Assisted Reading Education: Volunteer with your dog to be a reading buddy for elementary school students.

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# Foxfire aims to be prepared for disaster

by Elizabeth Schettler

Hurricane Katrina's unimaginable devastation taught communities across the nation an unforgettable lesson: the absolute necessity for an operational plan to be prepared and ready when an unavoidable disaster strikes. Spearheaded by Councilman Carl Munro, such a plan has been developed for Foxfire Village, and its 550 residents, their handsome homes, two excellent golf courses, general store, and Town Hall and offices.

Others who served on the committee were Village Police Chief Rick Rhyne, West End Fire Department Chief Wayne Kennedy, and Scot Brooks, Director of EMS for Moore County. In March, the Foxfire Village Council adopted an Operational Plan as part of FEMA's Hazard Mitigation planning.

The Plan includes:

1. A leadership team comprised of the heads of various departments and, when appropriate, the EMS Director.
2. A protected headquarters area with backup generator to provide electricity and temporary quarters for people needing shelter.
3. A listing of possible emergencies and a rating of each possibility, with assignment of responsibility for leadership in handling the problem.

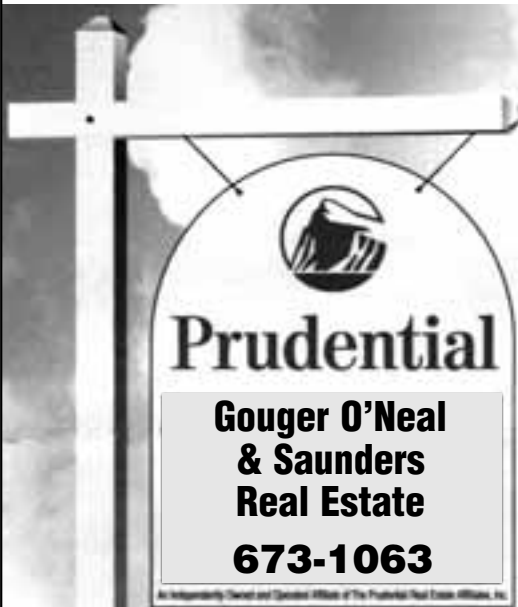
4. A communication system to establish immediate information on all areas in the Village. Of primary concern will be the general welfare of people and to ensure roads are open. Also, each home will be able to signal whether help is needed within the home. The communication system relies on regular phones, cell phones, personal inspection, and if needed, flyers for every

home in the Village.  
5. A road-clearing plan, including local people with the capability of clearing trees that may be blocking streets and plowing to remove snow.  
6. The establishment of CERT training to provide a cadre of people capable of supplying immediate emergency relief for stricken people. This program will require at least a year of training.

For the past several weeks, through a series of meetings and well-prepared information packets, Councilman Munro has informed many of the Villagers of the various elements of this vital program.  
In answer to the question of why such an effort is being made, the Village Council realized that, while there are some emergencies that require outside resources and management,

there are many problems that can be handled by Village residents themselves, and that when there is wide-spread damage, larger population centers will be limited in how much assistance they can provide.  
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# EFTs: Like a mutual fund — but not.

Since my last column on the subject of exchange traded funds some time ago, the use of these unique investment vehicles has increased exponentially. Exchange Traded Funds, or ETFs as they are commonly referred to, offer investors a unique combination of investment diversification and market liquidity at a very low cost.

ETFs are investment securities which are traded like individual stocks on an established stock exchange, mostly on the American Stock Exchange (AMEX). Some are traded on the New York Stock Exchange. I often refer to these securities as 'mutual funds that trade like stocks.'

Although they are technically not mutual funds, each ETF share actually represents a proportionate interest in a group of stocks, often a very large group of stocks. It is this characteristic that resembles a mutual fund and lends a degree of diversification to the security.

ETFs differ from mutual funds in that each ETF share may be bought or sold throughout the

trading day as if it were an individual stock. Through the use of limit and stop orders investors have considerably more control over the price they pay for or



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sell an ETF share. Mutual funds on the other hand trade only once per day and at the price effective at the close of trading on the exchanges. Once a mutual fund trade has been executed the price will be the closing price on the day the trade is executed.

The biggest difference in ETFs and mutual funds is that mutual funds offer portfolio management and ETFs are generally stagnant portfolios, that is there is very little change or turnover in the stocks held by the ETF.

This is because ETFs attempt to duplicate the stock holdings of a specific stock index, such as the Dow Jones industrials Average or the S&P 500. Mutual Funds, on the other hand, contain stocks selected by the fund portfolio manager that may or may not be included in any one specific index. The fund manager's

job is to buy and sell the securities he or she feels will best serve the objectives of the fund spelled out in the fund's prospectus. Because ETFs do not

engage in portfolio management, their inherent fees (expense ratios) are considerably lower, typically anywhere from .15% to .65% depending on the index being followed. Mutual funds must necessarily assess higher expense ratios in order to cover portfolio management fees which translates to overall expenses which can approach or exceed 1.00% of the assets. Because ETFs trade like stocks, transaction fees will apply just like trading stocks.

Because mutual funds offer ongoing portfolio management we would expect mutual funds to outperform ETFs. Of course as an investment manager I know all too well that our best efforts don't always result in

beating market indexes. Actually, I believe that long term growth-oriented portfolios should probably include both mutual funds

(See "ETFs," p. 14)

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and financial planning seminars at the West Side Community Center. More details will be available in the August 18 issue of the Times.

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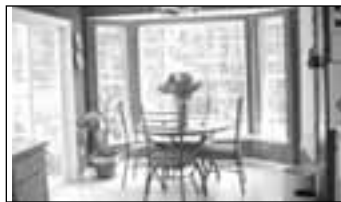
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# Local officer is tops in boating enforcement

Sergeant Mark L. Dutton of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Division of Enforcement was awarded a National Award for being North Carolinas top Boating Law Enforcement Officer of the year.

Dutton was selected among nominations from various types of Federal, State, County and City Law Enforcement Agencies who are responsible for enforcing any of the States Boating Laws. The award is in recognition of outstanding public service, unmatched professionalism in marine law enforcement and personal commitment to ensuring safe and enjoyable recreational boating. The award is pre-

sented on behalf of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and the Southern States Boating Law Administrators Association.

Dutton was nominated by Captain Mark Bruton of Rocky Mount for his enforcement efforts for the 2005-2006 boating season, during which he worked primarily on the Roanoke River and Gaston Lake in Halifax, Northampton, and Warren Counties.

Dutton was promoted in August of 2005 to Area Supervisor for Moore, Richmond, and Anson Counties. Dutton's achievements included an aggressive campaign to reduce the number

of alcohol and drug related boating accidents by focusing on impaired operation and underage drinking and boating violations.

His efforts included joint operation details with the State Alcohol Law Enforcement and State Highway Patrol.

Dutton was responsible for over 45 impaired operation arrests, numerous narcotics and underage drinking arrests, among many other violations of the State boating laws. He worked countless hours on day and night patrol in his efforts to reach his objectives.

Dutton has championed an effort to ensure boating safety on a number of Moore County lakes where he has noticed a need for enforcement efforts.

Dutton attended the National Boating Accident Investigation and Analysis Course in Charleston S.C. offered by Underwriters Laboratories and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

He has served as a District trainer in Accident Investigation. Dutton has investigated a variey boating accidents including some which involved fatali-

ties. He has also participated in a range of search and rescue operations, including one which involved safely navigating to save lives of boaters who were involved in an overturned boat trapped in strong current, rocks and rising water.

Dutton also taught boating education courses and gave several public talks to local civic groups and associations such as Kiwanis, Rotary and Civitan clubs on the importance of boating safety and the role of the State Wildlife Enforcement Offi-

cer.

Dutton is a native of Moore County and has been a State Wildlife and Boating Law Enforcement Officer for over nine years.

He is a Graduate of Pinecrest High School and has a BSBA from Appalachian State University.

He is married to Maggie Mann of Sanford NC and has a son, Colin Poole Dutton who is three years of age.

Dutton and his family are building a home in Foxfire.



NCWRC Sgt. Mark Dutton (left) accepts an award recognizing him as the state's top boating law enforcement officer.

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## FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

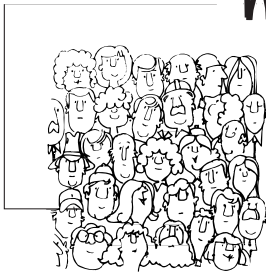
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- **Sunrise Theater – A Prairie Home Companion**, August 4-10, Fri., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. @ 7:30 pm Sat. & Sun. @ 2:30 pm & 7:30 pm. Comedy, Drama, Musical/Performing Arts and Adaptation. Based on Garrison Keillor's radio variety show. Starring Garrison Keillor, Meryl Streep, Lily Tomlin, Kevin Kline, Lindsay Lohan.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

- **Vacation Bible School Jackson Springs Presbyterian Church** – 9 am to 12 Noon, with lunch included. Activities are planned for children in Preschool through Grade 5. A mission offering will be taken to support Amagara House, an orphanage in The Republic of Uganda.
- **NC Zoo Olympics with Special Guest Joey Cheek** – Local hero and Olympic gold medalist Joey Cheek will visit the Zoo to kick off a day of games and activities designed to educate kids about animals' strengths and abilities. Cost of participating in this event is a \$1 donation to Joey's charity, Right to Play. Kids

will receive a game ticket personally signed by Joey. He will sign game tickets from 9 am - 11 am. Games will

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run 9 am - 3 pm.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

- **Li'l Abner Golf Tournament And Dinner** - at SL Country Club. Sign up in the golf shop or 673-1092 for reservations.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

- **Sandhills Community College – Play the Hurricane Lottery**, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Join Sandhills Community College in welcoming their guest National Weather Service Meteorologist, Jeff Orrock. He will share some of his research and hurricane data

on the chance the Sandhills area being affected by "the big one" this year. Room 103, Van Dusen Hall. Refreshments provided. Registration required, call 947-2881.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

- **Project Linus Workshop** – 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 - 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. If you have yarn, material or fleece donations bring them to the meeting. Call Pat Weber 673-1457.
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## THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

- **Swing Carolina Concert** – All Seven Lakers and especially teenage students are invited to attend the Swing Carolina Concert, at 7:00 pm, in the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. The concert will be featuring the all girl trio the "CHICK-PEAS" consisting of three talented teens from Seven Lakes North. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. 673-3335.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

- **Sunrise Theater – An Inconvenient Truth (movie)**, August 11-15; Fri., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. @ 7:30 pm; Sat. & Sun. @ 2:30 pm & 7:30 pm. Documentary and Politics/Religion. Based on Al Gore's book. The documentary ultimately brings home Gore's persuasive argument that we can no longer afford to view global warming as a political issue – rather, it is simply one of the biggest moral challenges facing every person in our times. 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines. 910-692-3611.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 14

- **National Active & Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Sandhills Chapter 1895** – monthly meeting, 10:30 am at the Community

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

- **Attracting Bluebirds to Your Backyard** – 10 - 11 am. Helen Munro, an active member of the NC Bluebird Society will discuss how to make one's backyard an inviting setting for bluebirds. Sandhills Horticultural Center, Sandhills Community College. RSVP 947-2881.
- **Everything you need to know about County's Zoning Ordinance** – 4:00 pm. Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Village Tomorrow committees – Building Standards (including landscaping), Signage and Permitted Uses. This discussion will give everyone a good understanding of the current county Zoning Ordinance. Kathy Liles of the County Planning Department will lead the discussion. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

- **Sunrise Theater** – *Wordplay* August 18-23 Fri., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. @ 7:30 pm, Sat. & Sun. @ 2:30 pm & 7:30 pm. Documentary. A journey into the world of Will Shortz, the crossword puzzle editor at *The New York Times*. 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines. 910-692-3611.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

- **Seven Lakes West** – Back to School Swimming and Ice Cream Social. 3:00 pm, at West Side Community Center.
- **Seven Lakes Country Club Hawaiian Luau** – Glenn Davis will entertain for the event. Price for members \$21, nonmembers \$26. Dress is casual. 673-1100.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22


- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association** – 7:30 pm. General meeting, West Side Community Center.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24


- **Bookshop by the Lakes** – 7:00 pm, Join the Bookshop book group for a lively and fun discussion of Clyde Edgerton's, *Walking Across Egypt*. The discussion will be held at Coffee Scene. Call 673-5900.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

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# 7 Lakes can no longer depend on wells

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why the county has drilled no new wells in Seven Lakes since 1997. Moore County ultimately acquired the Seven Lakes water system from the developer, managing it first through an independent water board called MOWASA and now through Moore County Public Utilities. The county also owns the large water system that serves Pinehurst, as well as some smaller systems that serve other communities like Hyland Hills on Route 1. Continued growth in the number of homes in Seven Lakes began to tax the capacity of Seven Lakes wells in the late 1990s, so, in 2001, the county connected the Pinehurst and Seven Lakes systems with a water main and pump station that could deliver approximately 700,000 gallons of treated water per day from Pinehurst

to Seven Lakes. The Pinehurst system is also dependent upon wells and groundwater, but has more productive wells. The Pinehurst system also has interconnections to and water purchase arrangements with Aberdeen, which has a groundwater-based system, and with Southern Pines, that draws its water from a 10 million gallon per day water plant on Drowning Creek. The interconnect with Pinehurst eased Seven Lakes' water problems for a few years, until both the Seven Lakes and Pinehurst systems were hit with a regulatory body blow — new procedures for testing the presence of harmful substances in wells. The US Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] sets standards for water quality. New rules implemented last year required water system operators to test water closer to source

wells, rather than testing the blended output of many wells being delivered to customer taps. The new procedures found unacceptable concentrations of radium, a carcinogen, in five of the ten Seven Lakes wells. Those wells had to be taken offline, costing the system more than 230,000 gallons per day in production capacity. Another well was closed because it was contaminated with MTBE — a gasoline additive — apparently coming from the Exxon station at the corner of Seven Lakes Drive and NC Highway 211. The county currently has only three Seven Lakes wells in service, producing roughly 100,000 gallons of water per day. Because Seven Lakes has lost most of its well, the county has had to make up the difference by pumping more water through the Pine-

hurst-Seven Lakes interconnect. The combination of wells and interconnect can deliver approximately 800,000 gallons of water per day to Seven Lakes. Two elevated storage tanks — the distinctive Seven Lakes golf ball and another tank in Seven Lakes West — help balance the flow from the pumps and store a total of 300,000 gallons of water that help prevent a power outage

or other emergency from shutting off the water in Seven Lakes. The county has a project in the works to run a connector between the two Seven Lakes water tanks. This won't increase supply, but should improve water flow in the system. Construction bids on this project are expected to be opened in late August and the project should be completed by the end of the year, Jones told  
(See "Upgrade," p. 19)

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# Upgrade to Pinehurst connector planned

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*The Times.*

### A New Pinehurst Connector

The current connection that carries water from Pinehurst to Seven Lakes is less than ideal, from a hydraulic point of view. The water must flow through the Pinewild water system before it gets to the pumping station, located near West Pine Middle School on NC Highway 211.

"The Pinewild system was not designed to carry water to Seven Lakes," County Engineer Jones told *The Times*. "The bottleneck is hydraulic."

So the county plans to install a "large water main that handrails 211 from Pinehurst to the water main connection near Pinewild. It's a more direct route," in Jones' words. The new twelve inch line will be twelve miles long and is expected to cost more than \$600,000 to build.

Originally, the county had hoped to complete this project before the Summer of 2006. However, Ben Vaughn told *The Times*, approval of the project was delayed at the North Carolina Department of Transportation [NCDOT].

Vaughn was not certain of the reason for the delay, but noted that there had been personnel turnover among those reviewing the water project for NCDOT. Some portions of the project proposal had to be resubmit-

ted by the McGill and Associates, the engineering firm the county is working with on the interconnect.

Whatever factors caused the delay are now out of the way, and bids on the construction of the pipeline were to be opened this past week, Jones told *The Times*. He said he hopes to have a contractor selected and ready for approval by the county commissioners later this month.

The new Seven Lakes - Pinehurst interconnection "should be in the ground and ready by the end of this calendar year," Jones said.

### A new pump

The new water line will improve the hydraulics of the Pinehurst-Seven Lakes connector, but that alone will not bring significantly more water to Seven Lakes. The existing booster station needs to be replaced.

And, unlike the pipeline itself, the new pump, while in the plan, is not yet on the drawing board.

Ben Vaughn told *The Times* that the county will likely be replacing the two existing fifteen horsepower pumps that push water to Seven Lakes with new sixty horsepower pumps. The size of the pumps and the required pipes is simply too large for the existing building near West Pine Middle School. So both the pumps and the building will be replaced.

Jones told *The Times* that the new booster station has not been designed yet. He said he expects that it will be in place, however, "before the next irrigation season," that is, before Summer 2007.

Getting that done on time will require at least two approvals from the County Board of Commissioners: one for the design contract and another for the construction contract.

### A new well

The new water main and new pumps will allow more water to moved from Pinehurst into the Seven Lakes system — up to fifty percent more water — increas-

ing the water potentially available to Seven Lakers from 800,000 gallons per day to 1.2 million  
(See "New well," p. 20)

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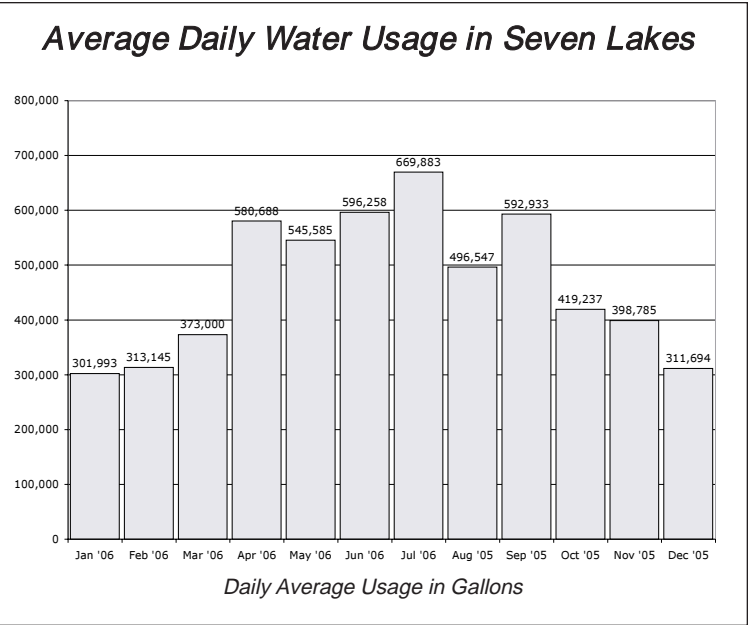
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# New well is best hope for next summer

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gallons per day.

If all goes according to plan, the new pipe and pump will be able carry that much water to Seven Lakes next summer, but will Pinehurst have the extra water to spare?

According to the County Engineer, that will depend on the success of a new well planned for the Pinehurst system.

Pinehurst's water system shares many of the challenges that are affecting the Seven Lakes system: a traditional reliance on ground water, contaminated wells, a system taxed to capacity, and residents who use extraordinary amounts of water in the dry summer months to ensure that their lawns stay green.

"The days when Seven Lakes was using close to 800,000 gallons per day, the total for the system was 3.7 million gallons," Marcus Jones told *The Times*. "That's when we stay up late at night worrying about it. The system is getting taxed when it hits that level."

The Pinehurst system lost two wells in 2005 to radium contamination uncovered by the new EPA testing procedures, resulting in a 500,000 gallon per day decrease in the amount of groundwater that system can tap. Pinehurst had to increase its water purchases from Southern Pines and Aberdeen to make up for the shortfall.

The county hopes to resurrect those two high-yield wells, Number 5 and Number 9, and Seven Lakes' hope for additional water next summer may depend on the success of that project.

The county has selected a site to drill a new Number 5 well

about 300 feet from the site of the old Number 5 well. Jones told *The Times* that new drilling procedures and well technology make it possible to tap groundwater while avoiding mobilizing the naturally occurring radium in the soil. Once the new well is drilled, water from it will be combined with water from the Number 9 well before it enters the water system, which should reduce the radium concentration to acceptable levels.

If the plan works, the two wells in combination will add 500,000 gallons per day to the system — water that can help meet summer demand in both Pinehurst and Seven Lakes. There is no guarantee, of course, that the water from the new well will be sufficiently radium-free.

The county Board of Commissioners approved an option to purchase the new well site during their July 17 meeting, clearing the way for a test well to be drilled. If that proves successful, the new water source should be online before next summer.

## Water from Harnett County

Though the new well Number 5 is the nearest term new water source the county has on its agenda, the longer term outlook is for buying treated water from Harnett County, our neighbor to the east.

Harnett County draws water from the Cape Fear River and treats it in a plant that currently has a capacity of 10 million gallons per day, with plans to upgrade that to 35 million gallons per day.

Moore is already buying water from Harnett to use in the East Moore Water district and ultimately plans to extend the availability of that water to Pinehurst

and Seven Lakes. Accomplishing that requires completing two projects:

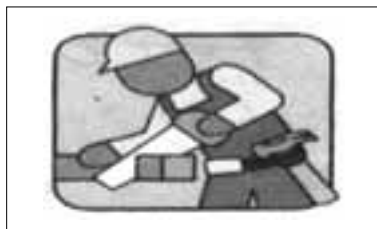
- A new interconnect that will

stretch from Pinehurst up US Highway 15-501 to McCaskill Road, where it will tie into Phase II of the East Moore

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• Completion of the initial build-

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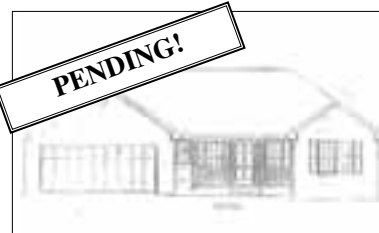
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# County will fund long-range water study

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out of Phase II of the East Moore Water District, to carry the Harnett County water down to McCaskill Road.

It is the second of these two projects that could slow down the process, Jones told *The Times*. East Moore is a massive project involving 85 miles of water lines and dependent in part on federal funding. The availability of those funds has already delayed the project to some degree.

The project design is complete and it is now in the permitting phase, during which the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Transportation, and other regulatory agencies examine and, the county hopes, approve the project. There is also some land acquisition to be completed.

Jones said that Eastmoore Phase II is expected to go to the bid stage before the end of this year. Once those bids are in hand, the board of commissioners will have to approve the company selected to do the work. If all goes according to plan, the project may be completed by year-end 2007 — but it will not be ready in time to provide any Harnett County water to Seven Lakes next summer.

The 15/501 pipeline and associated booster station that will connect Pinehurst to East Moore is, by comparison, a much simpler project. Jones said it, too, is in the permitting stage.

The design is already in place. A contractor for the project will have to be selected through a bidding process and the company selected will need the approval of the county board of commis-

sioners.

Once complete, this connection to Harnett County will add one million additional gallons per day of treated water to the Pinehurst-Seven Lakes system.

## The long, long term

Both Pinehurst and Seven Lakes are "growing like weeds," as Jones put it, adding an average of nineteen new water taps every month. And every single-family tap means another 200-300 gallons per day of water use.

The rest of Moore County — and the rest of North Carolina — is growing as well. In many communities around the state, the availability of water is becoming a key factor influencing where growth can occur and determining the pace of that growth.

In their July 17 meeting, the

Moore County Board of Commissioners authorized the county staff to negotiate a contract with McGill and Associates, an engineering firm based in Western North Carolina, to conduct a study of the county's long-term water needs.

Jones told *The Times* that the study will project the need for water out to 2050 and look at the advantages and disadvantages of various sources of supply. The study is expected to take twelve to eighteen months to complete.

## Enough water?

Meeting the water needs of Moore County's rapidly growing communities — places like Seven Lakes — is a complex and expensive task.

But Jones is confident that the county's water needs, in the

short term and the long term, can be met.

"I'm lying up at night, awake, worrying about where we're going to get enough water and what we are going to have to pay for it," Jones told *The Times*, "but I am not staying awake worrying about whether there will be enough water."

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# OPINION

## Well-honed barbs tickle the funny bone

When I was growing up, my mother told me that it wasn't nice to insult any one. She was right, of course. It isn't nice. But I would regret to tell Mom that I haven't always been nice.

"He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know."

— Abraham Lincoln

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it."

— Groucho Marx

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."

— Mark Twain

"He has no enemies but is intensely disliked by his friends."

— Oscar Wilde

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play. Bring a friend . . . if you have one."

— George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend the second . . . if there is one."

— Winston Churchill, in reply

And the two sent to me by Bud Sales:

The reply by Winston Churchill to the woman who chided him for being a bit tipsy, and he said: "Yes, madam, I am a bit drunk and you are ugly. But tomorrow I shall be sober . . ."

Or the writer who was accosted by a critic who said to him, "I'd happily engage you in a battle of the wits but, alas, I see that you are unarmed."

But, I think that Mom would have laughed at these insults.

## No need to get excited. Board is ready to work.

Dear Editor

I feel compelled to present my views on recent communications addressed to Board members by resident landowners. Instead of replying separately to each of these letters, I would like to comment on them collectively. Let me state up-front, that while all of the letters appear to be well-intentioned, they have a vitriolic tone that is unsettling to me, and I'm sure to other Board members as well.

Our present Board has tried very hard to put in place improvements that are responsibly consistent with what Seven Lakes deserves, and at the same time it is dealing with issues that have major cost implications as well. We are a very congenial Board with a common purpose; to manage the affairs of our community with fiscal prudence in the best interest of us all. We are charged with the very important responsibility to provide stewardship of all of our assets. You have elected us to do nothing less.

That having been said, it is also this Board's practice to manage with utmost transparency.

This, unfortunately in my opinion, has become part of the problem.

For instance, when our President runs the Board's budget items and long-range

come to any one decision.

There must be a balance struck between maintaining and enhancing our present amenities and the costs of keeping our infrastructure sound.

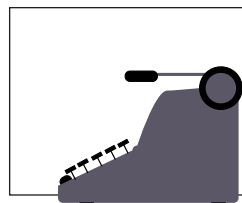
For now, my message is not to be alarmed by our openness; do not feel overwhelmed by cost projec-

tions, and try not to be negative towards anything that transpired in the past. Your new Board is a very competent one . . . we will do what we have to in keeping with the commitment we made when you elected us. We have a fiduciary responsibility which guides our every decision.

In conclusion, rest assured in the knowledge that every Board's legacy is perpetual; its accomplishments and/or failures are the foundations to build upon. They are learning experiences. Your current Board is up to the task. Please give us the chance to live up to your expectations.

### Your Turn

Edward Nuti  
Seven Lakes  
Landowners Board



cost projections in the newspaper, he is trying to be as openly communicative as he can, but some readers have become alarmed and try to solve the perceived problem by suggesting actions of their own. When our Treasurer holds a public meeting to elicit ideas for financing the Echo Dam repairs, some folks decide that one of the "ideas" is so intolerable that a better way would be to attack and address our administrative costs. It is possible that we will have to address such costs in the future, but not at the expense of a consideration of all budget expense items. It is much too soon to

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I'm excited about my new

career teaching High School students, but will very much miss my customers whom I con-

sider my friends.

God Bless you all.

Brian Nayman

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Ollie's  
Thoughts  
Oliver Gossard

But, alas, I have never had the sharpness of wit to insult anyone with the elegance of language as shown by the following quotes.

"He has all of the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."

— Winston Churchill

"A modest little person with much to be modest about."

— Winston Churchill

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure."

— Clarence Darow

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary."

— William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemmingway)

"Poor Faulkner. Does he really think big emotions come from big words?"

— Ernest Hemmingway (about William Faulkner)

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— Moses Hadas



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# Community should pay its own way

Dear Editor:

A couple of observations concerning the latest SLLA proposals:

1. The proposal to use barcodes & automated gates, instead of stickers, in order to free-up our gate guards to focus on visitors, has some merit. However, our Board should not "save" much of the money (\$18,000) to accomplish this, by taking away 4 more hours of manned gates from the South side. I realize that the South side doesn't get the volume of visitors that the North side does, but does that make us "less-er" members of the SLLA? After all, we do all pay the same dues. The South side has only 16 hours of manned gates as it is, while the North

side has 24-hour coverage. It seems that the Board is giving to all of us, with one hand, while taking away from some of us, with the other. That's not the way this proposal should be accomplished.

2. As for the suggestion "to base our dues on tax values - the higher the home value, the more you pay in dues," talk about discrimination! Gee, I'd make out fine, but folks with big houses don't get any more benefits from the SLLA than those with small homes.

3. I understand that the repairs on Echo Dam will be expensive, and that the SLLA is concerned (rightfully so) with the future paving needs in our community. However, I'm incredulous when I read that

one of the solutions to both these problems, is incorporation. I'm appalled at the way of thinking that says, 'Let the State of North Carolina take over our problems and save

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us.' When we moved to Seven Lakes, seven years ago, one of the main reasons was because Seven Lakes was not incorporated. We didn't want to pay city taxes, in addition to federal,

state and county taxes. I don't think we are alone in that feeling. Having said that, we also realized that that decision entailed certain risks/responsibilities; among them, financial. If the SLLA pressing financial needs, it would be up to us, and the other SLLA landowners, to meet those needs.

I'm tired of hearing people (mostly newcomers from urban areas) complain that the state or county should pay for this or that, because where they came from, that's how it was done. Well, that was there, not here. If you wanted the state/county to handle all your problems, you should've moved to an incorporated area, not an unincorporated, gated community.

Just because you didn't do your homework, don't try to turn Seven Lakes into the area from whence you came. I think most of us like Seven Lakes for what it is; a nice, semi-rural, private and secure community. It's a com-

munity where we don't depend on, or ask, the state/county to bail us out. The cost is too high.

As to financing the dam repairs: Nobody likes to spend money needlessly, but if it can be done by each family being assessed \$270, then that's the way it is. I'm sure the Board could make arrangements for the payments to be made over, say, a six-month period, if necessary. As for the future road paving needs, I'm sure the Board could be similarly creative with payment options.

In regards paying for dam repairs and road paving, let me clear up what I'm sure some of you are thinking: No, I'm not rich. I have to pinch pennies, just like many of you do. Just think that this is our community, and we shouldn't depend on anyone else to solve our problems. It's not easy, but it's the right way to do things.

Larry Yates  
Seven Lakes South

## Quail Haven needs volunteers

Quail Haven extends an open invitation to everyone to join their Volunteer Team. Volunteers may work with the Village Apartment and Inn residents in a wide variety of activity settings. "New volunteers are always needed and welcomed," said Barbara Dice, Volunteer Coordinator.

Dice and Joan Hoover, Training Coordinator, invite all interested persons to join them in their 9th Annual Volunteer Orientation and Luncheon on Saturday, September 9.

Volunteers may choose their own schedule. A commitment of 30 to 60 minutes per week allows time to develop a special one-on-one relationship or the opportunity to interact with many residents during a scheduled Quail Haven activity. Volunteers need no previous experience, just a friendly smile and caring spirit.

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at other times, conditions worsen. The uncertainty becomes a bothersome aspect of the illness. The one thing for sure is that there is no cure.  
I know many of you have heard from me before; pleading for support to help those with Multiple Sclerosis. This year is not different, the cause remains the same.  
It is a bit different for me this time, though. That is why I am

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writing this letter later than usual. I have had a problem with my heart rhythm (atrial fibrillation) that required an operation this past

spring and I needed to see if I could do the tour again. Well, I believe I can. I have been riding my bike and have improved enough to try.  
I am glad to say that on September 9 and 10, I will be doing the 90 mile bicycle ride called the Tour to Tanglewood. This will be my 13th year in this event to raise money to help those with Multiple Sclerosis.  
The really neat thing is that I had a serious heart problem that could be improved, allowing me to do this. Please help me help those that, so far, do not have that option. Your dona-

tions will be used to fund research to treat Multiple Sclerosis and to help those with this disease have an improved life.  
Please send any donation you can to P.O. Box 628, West End, NC 27376 made payable the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and maybe someday people with MS can ride their bikes in support of those of us with heart problems.  
Thank you for your support of this important cause!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Pete McKay  
Seven Lakes

## Group preserves history of WWII planes and aviation

The CAF Carolinas Wing is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the aircraft and history of World War II aviation. The group exists to maintain historical aircraft and does so through the generosity of the community.  
The Airplane currently being maintained for the nations history is called the AT-19 Reliant. It was first developed as a sports enthusiast plane in 1936.  
When America entered World War II, production of civilian Reliants ended, and some were pressed into the service for the U.S. Army Air Corps as UC-81 utility transports. In July of 1942, however, England placed an order for 500 Reliants for use as instrument and navigation trainers. The new design, based on the SR-10 civilian airframe, was given the Stinson company number of V-77 (Stinson having become a subsidiary of Vultee in October, 1939, thus the V designation). Designated the AT-19 by the USAAC, the British simply called it the Reliant.  
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# Engineer explains Echo Dam repairs

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Thompson explained that all earthen dams have a certain amount of seepage. "That's just a part of how it works," he told the crowd of landowners. "It becomes an issue when the seepage is excessive or when it is eroding soils on the downstream face."

Ultimately, too much seepage can cause dam failure, Thompson said. "We're not close to that on Echo, but the Environment and Natural Resources wants it addressed."

The repair that Thompson described is relatively simple. Soil will be removed from a large area of the downstream face of the dam, including all area where seepage has been observed. The area will then be covered with a layer of very small gravel, which will help carry water away from the affected areas. The small gravel will then be overlaid with either large riprap stone or with two feet of topsoil.

In addition to preparing the design for the repairs, Hobb-Upchurch will also solicit bids on the repair work, certify that bidders are qualified, and oversee the repair process. Thompson said a response is expected from the state in August and the repair work itself could be started in September.

One resident asked whether the engineers had considered installing a liner in the lake to prevent seepage. Thompson said they had not, but noted that such a project would likely be very expensive.

Another person asked where the seepage goes. Thompson said it flows downstream into Lake Sequoia. Putting the new rock layer on the face will give

the water a path that will not cause erosion on the face of the dam. A new rock channel to be installed at the bottom of the dam will then carry it to Lake Sequoia.

Thompson said he estimates the cost of the repairs to be \$200,000 to \$260,000 but noted that construction costs are quite volatile right now.

**Announcements.** SLLA Vice President Jeff Herman presided at the meeting, filling in for the vacationing Don Truesdell.

Herman announced that the board has approved in its July 20 work session the installation of barcode activated entry gates in one of the entrance lanes at both the North and South Gates.

The board also revised the community rules and regulations to ban airboats on the lakes, as well as any airborne devices pulled by boats on the lakes. The latter language was aimed at preventing use of "kite tubes," large floating tubes that are designed to become airborne when towed by a boat.

Community Manager Dalton Fulcher noted that the board had approved replacement of one of the air conditioner units in the North Clubhouse at a cost of \$6,000.

**Community Standards.** Herman said 26 rules violations had been reported to the community standards committee during the past month.

Eighteen of those were placed on a high priority list because of multiple complaints — many involved unkempt lawns or similar infractions. By the time of the meeting, eight had corrected the situation that led to the complaint.

Herman noted that a letter has been sent to one resident

indicating his case will be taken up by the Judicial Committee.

**Recreation.** Director Jack Fathauer reported that efforts are underway to clean up and fix up the childrens' playground near the North Clubhouse. New benches and tetherball equipment have been ordered. Maintenance crews will be building new trash cans for the area.

The new flex court surface for the community tennis courts should be received in about four

weeks, Fathauer said. The Recreation Committee is currently working on a plan for repairing or upgrading the fence and lights at the courts.

Estimates are being gathered on a new fence for the pool, poly pavement has arrived for a test on the walking trail, and the new stable roof is complete, he added.

A joint pool party will be scheduled with Seven Lakes Country Club at the Northside Pool on

Labor Day. Details will be published once plans are set.

Later in the meeting Recreation Director Chad Beane noted that a new program had been started allowing mothers with small children to use the kiddie pool mornings from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

**Lakes & Maintenance.** Director Ed Nuti said he had asked Community Manager Dalton

(See "Cookie," p. 27)



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# 'Cookie-cutter' houses cause concern

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Fulcher to implement a new procedure for overseeing the removal of debris from the SLLA maintenance yard.

"Except for the road leading in," Nuti said, "the appearance of the maintenance yard is improving."

**By-Laws.** Nuti said his By-Laws committee has included a reformatting and review of the rules and regulation in its mission. Definitions in both documents have been standardized, and the panel is working on a number of other enhancements and clarifications, including:

- Clarifying the definition of "a member in good standing,"
- Requiring that minutes be taken at closed sessions of the board.
- Adding a provision for removing a director.
- Clarifying existing provisions on voting rights and board eligibility.

Nuti noted that any proposed changes will have to be approved by the board and will be publicized to the membership before any final decision is reached.

**Security.** "The good news is that there is not a lot to report," Director Michael Florence said, opening his security report.

Florence did ask residents to report any information they might have about an incident on Tuesday night, July 25, when the North Gatehouse was shot with ten or twelve yellow paintballs. Florence said the Sheriff's Office had an officer on the scene in less than five minutes when called about that incident.

Florence encouraged residents to report security issues to the office during business hours or the the North Gate after hours. "If the problem is serious enough," Florence added, call the Sheriff's Office directly.

Florence said that he hoped to have a full-fledged Community Watch program up and running by Fall.

**Finance.** Treasurer Steve Hudons reported that, as of the end of June, the Association had income of \$1,048,000, of which \$991,000 were from dues. Dues for the current year are about 93 percent collected, he said. Expenses for the year to date were \$213,000.

Hudson thanks those who

attended a July 11 meeting on the financing of Echo Dam repairs. "No decisions have been made as yet," he added. "That will to come when we start getting actual estimates and bids in."

**Architectural review.** Reporting for Director Ron Richmond, Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane said the Architectural Review Committee had approved two spec homes in the past month, one on the North Side and one on the South Side.

Noting that he had heard some erroneous rumors about homes being approved that failed to meet square footage standards, Beane noted that the new North Side home would include 1,717 square feet; the South Side home, 1,810 square feet.

**Public Comment.** In the Public comment segment of the meeting, one attendee who noted he had been a resident for 24 years said, said "I understand that the [Association] employees are now required to pay some of their health insur-

ance cost, and I think that is one hundred percent wrong." Such a policy might be defensible for new hires, he said, but the structure of health benefits should not be changed for existing employees.

Seven Lakes Civic Group President Dave Kinney encouraged residents to act promptly to conserve water. "I read in *The Times* that we were skirting water diaster on the 17, 18, and 19 of July," Kinney said. The total supply is 800,000; we averaged using 787,000 gallons. We used 804,000 gallons on one day."

"We have a choice," Kinney said. "Either we get with it on voluntary conservation or it's going to be mandated. That will be tougher and there could be fines. Take a shower with a friend. Water your landscaping every third day or every fourth day."

Another resident encouraged the board to have security officers stop and check on children swimming in Echo Lake,

noting that parents often let children swim unaccompanied in the lake.

Picking up on the topic, another resident said that, for safety's sake, lakefront landowners should not let children swim off their docks.

"People should use the public areas to swim," Community Manager Fulcher replied. "Some of the lake bottoms drop off very quickly. Landowners should not allow children to swim in those

areas.

Noting that many new spec homes seem to look too much the same, one resident asked whether the architectural review committee was attuned to the problem. Chad Beane said the committee does try to pay attention to home styles and avoid have too many that look too similar close together. Fulcher said many of the vacant lots remaining are relatively narrow, limiting design options.



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# Private fireworks caused problem on 4th

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straightened more.

MacKay noted that he had provided opportunity for public input in a set of public meetings — sparsely attended public meetings — before the board approved the construction plan.

"If you had been around a year ago when I held the meetings on this, that was when constructive criticism could have been given. The board made a decision, presented it in the budget," MacKay said. Later, he added, "Next time I hold a meeting, show up!"

Both Meikle and Director Virgil Reid said Hoffman's was the first criticism they had heard of the appearance of the new curb-and-gutter exit road.

Turning to other matters, MacKay said the intersection at James Drive and Morris had been converted to a four-way stop.

He said the combination lock on the boat and trailer yard would be changed back to the old key lock system on August 1. Residents will have to present their Storage Yard Permit Card at the front gatehouse to obtain the key.

**President's Report.** Lake Auman is full, but the county water system that serves Seven Lakes is being overtaxed a lack of rain, Meikle told landowners as he opened the meeting. He encouraged residents to conserve water by washing cars infrequently, watering lawns only every three or four days, and watering early in the morning.

**Acoustics.** Meikle directed landowners' attention to the new acoustic coating that had been applied to the ceiling of the West Side Park Community Center Great Room since the last monthly SLWLA meeting. The proof of its effectiveness would be during the first large gathering in the hall, he said.

**Lot clearing.** The board approved new rules for lot clearing during its last work session in response to concerns expressed in the June General Meeting. The new rules require permits for lot clearing to build a home or any other lot clearing that involves the use of heavy equipment. No permit is required simply to hand-clear underbrush and scrub oaks.

**NCWRC.** "We have just recent-

ly received a communication from the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission," Meikle reported. "As soon as we have anything positive or negative to share, we will get back to you."

**Manager's report.** Community Manager Tony Robertson told members that the SLWLA is in the process of establishing a small library at Westside Park. "If you like to read and have books to share, we would appreciate contributions," he said. The library will be set up in the craft room and will operate completely on the honor system. Robertson said books to be donated could be dropped off at the SLWLA office.

**Finance.** Treasurer Virgil Reid presented a new, detailed report on SLWLA revenues and expenditures — the fruit of a conversion to the Quickbooks accounting system.

The report provides substantial detail in both revenue and expense accounts and provides comparisons to budgeted amounts on both a monthly and year to date basis.

Reid said the board is still debating whether to apply a portion of Association reserves to pay down the Westside Park mortgage. Interest income would be lost by the move, but interest expenses would be saved.

**Environment.** Mary Anne Fewkes said repairs were underway to a number of the Lake Auman buoys and noted she was looking for volunteers to paint buoys as well as some strong-backed volunteers to put the buoys in place.

Fewkes said Kathy Leonard, the Johnson Point security guard, has noticed a number of people using Johnson Point to launch canoes. Fewkes asked residents for feedback on whether it would be desirable to place a canoe rack at the Point so residents could store their canoes there.

A resident asked whether the SLWLA has a rule against kite tubes — tubes that, when pulled behind a speedboat, are designed to become airborne. Fewkes said Association has no rule against the devices but suggested that common sense would rule against using the devices, which she said the

Army Corps of Engineers has banned on a number of lakes.

**Public comment.** A resident from Mace Point said that her yard had been subject to aerial bombardment on the evening of July 4th — the result of neighbors setting off fireworks — including very large rockets. President Meikle noted that fireworks, even if legal under North Carolina law, are not legal in Seven Lakes West. The resi-

dent asked that the board publicize this fact heavily prior to July 4 next year.

Earlier in the meeting a resident asked what legal fees had been incurred in contesting NCWRC jurisdiction on Lake Auman. NCWRC related fees represent the bulk of the \$11,000 the board has spent on legal fees this year, Reid replied. He noted that the precise amount would be posted on the Seven

Lakes West website in the minutes of the July 11 board work session.

Another resident asked why the Seven Lakes Landowners Association was not sharing in this expense. Meikle explained that, early on, the two associations had cooperated on the issue.

However, after the Easter Sunday raid by Commission officers on Lake Auman, the SLWLA

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kicked its legal efforts into high gear, including retaining a Raleigh based lawyer with experience in dealing with the NCWRC. The SLLA has not been involved in those efforts, Meikle said.

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Each morning, Benoist attaches her husband to a monitoring station, called a "turtle," that measures his blood pressure, pulse, temperature, weight, pulse oxygen and blood sugar. After answering a series of program-posed questions about her husband's condition, she presses a button and transmits his medical information to the home health nurse monitoring his progress.

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FirstHealth's telehealth service, which uses equipment provided by ViTel Net of McLean, Va., began with a pilot program funded by the Moore Regional Hospital Foundation. The pilot worked so successfully that FirstHealth and the Foundation partnered to purchase 18 telehealth units as well as four dig-

ital camera kits to be used for wound assessment.

The Duke grant will allow FirstHealth to acquire 70 additional monitoring units and four additional high-resolution digital cameras, and to hire a full-time telehealth nurse coordinator to manage the program, which is available in Moore, Richmond,

Montgomery, Anson, Scotland, Lee, Hoke and Harnett counties.

"Right now we have a waiting list for the monitors," Upham says. "This will allow us to offer the service to a greater number of our patients who could benefit from the program."

# World Series

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they had – they played all out in nine games in five days of extreme heat – what an effort," stated Coach Tim Maples. "To follow-up the NC USSSA State Championship win with a runner-up finish in the USSSA World series is quite an accomplishment - this is a first for our area and the culmination of years of hard work," added Maples. The Spurs finished the 2006 season with the highest division power ranking in the nation, an overall record of 26-10 and a divisional record of 17-2 in which the only two losses were to the World Series champion. "It's been a real pleasure to coach this team – they love baseball and are very supportive of each other. They are not just good ball players – they're fine young men," Maples commented.



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