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Still no Area A committee chair

The Area A Small Area Plan Steering Committee is still in need of a chairman — and it's not clear when they will get one.

Although the Moore County Planning Board had recommended one of their own — Seven Lakes Civic Group President Dave Kinney — for the job, the commissioners named Watts Auman to the post during their August 7 meeting. But Auman declined the offer.

So the appointment wound up back on the Commissioner's agenda for August 21. But, when the item came up, Chairman David Cummings exercised his right to pull it off the agenda. Asked why, by Commis-

sioner Tim Lea, Cummings said there had been "an oversight made in the Planning Department getting information to this board before the last meeting."

Cummings told *The Times* after the meeting that Planning Department staff, in forwarding the Planning Board's recommendation to the commissioners, had neglected to mention that both Kinney and their recommended Area A Vice Chairman, Paul Hodges, would serve as non-voting members of the Steering Committee. Hodges was appointed Vice Chairman during the August 7 commissioners meeting.

(See "Area A," p. 37)

Water problem was false alarm

The e. coli contamination that two weeks ago had Seven Lakes and Pinehurst residents stocking up on bottled water likely never entered the water supply, Moore County Engineer Marcus Jones told *The Times* in an interview on Tuesday.

"We're fairly certain that it was a contamination of the test site," Jones said. The test site in question was an outside faucet at a residence in Pinehurst.

Every month the county draws water from fifteen different test sites sprinkled throughout the Seven Lakes/Pinehurst water system. Jones explained that there are a total of 45 or 50 test sites that are sampled in a three month rotation.

All the test sites are residences or businesses that draw

their water from the county. "We try to create a sample that is representative of the system as a whole," Jones said.

Concerns about bacterial contamination first surfaced in the samples take on August 14 and 15. One of the fifteen, drawn from a Pinehurst location, showed elevated levels in the "total coliform" test. This is not the same as "e. coli" or "fecal coliform," but can serve as a warning of elevated fecal coliform levels.

Once they found elevated total coliform levels, the county was required to perform additional tests.

Jones told *The Times* that they were required to retest the site where elevated total coliform levels were found as well as a site five taps upstream

(See "Water," p. 36)

Reading for the Record



David Ramchad and Norma Sullins read The Little Engine that Could at Bookshop by the Lakes in Seven Lakes and help set a world record for the most kids and adults reading the same book in a single day.

Mike Finney joins board

Mike Finney has joined the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors, to fill out the unexpired term of Bill Parker, who resigned several weeks ago.

SLWLA President Jim Meikle announced Finney's appointment during the August 22 general meeting of the Association. Meikle said Finney has an extensive background in electrical engineering and has served as director of public utilities for a number of cities and towns, as well as managing co-ops. Finney will chair the Architectural Review Committee.

Meikle thanked four other landowners who asked to be considered for the post — Geor-

gia Pollnow, Tony Rocco, Steve Tableman, and Holton Easter.

Adopt-A-Road. Noting that the board had heard many com-

plaints about accumulations of trash along the roadways in Seven Lakes West, Meikle said the board will be implementing and "Adopt-A-Road" program under the leadership of Jo Kinney. A sign-up sheet was made available in the back of the

room at the meeting for sign-ups. Others interested can contact Kinney or the Landowners Office. Meikle noted that the Association would not be erecting signs along community streets noting who had "adopted" that particular roadway.

Water emergency.

Meikle said he and other board members

had worked to notify as many members as possible of the emergency water quality notice issued by Moore County Public Utilities on August 18.

"We did what we could to alert everyone, but it does point

(See "Westside," p. 33)

West Side Landowners
Meeting

8/22

Judicial panel issues fine to boat owner

Roughly two dozen landowners turned out for the third meeting of the Judicial Committee of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association, called to consider charges that the noise from Pinnacles resident Andrew Aylett's boat constituted a nuisance and that Aylett had indecently exposed himself in front of a number of lakefront residents while urinating from the back of his boat on the evening of Sunday July 9.

Aylett appeared at the hearing to answer the charges, the first time a defendant has appeared at a SLWLA Judicial Committee meeting. Also on hand were attorneys representing the association and Aylett.

After hearing evidence and argument from both sides, the committee found that Aylett had already agreed to muffle his boat and to apologize to the families near whose lakefront homes the incident of exposure had occurred. The committee fined Aylett \$100 for noise violations and in addition ruled that his privilege to use his boat on

the lake would be revoked through May 31, 2007. "During that time the boat cannot be on or in Lake Auman," Merical said.

Aylett has the right to appeal the Judicial Committee's decision to the full SLWLA Board of Directors. After the hearing was adjourned, Aylett's attorney, Michael Newman of Van Camp, Meacham, and Newman, told *The Times* that he did not know whether his client would appeal the decision.

Though Community Advocate Bud Sales had assembled a half-dozen witnesses to testify against Aylett, only Peyton Gentry of Lawrence Overlook was actually called to testify. Gentry recounted how members of his extended family, gathered for Sunday dinner, had witnessed Aylett drop his swim trunks and urinate from the back of his boat, which was resting 150-200 feet from shore off Lawrence Overlook.

Aylett's attorney, Newman, stipulated that the testimony of additional witnesses would be largely identical to that of Gentry.

Newman said repeatedly that his client did not deny and in fact regretted the incident and wished to apologize to the Gentrys and other homeowners in the area, and Aylett confirmed his desire to apologize.

Newman said that Aylett had had his prostate removed, making bladder control more difficult. He noted that Aylett's boat at the time lacked a ladder, making it impossible for him to jump into the lake to relieve himself, since he would not have been able to climb back into the boat.

In both his opening and closing statements, Newman asked repeatedly, "Why are we here?" He said his client had admitted his mistake and wanted to apologize — and that he and SLWLA Attorney Stephen Later had

reached an agreement on mufflers to be installed on Aylett's boat.

Newman said the association and its attorney had consistently asked for greater and greater concessions from Aylett, including that he accept the loss of lake privileges for a year and agree to a year-long probationary period during which any further rules infraction could result in a lifetime loss of lake privileges. Newman repeated referred to the loss of lake privileges for a year as "the death penalty."

"There's no one here who would consent to that," he told the committee.

In addition, Newman said, the association had demanded that Aylett make a public apology to the community as a whole, apparently through publication in

either the SLWLA newsletter or *The Seven Lakes Times*. Noting that this demand exceeded the sanctions available to the Judicial Committee, Newman asked where such a demand had come from. He said it "seemed to be the result of a bad cocktail party." Earlier in the meeting he referred to the landowners who attended the hearing as "the peanut gallery."

Newman was frequently interrupted by SLWLA attorney Stephen Later, who disputed details of his statements about the various letters, emails, and draft agreements that had passed between the parties.

Judicial Committee Chairman Charlie Merical seemed determined to cut through the clutter of claim and counterclaim to

(See "Hearing," p. 35)

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Construction of barcode lanes imminent

Construction to install new barcode readers in the residents' entrance lanes at the Seven Lakes North and South gates is expected to begin next week, Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] President Don Truesdell told the handful of members who braved torrential rain and an electrical storm to attend the August Gen-

eral Meeting of the Association. The residents' entrance lane will be closed for one day on each side while construction is underway.

Truesdell encouraged residents who have not purchased barcode decals to do so as soon as possible. "It will make your life easier," Truesdell said.

Landowners with stickers who

choose not to purchase barcode decals will still be able to gain entrance to the community through the visitors' gate.

Recreation. Director Jack Fathauer noted that we are nearing the end of the swimming season, but reminded all parents that the Association's rules and regulations forbid children under the age of 16 from swimming or diving in any community lake without responsible adult supervision.

Moore County's Summer Swimming League Championships were held at the SLLA pool earlier this month. The Seven Lakes Stingray Swimming Team took second place in the meet.

A tetherball court has been installed in the playground area and new benches have been ordered for the area.

The center lighting poles on the tennis courts have been removed, Fathauer said. Noting that they are in good shape, Fathauer said they will be stored for future use. He also noted that tests

will be conducted to make sure the remaining lighting on the tennis courts is sufficient.

Delivery of the new flex court surface for the tennis courts has

pile.

A new contractor has been hired to haul away the debris deposited at the dump and has committed to clean up the entire pile no less than once per month.

The shrubs at the corner of Shenandoah and Dogwood have been trimmed to

improve sight lines in the intersection.

Nuti said he is forming a roads surveillance team which will survey all the streets in the community and identify where repairs are needed.

As an addendum to Nuti's maintenance report, President Truesdell said the repairs needed on Echo Dam are out for bid. A tabulation of bids should be received from the engineering firm Hobbs and Upchurch in a little over two weeks.

By-Laws. Nuti also chairs the By-Laws Committee and reports (See "SLLA," p. 38)

Seven Lakes Landowners Association Meeting

8/30

been promised for September 18 and will be applied immediately after it arrives.

A joint Seven Lakes Country Club and SLLA Pool Party is scheduled for Labor Day September 4 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Fathauer announced. The event is free and open to all landowners. "Come out and celebrate the end of a great summer," Fathauer said.

Maintenance. Director Ed Nuti encouraged residents to take a look at the maintenance yard because it has been substantially cleaned up — included the clearing of the big debris

Construction plan for barcode gates

by Don Truesdell, President
Seven Lakes Landowners
Association

As you know the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board of Directors has approved the installation of automated gates in the resident's lane for the North and South side. The primary interest in installing these gates was the additional security these automated gates will provide to our community. Our

gate guards will now be able to devote 100% of their attention to each visitor entering Seven Lakes. The South Side residents will not suffer any inconvenience for after hours guests since an intercom will be provided that will allow these visitors to talk to the North Side gate guards. The additional benefit is that we can also reduce our yearly expenses by reducing (See "Barcode," p. 38)

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Maidworks plans to clean up this town

Let's face it, nobody likes housework.

Except maybe Betty Davis, who is cranking up the fifth — or maybe sixth — home cleaning service that she has helped get off the ground.

Along with husband Wayne, the Foxfire resident has started successful cleaning services in Lumberton, Wilmington, and New Bern — and those are just the ones based in North Carolina.

And now, along with her daughter, Christi Brumbles, Davis has founded The Maidworks, a professional house-keeping service targeting "hurried homemakers" and "professional people on the go" in Seven Lakes, McLendon Hills, Foxfire, and the surrounding area.

It all started more than 20 years ago, when Davis was looking for a way to get her own home cleaned to her satisfaction.

"I worked on the concept more than a year before I started the business," Davis told *The Times*. "I researched it in terms of what needed to be done on a regular basis" in order to keep the house at an appropriate level of cleanliness.

Davis even got out her stopwatch and did time studies of different approaches to, for example, making a bed, or cleaning a bathroom.

The result was a team approach to getting a house clean and keeping it clean effectively, efficiently, and with minimal disruption to the family that lives there.

That approach is the core of what The Maidworks will be offering to homeowners in the local area.

"We do extensive training with our team members," Davis told *The Times*. "They are screened, uniformed, insured, and bonded."

By working in teams, Davis said, Maidworks can guarantee that they will be there to clean a given home at the appointed time on the scheduled day.

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Maidworks typically cleans a home either once a week or once every other week, depending on the needs of the family. The first step is a free evaluation of the family's needs, which helps plan the work and set the price.

"Every home is different," Davis explained. "Furnishings

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"We have a lot of fun. There's a lot of camaraderie among the members of our teams," she said.

Maidworks works with the customer to select a specific

day for their cleaning, and the customer does not have to be at home while the work is being done.

Davis hopes the combination of retired couples and young, two-wage-earner families in our area will create a good market for the new service.

"Ninety percent of women in their 20s and 30s work outside the home now," she noted. "Nobody likes housework — and they really don't have time to do it. We can give them time

to get out and have fun with their families."

Betty Davis hails from New Bern, and Wayne, from Lumberton. They have lived in Foxfire for seven years. Daughter Christi is a resident of Seven Lakes.

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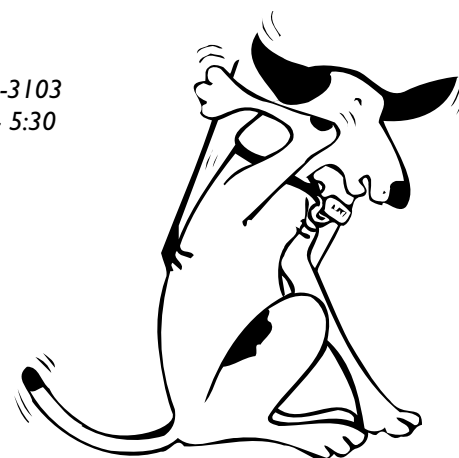
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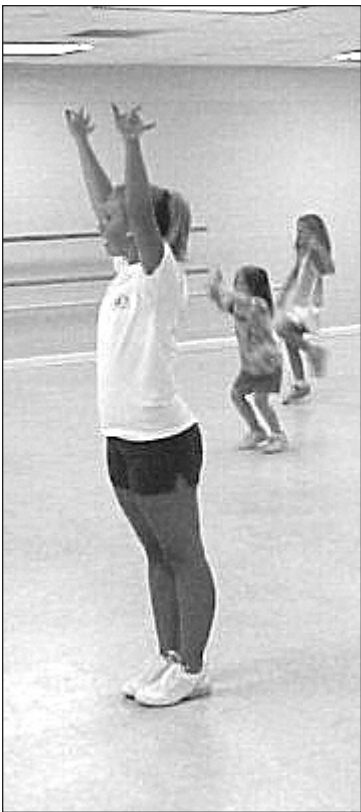
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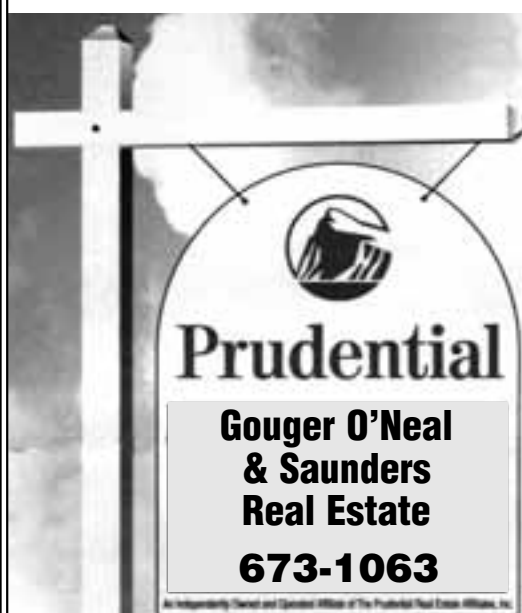
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Staff, volunteers responded to emergency

As you know we had a water emergency concerning the potential of e-coli bacteria infecting our water supply. The emergency began

Friday, August 18, about 11:00 PM and ended Saturday, midnight, August 19. I would like to take this

neighbors I want to thank each and every one of you.

The Moore County Public Utilities was solely responsible for this problem and the dissemination

MEMO:

Board Notes

Don Truesdell
Seven Lakes
Landowners Board

opportunity to thank the Seven Lakers involved in this emergency. My first thanks is to Jim Meikle, President of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association. He and I worked all weekend exchanging information so we could alert our landowners to this emergency.

On Friday, August 18, notices were posted in the North and South mail buildings alerting our residents of a potential problem.

On Saturday morning, August 19, Ken Jenkins posted notices on the North and South bulletin boards. The Seven Lakes Country Club was notified. Debbie Caulk issued a broadcast e-mail to all Seven Lakers who have provided us with their e-mail address. This e-mail also contained the web-site address for Moore County. This information was also posted to our web-site (www.sevenlakesnc.org). Chad Beane came to work and posted warning signs on all Seven Lakes Landowners Association public water outlets. JoAn Moses posted the information in the Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Center.

Incidentally does the Seven Lakes Landowners Association have your current e-mail address? If not then please send an e-mail to sevenlakes@connectnc.net. We will add you to our distribution list. It is easy to confirm if you are on our list. Debbie sent two e-mails, Saturday morning confirming the problem and Monday morning confirming the problem had been resolved. If you did not receive either of these e-mails then you are not on our list.

Thanks to Debbie Caulk, JoAn Moses, Chad Beane and Ken Jenkins for their help. I am sure there were also other Seven Lakers involved in helping their

information to its customers. I welcome suggestions from our residents concerning a better way to communicate with our residents in the case of an emergency. Please be willing to volunteer your time and talents as well as your suggestions.

In the event of a future emergency please be advised that information will be posted at both the North and South mail houses and bulletin boards. We will also use our e-mail distribution list and website (www.sevenlakesnc.org) to communicate with our residents.

Sickenberger has role in Music Man

Sandhills Theatre Company's presents a performance of The Music Man scheduled for September 15, 16, 17 and on September 22, 23 and 24 at Sandhills Community College in the Owens Auditorium.

Ron Sickenberger of Seven Lakes West is involved in the production playing the part of Ewart Dunlop, a River City school board member (and ultimately the lead singer in the quartet). He will also be playing a farmer, a salesman, and a member of the chorus . . . sometimes all at once!

The Music Man is an affectionate tribute to the bygone era of Smalltown, U.S.A. It follows fast talking salesman Harold Hill as he cons the people of River City, Iowa into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band he vows to organize — even though he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef.

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Tableman will speak on Afghanistan at Forum

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Refreshments will be available at 9:00 am, with the formal session beginning at 9:15 am.

Participants should plan for about a two-hour session.

All women and men from Seven Lakes, and their guests, are invited to attend.

Colonel Steve Tableman (US Army), a resident of Seven

Lakes, will present the topic Progress in Afghanistan.

Tableman returned to Seven Lakes this past June, having served a tour of duty in Afghanistan, and is extremely knowledgeable and well-qualified

to address issues related to the topic.

The 'format' for the session follows:

- 9:00 Refreshments
- 9:15 Presentation of information

- 10:00 Break, refreshments
- 10:10 Speaker/participant dialogue

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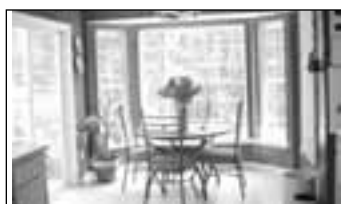
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by Mason Gould

Most of us know someone who harbors an enviable God-given trait that centers around insight into the feelings of others, responding deeply though quietly to their times of travail.

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Not each and every nurse is gifted with identical amounts of such traits as a super-patient nature, sympathy with problems of others, 100 percent self control, totally balanced judgment, and instant ability to think and act quickly in times of crisis. But they all are blessed with very considerable amounts of each, and mindset that is highly commendable.

Over the years, a considerable number of Seven Laker residents have contributed both time and assistance to the work of nurses at FirstHealth of the Carolina facilities. Several nurses at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital are Seven Laker residents, including Sandy Jones, Sue Gross, Sue Gibbons, Willa Hughey, and Brenda Caddell.

And then there are the twin sisters Denise and Patrice Gowan. Each was strongly influenced by their mother to become a nurse.

Denise is a graduate of Valdosta State University in Georgia. She holds a BS degree in Nursing. She served as a nurse at Emory University in Atlanta for 17 years, followed by 11 years thus far at FirstHealth. Her special interests in nursing have

been in neurology and neurosurgery cases as well as responsibilities in Intensive Care units, with involvement with concerned families, plus involvement with patients with pulmonary fibrosis (lung) problems.

"Steadfast dedication and

adherence to proven practices, providing assurances to the patients and their families of your dedication, in your own way, and maintaining flexibility to adapt to changing conditions, are all important challenges to be met," says Denise.

Patrice Gowan also holds a BS degree in Nursing from Valdosta State University. She served as a staff nurse at South Georgia Regional Medical Center for a year, and then for 19 years at Emory University Hospital, including four years as a head nurse.

She believes in being a patient's advocate. "Patients do

have a natural fear about the circumstances they face," she says, "so education about their situations can keep them from wondering. Moore Regional Hospital encourages this policy." Her areas of greatest interest include intensive care for heart patients, dealing with death and dying, and showing families the extent of care that was administered. "It's important for families to know that," says Pat.

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NAMI representatives speak to Kiwanis

Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club hosted "NAMI" at a recent meeting. "NAMI" is the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill in Moore County. Dr. Dave Davies, an outstanding volunteer for NAMI, introduced the groups representatives, who gave personal and insight-

ful information on what mental illness really is.

The club learned what is needed in education and funding for NAMI. One out of seven people have some type of mental illness.

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Lions give to 'BackPack Pals' program

The Seven Lakes Lions Club is extremely proud to support the 'BackPack Pals' program scheduled to begin this coming school year at the West End Elementary (WEE) School.

Unfortunately, many students in Moore County Schools (MCS) eat lunch on Friday and do not eat again until they have breakfast at their school on Monday morning. Fortunately however,

through the 'BackPack Pals' program, MCS will be able to send students home every Friday with a backpack filled with individually wrapped packages or wrapped foods that require little preparation for opening to get the children through the weekend. Importantly, the backpacks aren't identifiable to a child's classmates allowing the children to remain anonymous."



Lion Club President, Ray Lambert presenting Linda Hubbard, Moore County Schools Volunteer Coordinator, with a \$100 check and 25 backpacks the Club purchased specifically for use by the 'BackPack Pals' program at West End Elementary.



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An informative and invigorating talk on the direction envisioned for the Lions Clubs International followed.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of two awards by District Governor Kelly. The Seven Lakes Lions Club was recognized as the "Outstanding Large Club of the Year" in District 31F for 2005-2006 and Lion Ray Lambert, President of the Seven Lakes Lions Club, was honored by being named a Melvin Jones Fellow by the Lions

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"Did you bring your key? Don't you have yours?" A frantic search of his overcoat pockets revealed the key at last. The smoke thickened. The couple hurried back into their room only to find smoke pursuing them through the cracks around the door and through the keyhole.

He remembered packing a roll of masking tape in his suitcase for removing lint. Quickly, they taped the keyhole and cracks around the door and waited for firefighters to arrive. Safely outside, all they could say was, "but for a key and cheap roll of masking tape!"

Could this happen to you? If you're like most folks, you don't think about it and you don't plan on it happening to you.

However, statistics show that on average, in a lifetime, each of us can expect to be involved in one or two serious fires enough that the fire department needs to respond. Whether your fire occurs at home, in a movie theater, or a hotel the same principles apply.

Plan Ahead! Remember, fire can happen to you.

Remember, each time you return to your room, put your room key in the same place so that you can find it in the dark. In case of fire, before trying to leave your room, be sure to feel the door. If the door feels warm, do not try to open it.

Stay in your room and seal your door and any other openings with wet towels, sheets, or tape. Turn off your air conditioner to keep smoke from entering your room. Fill your bathtub with water so you can wet down the door if it gets hot.

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Meet the Merchants

The Seven Lakes-West End Business Guild will hold their annual Meet The Merchants Night on Tuesday, September 19, 5:30-8:30 pm. The event and will feature free food, drinks, and entertainment for all that attend.

The event draws a great crowd of people each year as the local businesses say "thank you" to area residents for another great year of support.

The highly entertaining McKenzie Brothers Band will be on hand to entertain. Local businesses will be represented, most of them providing door prizes or raffle type give-a-ways.

This event is open to all area businesses. Anyone who would like to have booth should contact Darrell Marks at Phoenix Fashions 673-5998.

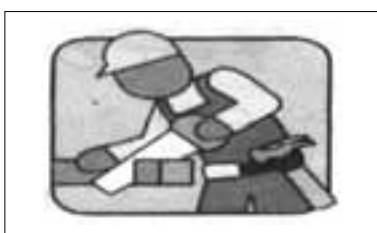
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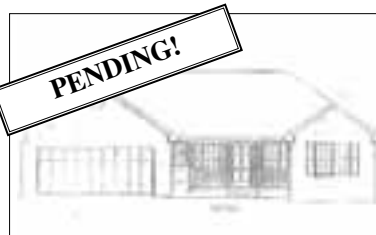
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Moore Choral Society welcomes newcomers

"We have a thrilling singing season ahead of us!" says Moore County Choral Society Music Director, Anne Dorsey. The Moore County Choral Society, comprised of approximately 100 members, embarks upon its 32nd season with a variety of new endeavors.

First, the Society has joined two outstanding organizations to help further its mission "to provide persons in and near Moore County the opportunity to rehearse and perform fine choral music, and to educate as well as entertain, both performer and audience." The Society has joined Chorus America, the national association of choruses, as well as the Arts Council of Moore County.

Also, the Society will host its first Wine Gala, a wine tasting event with various hors d'oeuvres, on Tuesday, October 17, at The Fresh Market. It's certain to be a fun- and prize-filled evening for all and a wonderful opportunity to sample and purchase wine while supporting the chorus.

Exciting performances are on the way, as well. The holiday concerts, "Everywhere Christmas Tonight," will be held on Saturday evening, December 2, and Sunday afternoon, December, 3, and will feature Moore Brass and organist, Michael Howe. As a grand finale to the season, the Society will collaborate with the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra in the spring of 2007, when they will perform the very popular work, Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana," under the direction of Fouad Fakhouri on Sunday, April 29, in Moore County and on Saturday, May 5, in Fayetteville.

Community outreach continues to be a priority for the Choral Society, which gives two scholarships annually to area high school and college students pursuing degrees in music. In addition to the scholarships, the Society created a "Share the Music" program in recent years in which tickets are donated to local senior facilities to enable persons to attend a concert who may not otherwise be able to attend.

The Moore County Choral Society Ensemble, a group of approximately 20 singers, is available to sing at area events.

The Choral Society invites



Moore County Choral Society Board of Directors top left: Al Coburn, Ann Covington, Sandy Parsons, John Pfisterer, Sondra Nelson, Nancy Coburn, Gladys Wade and Tucky Thompson take a few moments to enjoy Al Coburn's eight-engine model train before diving into work on the upcoming season.

everyone interested in choral music to join as a member, sponsor or concert-goer. No auditions are required to join and annual dues are \$35. Rehearsals are held at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church each Tuesday at 7:30 pm, beginning September 5 (registration begins at 6:30 p.m.). Newcomers are encouraged to join for open rehearsals on September 5 and 12 to learn more about the Choral Society. It is a fantastic season for choral arts in Moore county, especially if one is considering sponsoring the Choral Society or is interested in supporting the arts

in Moore County! Not only does the Society provide tickets to all sponsors, but you can see your dollars at work in the community and have the additional excitement and prestige of helping sponsor the collaboration with the Fayetteville Symphony, a great investment in the musical arts.

To learn more about the Moore County Choral Society, please contact Choral Society President, Sondra Nelson, 692-6979. To purchase tickets for the Wine Gala (\$25 per ticket), contact Sandy Parsons, 215-8063.

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The Pension Protection Act of 2006

As if pension, IRA, Roth and other retirement plan regulations weren't confusing enough, here comes a brand new 900 page 'act of Congress,' recently signed by President Bush called the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

The intent and much of the detail of this mammoth piece of legislation is designed to prop up our ailing private pension system and it's only safety net known as the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation (PBGC). However, included in the legislation are several new individual items that are designed to assist all Americans in planning for their financial security during retirement. I'm going to touch briefly on a few of them here.

EGTRRA is the acronym for the last major tax act which, among other good things, provided for higher individual contribution limits to qualified retirement plans like 401ks and IRAs and Roth IRAs. As an example, personal IRA contribution limits were raised to \$4,000. annually for 2006 and 2007 and to \$5,000 beginning in 2008.

The only problem with EGTRRA was that the changes it provided were scheduled to 'sunset,' that is revert back to the old levels in 2010. Well, now the enactment of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 has made the EGTRRA retirement changes permanent.

Speaking of sunset provisions, one of the new rules allows for tax free distributions from IRAs for charitable purposes, up to a maximum annual cap of \$100,000. Although there is no income tax deduction for such a direct IRA distribution to a qualified charity, any otherwise required minimum distribution would be considered included in the distribution, thereby avoiding income tax on the annual required minimum.

This could result in potential additional tax savings, i.e., lower taxable income and lower percentage of social security ben-

efits subject to tax. This might be something to look at right away, particularly for those that are already planning to make charitable donations either this year or next, because by the end of

next

Another component of the new legislation applies to amounts payable from company retirement plans to named non-spouse beneficiaries due to the death of a plan participant. This provision takes effect on Jan-

uary 1, 2007.

Under current law, spouses who are named beneficiaries of plan participants may roll the plan balance of a deceased spouse to

forced to pay tax on the entire amount generally within 5 years of the death of the spouse. The new law allows non-spouse beneficiaries to set up an inherited IRA account which if set up properly will give the beneficiary the ability to defer the taxation until their Required Minimum Distributions must be made. This tax deferral feature, often referred to as a stretch, can make a huge difference in the size of the account over time.

As with all tax matters, retirement plan rules are complicated and mistakes can be costly. Consultation with qualified tax pro-

fessionals is always the best course.

For additional information on subjects financial please call me on 673-5002. Please plan on attending an investment seminar on Thursday, September 21 at 10:00 am or 7:00 pm at the West Side Community Center. RSVP at 673-5002.

Geoffrey M. Gower is an investment advisor representative with InterSecurities, which is a member of NASD and SIPC. Gower's office is located at 1030 (Suite C) Seven Lakes Drive.



Financially Speaking

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year this provision will end. According to the new law it will "sunset" at the end of December 2007.

their own IRA. Non-spouse beneficiaries (child, grandchild, parent, significant other) have not had that option and have been

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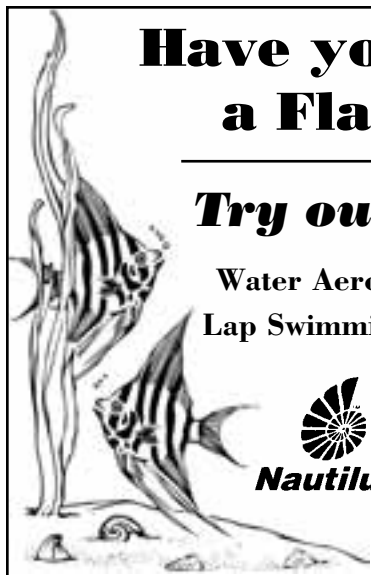
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Survival school tests MacKinnon's mettle

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hiking all day through some of the most rugged terrain found in the United States?

Because it's fun!

North Side resident Colleen MacKinnon recently completed an intense seven-day field course at the world famous Boulder Outdoor Survival School (BOSS) in Boulder, Utah. MacKinnon, a registered nurse, is also an experienced backpacker. She decided to attend this school after hearing about it from her

Kick-Fit instructor, Tim Smith.

"Tim knew that I liked backpacking and stuff like that. So after he signed up for the class at BOSS, he sort of teased me and said 'Ha, ha, look what I get to go do!' and showed me the BOSS website. From the moment I read about it on the web site I knew it was something I always wanted to do, so I signed up too!"

Even though MacKinnon was an experienced backpacker, this

was not going to be a regular backpacking hike through the woods. MacKinnon and the other people in her six-person group would each carry little more than a knife, compass, water bottle, blanket and poncho.

There were no matches, flashlights, toilet paper, sleeping bags, cook stoves, tents, cell phones or any other modern "necessities."

"We had no food for the first three days. After that we were issued rations that consisted of things like lentils, flour, raw oats

and a type of grain called quinoa and some spices such as salt and pepper. In order to cook the food, we had to construct a bow drill set and use it to start a fire. We used an old tin can as a cook pot."

"One of my goals for this trip was to master fire and when I was successful it was a very satisfying moment for me — being able to start a fire with nothing more than a couple of sticks and a piece of string! How many people are able to do

(See "Survival," p. 19)



The barren and beautiful scenery of Utah was one of the best parts of Colleen MacKinnon's trip to Boulder Outdoor Survival School.

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that?"

Of course, there was a certain amount of risk involved also. "BOSS courses can be dangerous. People have died and have been seriously injured doing this stuff. As a matter of fact, one of the guys who started with our group had to be taken out of the field because the physical stress was too much for him. You need to stay aware of not only what you are doing but also what Mother Nature is doing around you."

What was the best part of the trip for her?

"Two things — the scenery and the other people in our group. The terrain and the scenery out there are absolutely stunning, just gorgeous. And the other people in our group were some of the most wonderful people you could ever hope to meet. Add the fact that our instructors were absolute masters at passing on their skills

to us and it really became a fantastic trip."

Would she do it again? "Absolutely! I am already thinking about going back next year to attend a 14-day Mountain Navigator course. I am trying to

talk some of my hiking buddies to go with me. Any opportunity to get back out into that beautiful scenery is worth the effort."

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Colleen MacKinnon makes fire the old-fashioned way.

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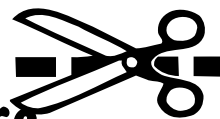
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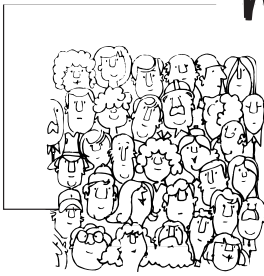
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- **Labor Day**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- **Women of Seven Lakes** - 2:00 pm at the North Clubhouse - Carol Wallace from Friend to Friend, a domestic violence and sexual assault agency, will be the guest speaker. All are invited. In support of "Friend to Friend." Please bring any of the following items: paper towels, toilet tissue, light bulbs, kitchen size trash bags, dishwasher detergent, dish washing liquid or school supplies.
- **Seven Lakes Lion's Club** - 6:00 pm, Hugh Madison, Master Beekeeper from Roseland, NC is the guest speaker. Seven Lakes North Club House. His topic will be an introduction to beekeeping. A buffet dinner is available at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$8. Call Ray Lambert 673-3006 or Howie Pierce 673-2087.
- **Sandhills at a Crossroads: The Value of Our Architectural Legacy** - 7:00-8:00 pm at Southern Pines Elementary School Auditorium, 255 South May Street, Southern Pines. Myrick Howard, Executive Director of Preservation NC, will speak on "The Value of

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- **Moore OnStage Presents "Forever Plaid"** at the Sunrise Theatre on September 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 at 7:30 pm and on September 10 and 17 at 2:00 pm. Tickets \$18 for adults, \$10 for students. Reservations may be made by calling 255-0667 between 2 and 6:00 pm, Monday - Thursday. Leave a message and

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- **Grandparent's Day**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- **Patriot Day**
- **National Active & Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Sandhills Chap-**

ter 1895 - 11:00 am, quarterly "Eating Meeting" at the Day's Inn, (former Holiday Inn) US Hwy 1, and Morganton Road, Southern Pines, NC. Additional information about NARFE is available by contacting: George/Julina LeVander (910) 895-9657; Peter Feeney (910) 695-1554; or Henry Seufert (910) 692-6466.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- **Seven Lakes Computer Club** - 3:00 pm. Betsy Mikula will be the guest speaker. Her primary topic will be mail merge - how to personalize "mass mailings" - like a Christmas letter for example. She will touch on several other topics and leave time for questions. Seven Lakes North Clubhouse game room. Guests are encouraged!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- **Project Linus Workshop** - Looking for an after summer activity? Workshop at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. We will discuss fall events and projects. Bring sharp scissors, a yard stick, cutting mat, rotary cutter or needle and thread, a snack

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

• **Seven Lakes Garden Club** 7:30 pm, in the North Club House. The speaker will be Bill Kastern from Wild Birds Unlimited. His topic will include tips for making backyard habitats.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

• **Seven Lakes Country Club Hawaiian Luau** – entertainment supplied by Glenn Davis. A fabulous buffet will be offered. Tropical drinks will be featured at the cash bar. Members \$21, non-members, \$26. Call 673-1100 for reservations.

• **Sandhills Theatre Company's** presents *The Music*

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

• **Meet the Merchants Night** – 5:30-8:30 pm. The event and will feature free food, drinks, and entertainment for all that attend. This event is open to all area businesses. Anyone who would like to have booth should contact Darrell Marks at Phoenix Fashions 673-5998.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

• **Red Cross Bloodmobile** – 1:00 to 6:00 pm at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. If you are in good health, over 17 and 110 pounds, your donation will be very important during this summer shortage. Please bring your donor card or photo ID. By calling 673-4931 for a preferred donation time, you will reduce waiting and improve operation efficiency. Thanks for being a donor!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

• **Seven Lakes Forum** – Refreshments will be available at 9:00 am, with the formal session beginning at 9:15 am. At the West Side Park Community Center. Colonel Steve Tableman (US Army), a resident of Seven Lakes, will present the topic Progress in Afghanistan. Contact Don Welch (673-6701) or Bill Mamel (673-8970).

• **Investment Seminar** – 10:00 am and also at 7:00 pm. Hosted by Geoff Gower, Investment Advisor. West Side Community Center. Limited seating. Call 673-5002.

• **Seven Lakes Lions Club**– 6:00 pm. The guest speaker will be Dan Matthews, FirstHealth Family Care Center of Seven Lakes. At the Seven Lakes North Club House. Call Ray Lambert (673-3006) or Howie Pierce (673-2087) no later than September 18 for reservations. Public is welcome to attend.

• **Bookshop by the Lakes** – 7:00 pm. Join the Book-Group for a lively discussion of *The Tender Bar*.



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SL Country Club to host Tarheel Classic

Seven Lakes Country Club will host The Tarheel Classic, a major event on this year's Sunbelt Senior Professional Golf Tour, October 9-11.

A limited entry Pro-Sponsor event, designed to afford tournament sponsors an opportunity to play with some of the best Senior Golfers in the country, is being planned for October 8.

The Sunbelt Senior Pro Tour started in 1996 and since has consistently grown and drawn the best field, conducting over 250 tournaments and paying out in excess of \$3 million in purses. The stated goal of the organization is to provide quality playing opportunities for senior golfers, contribute to local charities, and make a positive economic impact in small communities.

From Don Barnes, Director of the Tour: "The Sunbelt Senior Golf Professional Golf Tour

Continues to set the standard providing the best opportunity for aspiring tour players to test their game and develop it in order to take it to the next level."

Think you might want to join the group? Tour membership is open to all male golfers age 47 and up wishing to play highly competitive golf. Dues are \$500 with \$500 entry fee per regular event. All events are 54 hole stroke play using one set of tees (average 6600 to 6700 yards) and are played in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.

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George Burns: four PGA Tour wins earning over \$2.1 million; played in 38 major championships.

Rex Caldwell: Winner of the LaJet Classic with PGA earnings

over \$1 million.

Frank Conner: PGA Tour winner with over \$33.3 million in earnings.

Jim Feree: Won over \$2.5 million on Champions Tour.

Mike Smith: Winner of over \$2 million on the PGA and Champions Tour.

The field for the Tarheel Classic has not been finalized but it is expected to include many of these players as well as other well known Professionals.

Further information, including Pro Am details, will be given in subsequent articles and may also be obtained by visiting the Sunbelt Tour Senior Professional Golf Tour website at:

www.sunbeltseniortour.com. Spectators will be welcomed and are encouraged to come and see their favorites play all three rounds. The Seven Lakes Pro Shop is the local contact for questions.

Glenn Davis headlines SLCC Luau Sept. 15

Seven Lakes Country Club announces an Hawaiian Luau will be held on Saturday, September 15, with entertainment supplied by Glenn Davis.

A fabulous buffet will be offered featuring pork loin roast stuffed with apricots, chicken kabobs, sweet potato casserole, jasmine rice, green beans, and fresh pineapple & fruit.

The meal includes a salad with rolls and will be topped-off with coconut pie for dessert. Tropical drinks will be featured at the cash bar.

The price for members is \$21, and non-members, \$26.

Call 673-1100 after 11:30 am for reservations.

The dress code suggests muu-muus and Hawaiian shirts, or anything cool and summer casual.

This function, was originally scheduled for August 19, and has made a date-change due to the recently imposed short-term local water contamination restrictions.



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Riding a horse is an enjoyable experience for many people, but for an individual with a disability it can be much more. Each year people with physical, cognitive, and/or emotional disabilities discover the benefits of therapeutic horseback riding.

Whether it's a five year old with Downs Syndrome, or a 45 year old recovering from a spinal cord injury, horseback riding builds self esteem, helps increase mobility, and provides a chance to participate in an activity outside a therapist's office that is fun!

Each school year, Prancing Horse Therapeutic Horseback Riding Center provides hours of therapy free of charge to Moore County public school students with impairments.

Interested in spending a couple of hours a week with a horse and child who could benefit from your kindness?

Attend one of two orientation sessions scheduled for Tuesday, September 5 or Wednesday, September 6. Orientation begins at 9:00 am and wraps up at noon with a free light lunch.

You'll see the farm where students receive therapy, meet some of the gentle horses, and make a new friend or two. No previous horse experience required.

For more information, contact Ruth Anne Murphy, RSVP Director at 910-947-6395 or rmurphy@moorecountync.gov.

Moore County RSVP is committed to supporting volunteerism in Moore County. We assist more than 30 non-profit agencies with recruiting, training, and recognizing their valuable volunteers.

They also help adults, age 55 or better, find ways to invest their time and energy in enjoyable, meaningful activities that not only benefit the community, but keep them active and productive citizens.

For more information on how you can put your skills to work to make a difference in Moore County, contact Ruth Anne Murphy at 947-6395.

McKay to ride for MS



Dr. Pete McKay

Dr. Pete McKay is getting ready for his 13th year in the bicycle ride of the Tour to Tanglewood held on September 9 and 10.

He will be riding to raise money to help with research to find a cure for MS.

If anyone would like to make a donation in support of Dr. McKay's ride, please send a check made payable to Multiple Sclerosis Society to P.O. Box 628, West End, NC 27376.

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Series will focus on design & development

On Thursday, September 7, 7:00-8:00 pm, The Classical Design Foundation presents the first in a 4-part lecture series at the Southern Pines Elementary School Auditorium, 255 South May Street, Southern Pines.

Myrick Howard, Executive Director of Preservation NC, will speak on "The Value of Our Architectural Legacy." Introduction by Joyce Franke, founder of the Pinehurst Historic Preservation Foundation.

Admission is free and open to the public.

The Sandhills has long enjoyed the distinction of being one of the South's best kept secrets, and has maintained its identity as a cultural oasis in the changing landscape of this region.

However, the secret is getting out. Forces as diverse as the US Open and the projected explosion of newcomers from Fort Bragg will bring in their

wake new opportunities as well as new stresses to our way of life.

The goal of this 4-part lecture series is to better understand who we are as a community and to encourage debate about future development.

Four nationally recognized speakers will present illustrated talks linking topics from art to preservation and architecture, to the economics of sustainable development and smart growth. All citizens and community leaders are invited to attend the series and explore issues which are real and pertinent to the entire region.

"Protecting the irreplaceable in North Carolina since 1939" is how Preservation NC describes its purpose. Myrick Howard, President of this organization for the past 28 years, will speak about the unique architectural heritage of the Sandhills region and the importance of safe-

guarding it for future generations.

Discussing both the economic and cultural benefits of historic preservation, this presentation will take a close look at what is so special about the area, and how we might learn to be better stewards of its unique character.

Preservation North Carolina is North Carolina's only private nonprofit statewide historic preservation organization. It's mission is to protect and promote buildings, landscapes and sites important to the heritage of North Carolina. It enjoys a national reputation, having been cited by the National Park Service as "the premier statewide preservation organization of the South, if not the nation" and the National Trust for Historic Preservation as "the model organization of its kind."

The Classical Design Foundation is a Southern Pines based nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization that exists for the preservation, education, and practice of classical visual design.

For more information visit The Classical Design Foundation website at www.mims-studios.com/CDF/index.htm, or contact Abigail Dowd at (910)

783-5359, E-mail: a_dowd@earthlink.net; or Ray Owen at (910) 638-3982, E-mail: rayowen@nc.rr.com.

Red Cross offers Baby Sitting Class

The American Red Cross is offering Baby sitting Classes at the Chapter House in Southern Pines in the fall.

The class will consist of six one hour classes for girls and boys ages 11 to 15. The course includes instruction and hands-on training in baby sitting responsibilities, safety factors and basic first aid. Call 692-8571 for more information.

Ballroom dancers plan open house

The Ballroom Dancers of the Sandhills club will begin its sixth season on Friday, September 15, with an Open House at the Olde West End Gym from 6:30 to 7:30 pm for anyone interested in learning about ballroom dancing and about the activities of this club.

Arrival is scheduled for 6:30, with an informative program from 6:45 to 7:30 pm. Attendees are welcome to remain for the dancing, free of charge, which continues to until 10:00 pm.

Those who are interested in joining the club are encouraged to attend one or more dances, also free of charge, before making a decision about joining.

Membership is open to anyone who is seriously interested in learning and practicing ballroom dancing. The club focuses on the Bronze and Silver syllabi for American style smooth (fox trot, waltz, and tango) and American style rhythm (rumba, cha cha, East Coast swing, samba, and merengue) dances, as approved by the National Dance Council of America. The club has also recently introduced the International style quickstep.

The requirements for member-

ship are that people either take or have taken lessons or are willing to take the club lessons and also that everyone observe dance floor etiquette.

The club is planning to offer a Ballroom Basics class on four Wednesday evenings, October 11, 18, 25, and November 1, from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. at the Olde West End Gym. The class will cover the Bronze Level American Style waltz, rumba, fox trot, and East Coast swing.

This class is appropriate for those who have never taken ballroom dancing lessons, who have taken lessons but who need a thorough review, who took lessons many years ago and want to learn the up-to-date steps, and who want to improve technique and style. Club membership is required for those who wish to register for this class.

For further information about the club activities, dues, dress code, and special classes, call Tony and Arlene Hantjris at (910) 235-0998, or e-mail ballroom@pinehurst.net. The club Web site is www.pinehurst.net/~ballroom/

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Garden Club cranks up September 14

One project that the Seven Lakes Garden Club completed before their summer hiatus was the planting of many flats of petunias at the North, South and West gates.

The flowers have added a welcoming burst of color all summer long. In addition to the plantings, the May meeting of the club included a discussion on growing and cooking with herbs, presented by Shawna Smith of the Moore County Extension Master Gardeners Speaker's Bureau.

Not only did members get to taste some of Ms. Smith's favorite

"herb" foods, but they also received a list of favorite herbs, their uses, and recipes that feature those herbs. At the conclusion of the program, the club had its annual plant exchange.

Many members brought several types of plants to exchange – and many more took home new varieties for their gardens. It was a huge success!

Thanks to all who participated!

The first fall meeting of the Garden Club will be on Thursday, September 14 at 7:30 pm in the North Club House.

Hope to see you all there!

Dodson headlines literary luncheon

The Annual Literary Luncheon, hosted by the Friends of Given Memorial Library and Tufts Archives, will be held at noon on September 30, in the St. Andrews Room, Pinehurst County Club.

The public is welcomed to this community event. This year's speaker is Jim Dodson, nationally recognized author, journalist, and humorist. He joins a prestigious list of best selling authors who headline this annual Library fundraiser. Dodson has entertained the area since before the '05 Open, with his witty and poignant stories of his Southern upbringing. His best seller, *Final Rounds*, required reading for lifetime golfers, depicts a

journey to the Royal and Ancient St. Andrews in Scotland with his Dad. It is unforgettable, grabbing our hearts and souls with the deeper meaning of the game of golf.

In addition to his many golf books, a delightful gardening book *Beautiful Madness*, will be available. Mr. Dodson will have a book signing immediately following the luncheon.

Tickets are \$25, available at the following locations: Given Memorial Library; The Given Book Shop; and the Country Book Shop in Southern Pines. Come early for a wine bar prior to the scrumptious lunch. Valet parking will be available as usual.



Members of the Seven Lakes Garden Club rest a moment after completing the plantings at the North, South and West gates of Seven Lakes.

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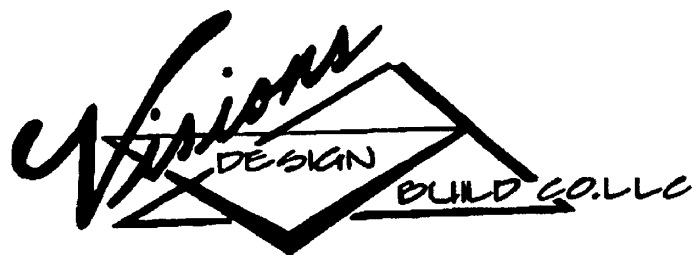
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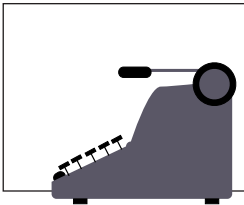
Board should welcome input from constituents

Dear Editor:

I suppose that I am the source of the "well-intended" but in "vitriolic tone" letter that Mr. Nuti refers in his letter published in your August 4, 2006 edition. Please publish my letter to the board so the entire community can read it rather than just see Mr. Nuti's interpretation. [See below.]

Members of the board should encourage the community to take an interest and listen to our thoughts and ideas. I welcome any board member to

debate me on the issues. We continued to be told that we should ignore things that have happened in the past yet past performance is simply the best tool to use to evaluate future



Your Turn

D. Alan Shaw
Seven Lakes South

SLLA Administrative costs are out of line

[The following letter is one Alan Shaw addressed to SLLA Vice President Jeff Herman, referenced in the column above.]

Mr. Herman:

It is my understanding that you will chair the monthly meeting of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board meeting on Wednesday the 26 of July. There has recently been a meet-

ing concerning the cost of the repairs to Echo dam. We were sent minutes of that meeting. I will be out of town and can not attend the meeting Wednesday. I wish to have my thoughts about Echo dam repair cost read into the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday night.

Before we consider starting down a slippery slope of assess-

we ignore excessive administrative cost, we are spending at least \$7,500 a month that could be spent on capital expenditures without raising dues or assessing our membership. The most recent election sent a mandate to the board that the community wants change. Waiting for that change simply continues to waste \$7,500 per month.

I remind the board that Company Police received 5-2 support from the board yet the board discovered that the community was about 2-1 opposed to their position. I think that public awareness of current cost and past performance of our administration would result in a margin at least this large supporting administrative re-organization.

Let's publicly debate the cost of administration rather than call my tone vitriolic and say that I "attacked" administration expense like it was something that I had no right to discuss. Thank me for my interest rather than question my motives. Answer my questions rather than indicate that you do not want to hear from the unwashed.

In summation, I agree with Mr. Nuti on one point. It is the Boards responsibility to do the job. I encourage them to finish what has been started. There is

Seen on the road

Mitzi Hundley, my license plate secret agent, has sighted the following NC vanity plates recently in her travels. They are:

MTNEER – not from around here.

LADEDA – happy auto I guess.

PUTT4PAR – Yeah, it's gotta be a local guy.

FUTRHOPE – ?

PLMROTN – Not happy with his auto I think.

DADDY'S \$\$ - a teenager's car.

N2RACN – his hobby.

SWEETP – a convertible?

2HOLSN1 – another golfer.

2BZZWORK

RAZBERI – seen on a new red Honda.

PB4WEGO – I love it seen on a van with several children.

O U R V2K – on a new van.

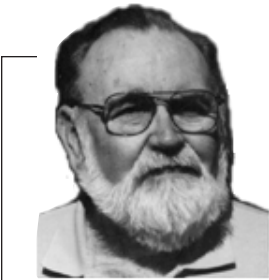
BE 4 KIDS – seen on a small car.

SAVWOLVS – I love them too.

SHOPDOUT – it happens.

ILUMIN8 – good question.

THNX2MTZE



Ollie's Thoughts

Oliver Gossard

Obnoxious Behavior - 1
SL West Landowners - 0

Dear Editor:

The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Judicial Committee, apparently intimidated by the arm waving and table thumping of the defendant's attorney, (who referred to Seven Lakes Citizens, concerned about their community standards, as "The Peanut Gallery") allowed gross violations of our covenants and standards to be treated with a virtual slap on the wrist.

The defendant was ordered to "not use your boat on the lake this winter, but next season will be fine."

Although Community Advocate Bud Sales recommended suspension of lake privileges

for one year, the Judicial Com-



mittee must have felt that this lighter, fair and unbiased judgment was sufficient to help stem the tide of ever-increasing and uncorrected covenant violations that we are seeing in our community.

G. F. Genaw
Seven Lakes West

Is it time to try a different approach?

This week, I'd like to take my hat off to my fellow columnists, Ollie and Mason.

Ollie, I hope that everyone who gets this paper reads your very sound advice regarding global warming. I have not yet seen the movie *An Inconvenient Truth*, I do, however, intend to rent it when it is available. I do not need to see the film to be totally convinced that time is growing short for us to make attempts to prevent at least a portion of the destructive action of the warming that is threatening the entire world.

As to Mason's words quoted from some of the "kids" involved in Chad Beane's discussion group, I can only say, how much more admirable is the advice of these young people who are smart enough to realize that love, kindness and communication are the true paths to peace.

Anger, fear, fighting and the search for revenge will never bring tolerance and acceptance to the world. At one time, the U.S. was respected by many other countries.

Today, we are one of the most hated countries in the world. The nations in the Mid-East have never lived in peace.

How could we possibly believe that by entering that area with munitions and fighting men we could even hope to put and end to centuries of warfare?

We teach others how to treat

treatment of peoples who demonstrate real need for our help?

I like the way Bill Gates thinks. I'd rather see money and efforts used to stamp out a horrible illness.

As to terrorism, what if we concentrated all of our efforts on surveillance and on a total concentration on proper and adequate intelligence.

Today, aren't we simply giving the terrorists more and more reason to hate us?

Am I foolishly naive and impractical?

Probably in the eyes of many, but on the other hand, would we really be in worse shape if we reached out in peace and love?

us by means of the way we treat them. When we enter an area with guns drawn it is only logical that we'll be met with open opposition.

Would the world be worse off if we just minded our own business and concentrated on the national interests of our own people and the kind and humane

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Nona's Notes

Nona Wiley

New neighbors

Sure, I have trod over the same trail alongside my lake a thousand times. Those little daily walks to head off overdue senility.

way the little ones exhibited the identical form of waddle as their mother.

Yes, I know. You've seen that exhibition more than once.

What else is new?

But this time, as I proceeded around the lake, I was still thinking about that incident.

About how they were doing their thing and I was doing



Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

But one recent day, there they were, by the roadside, blocking my usual stride just off the asphalt.

A mother duck and four "ducklets."

What fascinated me was the

mine.

About their precious gift and mine: freedom.

About those five hearts that were beating just like mine.

About my new neighbors.



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Veterans Administration deserves credit

With all the recent publicity regarding the mishandling of VA records, I think it is timely to hear some “good news” about this remarkable agency.

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Even though I was not a career-militarist, I have received a large spectrum of medical benefits. These include annual physicals, routine semi-annual check-ups, lab work, x-rays, EKGs, and a host of in-depth heart tests including nuclear-medicine evaluations. I have found their quality of care to be excellent and on a par with the private clinics here in the Moore county area.

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Recent news reports have

quoted the AMA as suggesting the VA’s computerized record-

best in the US. They have encouraged their members, along with their hospital affiliates, to get rid of the old-fashioned file-folder record methods and emulate the VA’s style.

Historians have long acknowledged that our extended post-WW II boom was greatly enhanced by the VA’s GI loan

program. By providing ex-service people with easy-to acquire low-cost housing loans, the VA allowed millions of veterans to help get their life back in order after years of turmoil. A huge side-benefit to all of us was the sizable growth of our economy over the lengthy period of the 50s and 60s.

One last comment. Many of us ex-Gis have had the good fortune to have converted our old GI insurance - another VA benefit

- into an ordinary life plan. This program has been the most incredible investment anyone has ever made. My annual dividends are almost five times my premium charges and I still have my basic life insurance protection.

Thus, you see why my “hat’s off” to the VA. It seems the government has finally gotten something to perform well. They’re now up to a string of “one in a row!”



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Photography Competition on September 11

David Nicoll of Nicoll Photography and Framing in Southern Pines will judge and critique the September 11 Sandhills Photography Club competition.

Club members will be submitting printed images depicting wild animals, insects, or plant life.

Thirteen of the approximately 80 club members reside in Seven Lakes. Guests are welcome at the 7:30 pm meeting at Christ Fellowship Church on the corner of Pee Dee Road and Midland Road.

Call 910-673-1497 if you would like to attend and need a ride. Please view the club web site for further information about club activities. www.sandhillshotoclub.org



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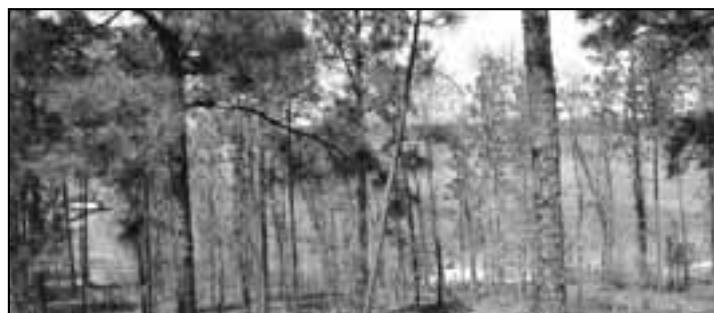
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ments and dues increases to fund the repairs of Echo dam, we should examine all areas of our

Your turn

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still heavy lifting to be done as is proven by the laundry list of capital expenditures that have properly been published. I know we are going to need dues increases, assessments or both to fund our capital needs. It is my view that we need additional revenue today because we have not had competent management in the past. I know, as does everyone that has been paying attention, of hundreds of thousands of dollars that should not have been spent in the manner that it was. Rather than blame volunteer boards for these mistakes, I choose to point to the one person that has been paid to manage our community. He has been here almost 20 years and we have faced and still face issues that must be attributed to his poor leadership. We can save over \$80,000 annually by removing Mr. Fulcher and give the remaining employees the opportunity to step up and do the job better. They can do this without additional staffing. Should our remaining employees not be up to the task (I think they are), there are available professional management groups that can be hired that will actually cost us less and push the annual savings to over \$100,000.

Mr. Nuti, I stand by my statement: "Before we consider starting down a slippery slope of assessments and dues increases to fund the repairs to Echo dam" and other capital expenditures, "we should examine all areas of our operation to make sure the funds required are not already available to us with current revenues." I attempted to privately encourage the board to face what I see as a serious problem. You publicly ridiculed my opinions without exposing my identity. Let me stand and say publicly — these are my views. I welcome public scrutiny of them, as should you.

D. Alan Shaw
Seven Lakes South

operation to make sure the funds required are not already available to us with current revenues.

It is my firm belief that we are spending at least \$100,000 too much on administration in our current budget. Three major areas of management responsibility have been eliminated during the last year. Company Police, West Side Security, and staffing and supervising our own North and South Gates either no longer require time or in the case of North and South Gates require very little time from our management staff. We have not seen any decrease in our administration budget to coincide with the elimination of these areas of responsibility.

It is my view that we had too much administration expense before the cuts in Company Police and the other areas. Now,

there is absolutely no question we are wasting money in administration expense.

Has anyone done a management review? Mr. Herman, I sent to you my thoughts on an organizational chart with job descriptions at the end of last year. Have you presented my ideas to the board for their review? Has anyone checked with other gated communities to see how much their administration cost is to their total revenue? Does anyone actually know how Mr. Fulcher spends his work week?

Clearly our Community Manager has had a difficult couple of years. He supervised the dumping of our debris in an unlicensed dump and paid \$80,000 over two years for the removal of that debris without satisfactory accounting controls in place.

He defended Company Police expense by saying that we had to have Company Police to be licensed to provide the Security Contract for the West Side and we find out that we were not licensed and that in fact it was against the law for company police to be licensed as a private security company. Also, we find that we had been spending our money on company police for 12 years after we were notified by the NC Attorney Generals office of jurisdiction problems with our company police going on private property.

Are we ever going to examine management cost and performance and demand that we get value or are we going to continue to just look for ways to get

more money from our property owners when a problem surfaces? Assessment is a slippery slope and a one-time revenue generation. Saving administration expense will generate money each and every year forward. This board is to be commended for the areas that it has found to save money without sacrificing the quality of our community. You must take the last step, which is the most unpleasant, and look hard at the effectiveness and cost of our administration while asking the question why were the waste you found not found by our manager.

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We've talked before about the thermocline; that water strata that varies in depth with water and air temperature changes. This is where fish feel most comfortable. They will leave this area to forage bait at more shallow depths. Those big fish will hang out in the thermocline though when not on a feeding binge.

You may think my aforesaid can be attributed to information from experience or from reading fishing magazines. Not at all! This information was documented in today's best selling book

written many years ago. You may have heard it before or even read it in an official copy.

The book in reference is long and

ume, but the closest reference to the thermocline is depicted in the book called Luke at Chapter Five.

Perhaps to refresh memories I should submit an abbreviated version of the story. It seems Our Lord came upon his friends who

had been net fishing all day without a single catch. He asked them to take him out with them to deeper water and lower their nets there. Lo, they netted more fish on that first retrieve than they could handle without outside assistance.

In another version of the story it seems that Our Lord coun-

seled them to cast their lines to the other side of the boat. The satisfying result was identical.

It appears that similarities exist between today's fishing methods and the lesson taught so many centuries ago.

Surely, there have been days when we have experienced poor days of fishing. Well, we have been in the wrong place, the wrong time, or perhaps, fishing at the wrong depth. Let's do some things differently.

Try fishing along a shoreline. Cast towards the shoreline near weed cover, stumps or rock formations. You might wish to troll a lure from the deep water side of your boat. This may entice one of those big fish which is on a feeding foray in the shallows.

No luck? Well, then, move your boat farther away from the beach to deeper water and cast with diving plugs and troll sinking lures. Remember to cast and troll from opposite sides of the boat.

This may prevent the proverbial "bird's nest" of your lines should that big fish take one lure and tie a "granny knot" in the other line.

Okay, we've tried all of the above and have not caught a fish all day. What's wrong? Well, some days are like that. Let's not talk about it.

Tomorrow is another day, and maybe our next trip will produce a catch that we can brag about to any who will listen. Until that day I'll wait to hear all about it.



sometimes hard to understand. It has been rewritten many times, which has caused much debate. It's theme and leading characters have remained essentially unchanged however.

Actually the tome is a collection of books with many chapters in each. There are several references to fishing in the vol-

School Volunteers honored

On August 14, Moore County Schools recognized volunteers from the 2005-2006 school year. The event was held at the Weymouth Center for the Arts and Humanities in Southern Pines and began with a welcome from Linda Hubbard, Coordinator of Volunteers for Moore County Schools.

Following lunch the nine winners of the Volunteer of the Month Award were presented by Russell Pait, Director Human Resources St. Joseph's of the Pines, and Walker Morris, President Muirfield Broadcasting. From over 7,500 volunteers, the monthly winners were announced:


August – The Southern Pines Elks Club
September – First Baptist Church of Southern Pines
October – Turning Point Ministries
November – Bruce Warner
January – Blanchie Carter
February – Andy Potter
April – Rebecca Vassallo and her dog Luther
May – Claudette Turk
June – Sandi Burrell

Throughout the year, each winner was recognized at a monthly board meeting.

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NAMI plans 'Pathway to Awareness'

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Moore County hopes to raise awareness of those who are struggling with mental disorders during the first Pathway to Awareness Weekend planned for September 30 – October 1. Activities include a special appearance by actress and brain illness advocate, Patty Duke, a community walk, commemorative flower display and a massive balloon release.

"We have a dream – and it's a big dream," says Marianne Kernan, co-chair of the Pathway to Awareness Weekend. "We need to help stamp out the stigma associated with those suffering with brain disorders. We know this weekend, which is in observance of National Mental Illness Awareness Week, will be a tremendous stepping stone in helping to educate the community about these disorders."

The weekend begins on Saturday, September 30 at 7:30 pm with an appearance by Patty Duke, actress and author of "A Brilliant Madness: Living with Manic-Depressive Illness." Duke suffered from a serious – but treatable – brain disorder called bipolar. Her discussion will illuminate her harrowing story and her long road to recovery. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, is part of the popular Ruth Pauley Lecture Series and is co-sponsored by the Sandhills Community College Foundation.

According to Ellen Airs, co-chair of Pathway to Awareness with Kernan, Sunday's events will bring the community together in an outreach campaign designed to heighten public awareness of these disorders. "We've planned activities to interest everyone and we encourage them to attend and show their support. We need to reach out to all those affected and let them know we understand and are willing to help."

Judith Krall, president of NAMI-MC, would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm invitation to our friends and neighbors in the surrounding communities of the Sandhills Local Management Entity, Cumberland County and our courageous Armed Forces of the Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force complex, to share this wonderful celebra-

tion of Mental Illness Awareness Week with us.

Sunday's events will showcase the community's growing involvement and care. From

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Patty Duke will be available at Pinehurst Village Assembly Hall to conduct a book-signing, which is open to the public at no charge.



Pathway to Awareness Committee members are: (Seated) Hazel Elmore, Judith Krall, Marianne Kernan; and (Standing) Linda Eelman, Laura Gingerich, Carole and George Reynolds, Patty Laughlin, and Ellen Airs. Not available for photo Colleen Russell.

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Beginning early Sunday morning the group will recreate artist Vincent Van Gogh's "Irises," painted while he was institutionalized due to a brain disorder. The commemorative display, known as the "Celebration of Courage" will be open to the public at the meadow next to Pinehurst Village Hall. The display will be constructed with irises, which is the NAMI symbol of hope. Each of the flowers in the display represents a donation by someone in honor or memory of a person with brain illness.

Later in the afternoon, team and individual walkers are invited to the Pathway to Awareness Walk.

Registration begins at 3:00 p.m. at the Village of Pinehurst

Assembly Hall and the walk begins at 4:00 p.m. Walkers will stroll a Pathway of Awareness dotted with small signs marking the names of famous people who suffer or have suffered from a brain illness. The pathway is located in the park area surrounding Village Hall and walkers are encouraged to participate at their own comfortable pace and distance from one-half mile to two miles.

"Teams are being organized all over our community," explains Kernan. "We have teams forming from local businesses, medical practices, churches, civic groups, family teams, and neighborhood teams and they are all working to gather pledges to support this event. We'd love

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Chickpeas concert was a big success



The Chickpeas — Jordan Kennedy, Madison Hart and Anna Troublefield. Front row — Joe & Connie Ambrosio, Directors.

The Swing Carolina concert was a great success. There was a nice turn out of about 50 people at the North Clubhouse for the performance.

The girl group the "Chickpeas" really shone and put on a beautiful show.

The start for Fall semester classes with Swing Carolina begins on August 31. All interested teens who love to sing and perform are encouraged to call Connie Ambrosio at 673-3335 for information and a registration form.

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NAMI

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to see hundreds of walkers and encourage everyone to join in even if they are not part of a team."

If you are interested in sponsoring a Pathway to Awareness Walk team, please contact Patty Laughlin, preferably prior to the event, 295-2337 or via email pattyskula@hotmail.com or contact NAMI Moore County, 295-1053.

At the conclusion of the Pathway to Awareness Walk, the "Candles in the Sky" observance will be held on the grounds of Pinehurst Village Hall. Due to daylight hour, balloons will be substituted for the candlelight vigil that honors loved ones. Balloons may be purchased either prior to the event by contacting NAMI Moore County, 295-1053 or on site. The balloons cost five dollars and will carry the name of a loved one or friend with a brain illness. Everyone is welcome to watch the mass balloon launch which promises to be a memorable way to conclude the Pathway to Awareness Weekend.

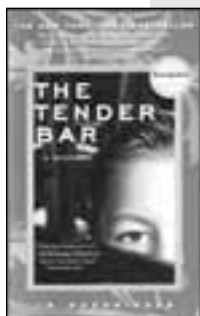
"Support from the community is key to the success of this event," says Airs. "We cannot

thank the sponsors enough for their support." As of press time those that have given the event their support include the Village of Pinehurst, Sandhills Community College Foundation, FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Sandhills Center for MH/DD/SAS, MPRI, McDonald Bros., Tom Arthur (a friend of NAMI-MC), *The Pilot*, Ruth Pauley Lecture Series, BB&T, Pinehurst Resort, Prudential GOS, Bill Smith Ford, Aberdeen Bottling Co., Cherry, Bekaert and Holland, Dodger Industries, Muirfield Broadcasting, The Country Bookshop, and Mrs. Esther Krebs (one of the founding members of NAMI-MC). "The Pathway to Awareness Weekend needs to be a huge success for those that need it the most, our loved ones who suffer from brain disorders," says Airs.

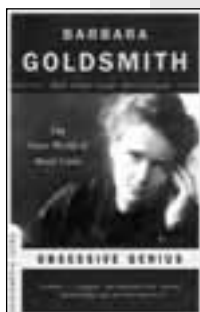
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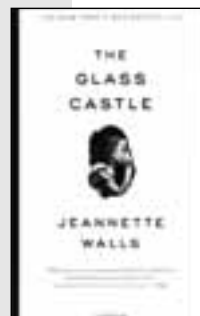
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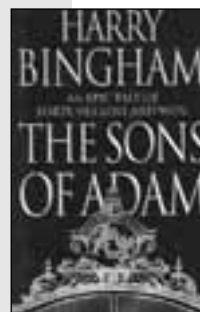
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Westside meeting

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out how important it is to check the website,” Meikle noted.

Later in the meeting, in response to a resident’s question, Meikle said that it had not occurred to him to enlist the aid of the Area Representatives to get the word out.

“We will be reviewing the situation with an eye to finding additional methods of communicating with the community in future situations like this,” Meikle said.

Forum. The Seven Lakes Forum will end its summer hiatus with a presentation by Colonel Steve Tableman on the “Progress in Afghanistan.” The session is scheduled for Thursday, September 21 at 9:00 am in the Great Room of the West Side Park Community Center and is open to all Seven Lakers.

Pool hours. Community Manager Tony Robertson announced that hours at the pool have been cut back, since many lifeguards have returned to school. The pool will close for the season at the end of the day on Labor Day, September 4. Details on hours of operation are posted on the Association website.

Septic plan. Robertson said that currently, about 75 percent of Westsiders, have signed onto the septic management program developed about a year-and-a-half ago. He encouraged the remaining 25 percent to sign up, both to protect the lake and as “cheap insurance” against the failure of their septic system.

Boat stickers. Robertson said that harmful rumors about the theft of boat stickers have been circulating in the community since minutes from a board work session mentioned that some stickers were unaccounted for. He forcefully defended SLWLA staff members, saying that no stickers had been lost or stolen.

Robertson said that, when stickers were being issued earlier this year, in a few cases the name of the homeowner receiving the sticker was not recorded. Of 769 stickers issued, only six are unaccounted for, Robertson said. “That’s an error of less than one percent,” he added.

Finance. Treasurer Virgil Reid provided printed reports detailing the association’s financial resources and performance to

budget. He noted that he had recently moved about \$400,000 from money market funds to short-term CDs in order to obtain a better interest rate. Currently, the association is earning an average of 4.1% on its investments.

Reid said the association plans to list the names of landowners who are delinquent in their dues payments in the SLWLA newsletter that will be published at the end of September. Because *The Times* typically reprints content from the newsletter, those names will appear in *The Times* as well.

Reid said the SLWLA is currently owed \$51,000 in back dues. Of that, \$16,000 is owed on a “handful” of lots whose owners have not paid dues in several years. Another \$12,000 is owed by a single contractor. Nine homeowners owe a total of \$7,000, and the bulk of the rest is owed by non-resident lot owners.

Recreation. Betty Milligan reported that an ice cream social held at the pool on Saturday, August 19 was the best-attended event yet at the pool.

Shag lessons will be starting on September 11; the Halloween party is scheduled for October 28. She encouraged residents to consult the SLWLA website for details on recreation events.

Lake Auman. Mary Anne Fewkes reminded landowners that the speed limit over the Lake Auman dam was set at 25 miles per hour on the advice of engineers in order to protect the dam. “We don’t want to have to put speed bumps on the dam,” Fewkes said.

Bud Sales, Paul Kirst, Bob Fewkes, and Don Snell have completed a Lake Auman Master Plan that runs to 65 pages. Calling it “a wonderful document,” Mary Anne Fewkes said a copy will be made available in the SLWLA office.

Sharing some information from that report, Fewkes said Lake Auman is 800 acres in surface area and 620 of those acres are within the 150-foot no wake zone where boats are to travel at no more than five miles per hour. The boat population on the lake is divided equally into one-third pontoons, one-third other power boats, and one-

third non-powered boats.

Flood plain. During the public comment segment of the meeting, former SLWLA Treasurer Lois Rocco asked for clarification on how new flood plain maps developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA] may affect Lake Auman homeowners.

“This is a good example of why this community owes a great debt to Gerhard Hergen-hahn,” SLWLA Legal Director Hugh Beckwith responded. “He has bird-dogged this issue from the beginning and been relentless on this.”

The original map proposed by FEMA showed a flood plain around Lake Auman that would have covered portions of all lakefront lots. “Tony [Robertson] and Gerhard did a great job moving the flood plain delineation back to the high water mark of the lake,” Beckwith said. “[Now,] no landowner owns property in the [redefined] flood plain. [Therefore], no landowner will be required to buy flood insurance.”

But uncertainty is caused by the maps which “were drawn

before the lake was full.” The metes and bounds of most Lake Auman lots show those lots extending into areas that are now covered with water.

“So you will have situations where a bank or surveyor, relying on those metes and bounds, mistakenly believes a lot is in the flood plain,” Beckwith said.

But the covenants associated with the deeds to Lake Auman lots state that the developer — and, by extension, the landowners association owns all property under the lake to the high water mark. “It’s a settled legal question,” Beckwith said, “despite the metes and bounds which

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Flood plain

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might confuse a bank or a surveyor."

"Gerhard has anticipated that folks may run into this problem," Beckwith said. "So he had language inserted into the [county's new flood plain] ordinance that says the flood plain administrator can determine the boundaries of the flood plain" when there is a conflict between maps and title.

"The idea is that it might be done proactively" by a single interpretation letter for all 500 lakefront lots. "Gerhard has made it possible for the flood plain administrator to be proactive."

Following up on Beckwith's explanation, Hergenbahn told landowners at the meeting that "for the moment, no one has to act on it."

The new maps go into effect

on October 17, he said. Hopefully, the association will be able to work with the county to get the letter explaining the Lake Auman flood plain situation into the hands of banks, insurance companies, surveyors, and lakefront owners before then, he explained.

If that happens, no lakefront lot owner should be required to purchase flood insurance, and those who choose to do so will obtain the preferred rate for lots outside flood plains.

"Wait for October 17," Hergenbahn advised the crowd. "And hope that we get the letter by then. Then you should evaluate for yourself whether you voluntarily want to add flood protection for your perceived worst case to your insurance policy."

Smoking at playground. Rocco said that, on a recent

visit to the West Side Park playground with her grandson, she had observed a woman smoking in the area and discarding her cigarette butts in the mulch. She asked the board to consider putting up no smoking signs in the area.

Vandalism. Charlie Flinchum reported that he had discovered some vandalism at the Johnson Point boat slips on Monday night, August 21. He asked boat owners to check their boats for damage.

John Hoffman asked whether the Johnson Point Gates were now being locked at night. "We're still working on that," SLWLA President Meikle replied.

Fireworks. Echoing complaints heard at the July General Meeting, Dale Erickson said that during the weekend of August 12 fireworks were set

off in his neighborhood. He found the next morning large rockets on his roof and in his pine straw. He asked that the board put out a position paper stressing the ban on private fireworks in the community — and the danger creat-

ed by fireworks.

NCWRC. Erickson asked for an update on the Association's negotiations with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission regarding the Commission (See "SLWLA," p. 36)

Hearing

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arrive at discrete questions that the committee could in fact resolve. After it became clear that both sides had agreed on a muffling system for Alyett's boat and on the fact that he would apologize to three Lawrence Overlook homeowners, Merical narrowed the committee's charge down to determining whether a fine and loss of privileges would also be involved.

After the committee had delib-

erated in private on that question, Merical announced the \$100 fine and suspension of lake privileges through May 31, 2007.

Community Advocate Sales had brought two charges against Alyett: the first for an excessively noisy boat and the second for public urination and indecent exposure. The committee imposed the \$100 fine for the first charge; the suspension of lake privileges, for the second charge.

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Water

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and another five taps downstream in the system. Those tests were conducted on August 17. It takes 24 hours to process a test for fecal coliform.

When the new test results came back, one of the upstream sites, an outdoor water tap on a Pinehurst residence, showed an elevated level of fecal coliform, or e. coli.

That finding, which came back late on August 18, left Moore County Public Utilities officials with no choice but to issue the warning to residents that water should be boiled before drinking. That notice was issued on the evening of August 18.

The County Health Department, at the same time, was required by state law to close all restaurants served by the Seven Lakes/Pinehurst water system.

County personnel went door to door Friday night in the area immediately surrounding the site where fecal coliform was found. Media were notified, as were the landowners associations in Seven Lakes.

The county flushed the water system in the vicinity of the positive test site by opening fire hydrants. After the flushing, another three site resampling was conducted, again taking samples from the positive test site and five taps upstream and downstream in the system. This time, the test from the positive test site was taken from an indoor tap, Jones told *The Times*.

As a precaution, additional sites in the system were tested at the same time.

After the 24 hour wait, the county got the news that none of the sites had tested positive

for fecal coliform. County officials lifted the water quality advisory at midnight on August 19.

Two weeks later, after additional testing throughout the system, Jones said he is almost certain the positive fecal coliform reading resulted from contamination at the test site.

"We decontaminate the area and clean the tap with Clorox® before we take the sample," Jones told *The Times*, noting that a number of theories have been floated as to what caused the contamination — none of which can be confirmed at this point or is likely to ever be confirmed.

Jones said the connection between the home where the contamination was found and the county water system includes a double check valve to prevent any backflow from the residence into the county system. Consequently, Jones said, it is unlikely that the bacteria ever entered the county water supply.

This was the first time that the county water system has experienced this sort of emer-

gency, Jones said, so county staffers are dissecting their response to determine how they can respond even more effectively in the future.

One option that might have prevented what appears to have been a false alarm is the use of dedicated water testing sites installed in county water mains, rather than relying on taps in customer homes and businesses. But dedicated test taps are expensive, Jones told *The Times* — so expensive that even much larger systems forego that luxury.

Jones said the Cary system — which serves roughly ten times as many customers as the Moore County system — does not have dedicated test taps. The Cary system had an e. coli emergency at the same time as the Moore County emergency. The two systems are not connected and there is no reason to believe the incidents are related, Jones said.

Jones is exploring options for getting the word out to residents more quickly when an emer-

gency occurs in the water system. The county Emergency Operations Center was activated during the water emergency in order to handle calls from concerned citizens. However, there was no effort to call all the customers served by the system, because the county currently lacks the technology to do so effectively, Jones told *The Times*.

But the county's Emergency Services department is in the process of purchasing a new 9-1-1 communications system that should make it possible for Public Utilities to telephone each of its customers in case of emergency.

"We should be able to load our customer database into their system," Jones said.

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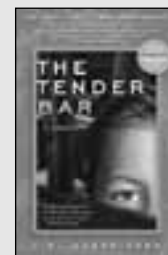
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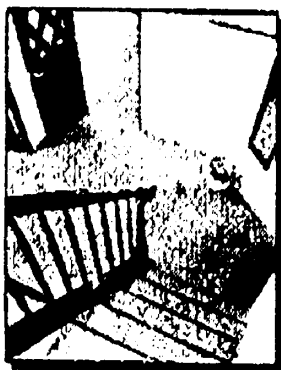
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SLWLA

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sion's claim of jurisdiction on Lake Auman. President Meikle said the conversation continues but that there is nothing to report at present.

Erickson reiterated his concern that any claim of jurisdiction be opposed in the strongest possible manner. "If we get the government on our lake, they will get a strong foothold in here, and it's going to be a disaster," Erickson said.

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Area A chairman

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Cummings told *The Times* he did not when the Commissioners might again take up the appointment of an Area A Chairman. Clerk Carol Thomas told *The Times* on Wednesday that the appointment is not on the agenda for the September 5 meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Planning Board Chairman Harry Huberth told *The Times* that the Planning Board envisions the Area A Steering Committee making most decisions by consensus rather than through vote-taking. However, should a vote be necessary, he said, they felt neither the Chairman nor the Vice Chairman should have a vote.

Draft minutes of the Planning Board meeting of July 13, when recommendations concerning the committee were formulated, show that “the chair and vice chair would not vote.” But the packet prepared for the com-

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missioner's August 7 meeting makes no mention of this.

Huberth said the Planning Board thought having its own members as chairman and vice chairman of the steering committee would be an asset, since they were familiar with the way the Planning Board and Planning staff work.

In addition to Dave Kinney and Paul Hodges, the other twelve members of the Area A Steering Committee recommended by the Planning Board and appointed by the Board of Commissioners during their August 7 meeting are:

- Watts Auman, a peach farmer and West End native.
- Judy Burroughs, a West End Elementary teacher and president of the Jackson Springs Historical Society.
- Cindy Holland, a Seven Lakes resident who is a former principal at West End Elementary and the current principal at New Century Middle School.
- Johnny P. Ingram, Jr. a Jackson Springs truck driver.

- Ray MacKay, a Seven Lakes resident and member of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Board of Directors
- Dr. John L. Monroe, a retired physician and current tree farmer from West End.
- Leonard Tufts, a retiree who resides on Murdocksville Road.
- Don Welch, a Seven Lakes resident who serves as part-time minister of the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines.
- David Wilson, a retiree from West End.
- Elaine Girgis, a Seven Lakes resident, accountant, and long-time member of the Seven Lakes business community.
- Jesse Wimberley, a tree farmer from Speight Road in West End.

The group of fourteen committee members includes four women and ten men; eight of the fourteen are retirees. Five reside in Seven Lakes.

The names recommended were drawn primarily from a pool of 42 applicants; all but

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SLLA meeting

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ed that they had completed Phase 1 of their project — the revision of the SLLA by-laws and would be presenting the results of that effort at the Board's September work session. The committee will then move to Phase 2, a revision of the Rules and Regulations.

Security. Director Michael Florence said he has been receiving complaints about residents allowing people to fish — unsupervised by the landowner — in community lakes. He remind-

ed landowners that the rules and regulations require that they be present with their guests when guests are using SLLA amenities.

"Please remind your guests, your friends, and yourself that we do have a 25 MPH speed limit in Seven Lakes," Florence said, noting that speeding has become a problem in certain areas of the community.

He said the Association would soon be using a device that will allow them to track travel speeds over a given stretch of road-

way, in order to identify areas for Sheriff's Department speed traps or the installation of speed humps.

Finance. Treasurer Steve Hudson reported that, as of the end of July, \$1,017,000 in Landowners dues had been collected. Year-to-date revenues for that period total \$1,091,000 and expenses were \$304,000.

"We're looking real good for the coming year," Hudson said.

Architectural Review. Ron Richmond reported that no new homes had been approved in the past month.

During the first five months of the year, he noted, 13 new homes had been approved, including eight on the South Side and five on the North Side. All eight South Side homes were spec houses, with an average square footage of 1,890. Three of the North Side homes were spec homes, with an average squarefootage of 1,704.

Long-range planning. Truesdell said his long-range planning committee, which includes Nuti, Hudson, and Seven Lakes Civic Group President Dave Kinney, held their first meeting three weeks ago. Nuti and Truesdell are developing a maintenance and replacement schedule for all

Association assets.

Manager's Report. Community Manager Dalton Fulcher reported that the installation of a new phone system in the Landowners Office is almost complete. The new system includes voice mail, which will allow landowners to leave messages for office staff at any time of the day or night.

Public comment. The small crowd in attendance — as well as the rain outside the North Clubhouse — engendered a

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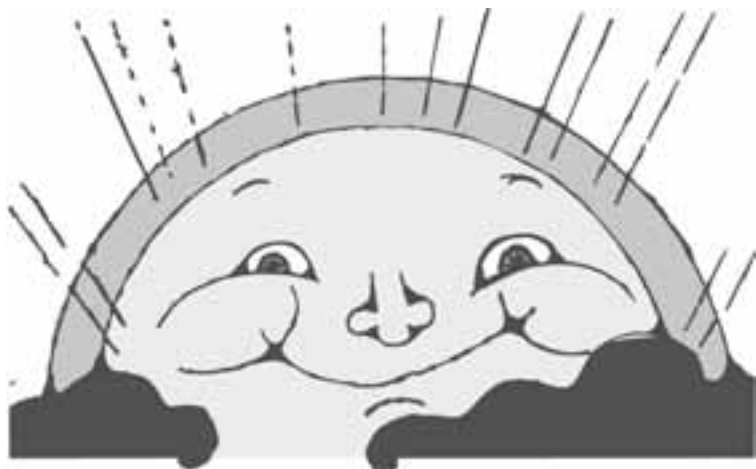
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