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Board will sign Wildlife pact

In a five-to-four vote the Board of Directors of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] decided during its Wednesday, November 8 work session to enter into an agreement with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission [NCWRC], President Jim Meikle told *The Times*.

The agreement, published in the October 13 edition of *The Times* and hotly debated during the October 24 General Meeting of the Association, will keep NCWRC officers off of Lake Auman but will require Westsiders to purchase fishing license and register their boats with the state.

Jim Meikle, Hugh Beckwith, Ray MacKay, Mike Finney, and Jo Nicholas voted in favor of

signing the agreement with the Commission; Mary Anne Fewkes, Betty Milligan, Virgil Reid, and Blaine Rowland voted against.

There's one condition attached to the approval, Meikle said. The agreement will be signed only after the board receives a written assurance from its insurer that the SLWLA's insurance coverage will not be substantially impaired by signing the agreement.

Concerns that the agreement would saddle the Association with additional liability was a persistent topic during the October General Meeting.

Beckwith provided *The Times* with a statement that he said reflects the position of the five-

(See "Wildlife," p. 34)

Club to vote on driving range

The board of Seven Lakes Country Club [SLCC] is considering building a new driving range to the east of the clubhouse, on acreage the club already owns, and selling the five-acre site of the current driving range to a developer, presumably for the construction of homes.

The SLCC Board has called a special meeting of the membership on Sunday, December 3, and included in its announcement of the meeting a ballot asking members to vote in favor of the new range, projected to cost \$125,000.

Mike Spayd, the Club's General Manager, told *The Times* on Wednesday that "the purpose of

our exploring this option and making this proposal to the members is centered in our concern for the safety of our members and the community."

Spayd said that the growth of the population in the Seven Lakes area has substantially increased traffic on Seven Lakes Drive.

As a result, "our current practice facility is a safety concern," he told *The Times*.

Because no screening separates the current range from the roadway, stray balls can strike cars on Seven Lakes Drive.

The membership is being asked to approve the new prac-

(See "Driving range" p. 37)

Diamonds are forever . . .



The Seven Lakes Diamonds, including Marge Van Liedekerke, honored founding member Jean Downer at their luncheon on Friday, November 3. Read more on page 2.

Boylan takes House seat

In his campaign for the District 52 North Carolina House seat, Bud Shaver of Seven Lakes North won 53% of the votes cast in his home precinct. But that margin was not enough to carry him to victory in the county as a whole.

The Republican nominee Joe Boylan, who defeated longtime Representative Richard Morgan in the primary election, carried the day over Shaver and former Southern Pines Police Chief Gerald Galloway. Boylan took 43 percent of the vote countywide, versus 36 percent for Galloway and 21 percent for Shaver.

Though, across the nation, there were extremely close results in a number of key races,

most Moore County races were decided by comfortable margins. The exception is the race for three at large seats on the Board of Education.

Current School Board member J. Dale Frye led the pack with 24% of the votes cast. But the three candidates next in line, Pamela D. Thompson, Sue McKenzie Black, and James F. Koch were separated by only 132 votes.

Elections Director Glenda Clendenin told *The Times* on Wednesday that she was researching state regulations in order to determine if a mandatory recount of those results would be required.

In other races, incumbent Republican District 6 Congressman Howard Coble won Moore County, Seven Lakes, and West End with comfortable margins

(See "Elections," p. 32)

Early Deadline!

The next issue of The Seven Lakes Times will be published on Wednesday, November 22, timed for delivery ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday. Our deadline for ad reservations, ad copy, new items, and letters to the editor will be 5:00 pm on Thursday, November 16.

‘Diamonds’ are Seven Lakes originals

Seven Lakes Diamond member and founding member Jean Downer will be moving from Seven Lakes to Belle Meade next week. Downer has been involved with the Diamonds group for over 22 years. She was honored at the monthly luncheon meeting on Friday, November 3. She said it was a hard decision, but it was time to make a change in her lifestyle at this point of her life.

Area A meeting Tuesday

The Small Area Plan Steering Committee for Area A, centered on Seven Lakes and West End, will have its "Orientation Meeting" on Tuesday, November 14, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

The formal agenda has yet to be released, but materials provided to each committee member with the meeting announcement suggest a busy evening.

Among the ground to be covered:

- Introductions of each committee member.
- Review of feedback from last Spring's community meetings.
- Review of ground rules.
- Review of key points regarding the land use plan, current zoning, existing demographic and economic conditions.
- Finalize a roadmap or timeline for the process.
- Establish meeting dates and locations.
- Identify key stakeholder groups not represented on the committee, so their input can be

sought.

- Formulate a program to keep the public informed of the group's progress.

The Small Area Planning process is a new venture for the county — an attempt to do land use planning for areas smaller than the county as a whole.

The process will begin with Area A, but is eventually expected to be replicated in other areas across the county.

The process is expected to involve period progress reports to the public, and public input meetings to gather feedback.

While Tuesday's meeting is not one of those public input meetings, it is open to members of the public interested in observing the new process as it gets off the ground.

The meeting will be held in the Old West End Elementary School Cafeteria Building, next to Pinetree Enterprises, at 126 Old West End School Lane, in West End.

More information on the Small Area Planning process is available from the Planning Department at 947-5010 or on the county website at <http://www.co.moore.nc.us>

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The Seven Lakes Diamonds began when Jean and Dot Rhyne decided their mothers — also Seven Lakes residents — might be more at home in Seven Lakes if they had more opportunity to socialize with others in their own age group.

So Jean and Dot took their "Moms" to lunch. That was in 1984 and it started a Seven Lakes tradition that's still going strong today.

Every first Friday of the month, the Diamonds — daughters and

Moms, or mothers-in-law, or aunts, or older friends, get together for lunch and socializing at Seven Lakes Country Club.

Marge Van Liedekerke spearheads the group currently. The Diamond are always on the lookout for new members — everyone is welcome.

So, if you're looking for great conversation and good fellowship, call Marge Van Liedekerke at 673-0480 and get in on the next luncheon.

The Diamonds next meet on Friday, December 1 at 11:30 am at Seven Lakes Country Club.

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NCWRC welcomed on some private lakes

Westiders are sharply divided over whether to sign an agreement with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission [NCWRC] — but, for the most part, seem united in their desire to keep Wildlife Enforcement Officers off of Lake Auman.

But the presence of those officers has become commonplace on some other private lakes in the state. In fact, some communities apparently would like to see them more often.

In an attempt to better understand the role of Wildlife Enforcement on private lakes, *The Times* spoke last week with the General Manager of the Lake Royale Landowners Association and a member of the Woodlake Property Owners Association Lake Committee.

Both communities have lakes that are without question "inland fishing waters" subject to the jurisdiction of the NCWRC, because both lakes are both creek-fed and spring-fed, rather than exclusively spring-fed, like Lake Auman.

Woodlake. If Seven Lakes has a rival for the title of fastest-growing community in Moore County, it is Woodlake. Situated near Route 1, it can serve as a bedroom for commuters to both Raleigh and Fayetteville.

Like Seven Lakes West, Woodlake is a private, gated community with both a large man-made lake and a golf course. Unlike Lake Auman, the lake at the center of Woodlake, once called "Lake Surf" but now called "Woodlake," is regularly patrolled by

officers of the NCWRC.

Woodlake is fed by Cranes Creek and several other good-sized creeks that are part of the Cape Fear Watershed.

The Times spoke with Woodlake resident Mary Larsen, a longtime member of both the volunteer Lake Committee and of the Woodlake Property Owners Association [POA]. The POA has 1,600 members, Larsen said there are currently about 600 homes in the development.

"We welcome them to come," Larsen told *The Times*, talking about patrols by Wildlife officers.

Larsen said that the 1,260 acre Woodlake can see very heavy boat traffic on weekends and holidays. "And people seem to ignore safety and navigation rules," Larsen said.

As a result, the Woodlake POA will often call the NCWRC to request patrols during holiday weekends.

"A lot of time we will call and ask them to come if we know that it is going to be heavy traffic," Larsen said. Personally, I don't want to go out there if I know there's going to be a number of drunks running around."

The NCWRC officer "does not enforce our rules," Larsen told *The Times*. "They can't enforce our speed limits, they can't control speed, but hey can control underage kids driving boats, which is one of our biggest problems."

There's apparently no question about NCWRC jurisdiction on Woodlake. "We've never had anyone call up or ask whether they have jurisdiction," Larsen told

The Times.

Woodlake does have a number of local regulations — speed limits and no wake zones and the like — which are not enforceable by the NCWRC. A lake "ranger" — a private security officer — is employed part-time by the developer — who owns the lake — to enforce these regulations. Larsen said the ranger lets boater know when they are speeding or violating other boating rules, but neither the association or developer levies fines for violations.

The developer and the volunteer Lake Committee recently spent \$5,000 for a extensive study of the lake that included an electro-shock fish survey. Larsen said the lake has a problem with an excess of the aquatic weed hydrilla. One source of funding for the lake study and other activities of the Lake Committee is an annual "Hydrilla Thrilla" golf tournament.

The Lake Committee receives no assistance from the NCWRC on lake or fish management; their interaction with the commission is limited to the enforcement division.

Larsen said the lake is completely private and is only open to Woodlake Residents and their guests. In fact, not all Woodlake residents have access. Res-

idents who want to use the lake must purchase a "lake membership." The cost of that membership varies depending on how it is packages with golf and other resort memberships.

Lake Royale. Situated near Bunn, in Franklin County northeast of Raleigh, Lake Royale is a 3,000 acre community developed, like Seven Lakes, in the

1970s. The community's centerpiece, Lake Royale, encompasses 345 acres and 13 miles of shoreline. There are currently 700-800 homes in the community.

The gated Lake Royale community includes both residential lots and "camping parcels." It has a privately-managed golf

(See "Other lakes," p. 31)

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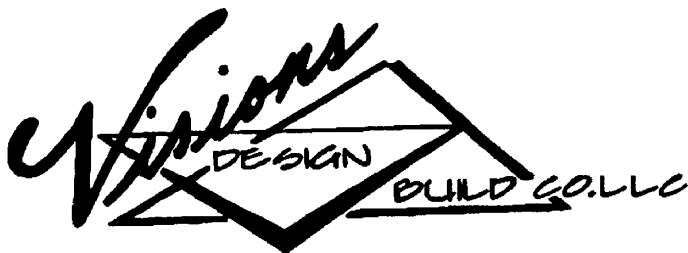
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Quilters win big at show



Judges' Choice — Jackie Simpson (left) and Barbara Eckroth hold Eckroth's Judges' Choice winning quilt.

Twelve Seven Lakes women exhibited 32 quilts at the "Quilting in the Pines II" show held in the Pinehurst Fair Barn on October 13 and 14. Two Judges, certified by the National Quilting Association, awarded a total of seven ribbons to the Seven Lakes women.

Barbara Eckroth's appliqued bed quilt, "Midnight Floral Fantasy," won a Judges' Choice ribbon. She also won a third place ribbon for her appliqued wall hanging "Poni Mo'i."

Jackie Simpson won First Place for her crazy patch bed quilt entitled "My Family, Past and Present."

Linda James won a second and third place ribbon for her "America – Land That I Love" wall hanging and her "Winter

Blooms" pieced bed quilt. Jean Schmidt received a third place ribbon for her "Rooster of the Year" wall hanging, and Joanne Lentz received Honorable Mention for her appliqued wall quilt "Butterfly Fancy."

The Seven Lakes Bee exhibited their queen-sized quilt which will be presented to the Moore Regional Hospital's Hospitality House. Other Seven Lakes women exhibiting their work were Alice Shaughnessy, Sandra Zimmer, Donna Clemens, Lorraine Herge, Lora Buelow, Kay Houlihan, and Sally Siegfried.

The quilt show, sponsored by the Sandhills Quilters Guild, is a biennial event. This year's show exhibited 190 quilts in 19 categories.

The Gallery Presents Holiday Hang-Ups

The Gallery at Seven Lakes, located at Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church on Seven Lakes Drive, and many local artists have created all new works of art for the holidays and for the Winter season.

The new display begins the week of November 8th, with a special open house from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, on Saturday November 11, and again on Sunday November 12.

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Emergency phone system is pricey option

As you may recall we had a scare concerning the safety of our water supply, last July. A suggestion was made that the Seven Lakes Landowners Association should investigate an automated dialing system that would provide the capability of sending each landowner a pre-recorded message. These types of systems are used by political candidates to provide a pre-recorded message to the electorate. There are two ways this function can be provided.

According to Embarq, the cost to buy this equipment is estimated at \$25,000 to \$30,000. The equipment would be installed in the Seven Lakes Landowners Association office and a pre-recorded message would be transmitted via telephone to each landowner who has registered his/her telephone number with the office.

The second method is to contract with a firm in this business. The estimated cost is \$5.00 to \$10.00, per telephone number per year. This method is employed by the Moore County Public School system.

No other communities in Moore County use either system therefore, if made available it would have to be paid for by the people who subscribe.

Another option is to create a calling chain. We have 1200 residences. If we had 120 volunteers, each volunteer would be responsible for making 10 calls. If this option is preferred then I am asking for a volunteer to head up a committee to create this call-

ing chain. What are your thoughts? Please e-mail me at dtruesdell@nc.rr.com.

We will continue to post vital information, as we did in July, at the following locations:

Board Notes

*Don Truesdell
Seven Lakes
Landowners Board*

The Seven Lakes Landowners Association web-site www.sevenlakesnc.org.

An e-mail distribution list. We will email only important notices. Do we have your current e-mail

address? Please check with the office.

The North and South mail room building's bulletin boards.

The July water scare also made the local news broadcasts for ABC, CBS and NBC affiliates in Raleigh.

On another note there are four seats on the Seven Lakes Landowners Association board of directors up for election. [See article at right.]

If you decide to run for office after December 13, you must present a petition with 50 signatures of residents' names on or before 1:00 pm, January 18, to be placed on the ballot. The results of this election will be announced at the annual meet-

ing scheduled for Sunday, March 25.

Please give this request your serious consideration.

Candidates sought for SLLA Board

*by Steve Hudson
Chairman of the
SLLA Nominating Committee*

If you are a resident homeowner in good standing and would like to donate both time and energy to the successful management of our gated community, we invite you to consider making yourself available as a candidate for our next board of directors.

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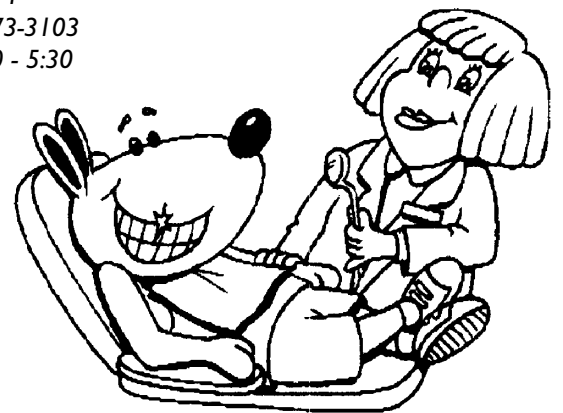
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Presbyterians welcome Lyon to pulpit

by Mary Price

The Rev. Dr. Larry Lyon begins his ministry at West End Presbyterian Church on Monday, November 13 and will be in the pulpit for his initial sermon on Sunday, November 19.

Rev. Lyon and his wife Martha are coming from Blowing Rock,

NC where he has been the pastor at Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church. During his pastorate there, Rumble has been one of the most rapidly growing churches in the Salem Presbytery.

Lyon's first career was in journalism beginning as a sports

writer in Charleston, SC. This was followed by 18 years at The Dispatch in Lexington, NC, including 10 years as the Executive Editor. He has been heard to say that he had a rewarding career in journalism as a sports writer, meeting Jack Nicklaus and Hank Aaron, and as an editor, comforting the afflicted and afflicting the comfortable.

Feeling a strong call to the ministry, coupled with the dedicated support of his wife and family, he resigned his position at the paper to become a full-time student at Union Seminary in Richmond, VA. Following seminary, he felt very blessed to be called to serve Rumble Memorial in Blowing Rock, and during the eight years he was there, he completed his Doctor of Ministry Degree.

Martha Lyon is a pharmacist by profession and has worked at the hospital in Boone and been the pharmacist for the Watauga Hunger Coalition, an organization that provides medications to the needy in the surrounding rural area around Boone, NC. Rev. Lyon and Martha Lyon have three children.

Their son Paul is the Associate Athletic Director at Belmont Abbey College, and he and his wife, Elysabeth Utick live in the Charlotte area. Their daughter Kaylor taught at the Charis Academy, a Christian school in Malang, Indonesia, where she met her fiancé, Donny Kaemba. They will be married in December. Their younger daughter Hannah is a first year student at Davidson College.

As the Lyons join the West End Presbyterian congregation to begin their ministry, the church says goodbye to Bob and Billie Martin, who will be returning to their retirement home in the North Carolina mountains. West End Presbyterian has been blessed by their ministry and the congregation looks forward to an exciting future with the Lyon family.



The Reverend Doctor Larry Lyon of West End Presbyterian Church.

4th BYOB Mixer is November 12

Come and meet your neighbors at the fourth annual B.Y.O.B. mixer at the Seven Lakes North Club House on Sunday, November 12, 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

This popular get together is sponsored by Women of Seven Lakes and chaired by Ginny Long and Ginny Heerema.

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Mindy Fineman of the Sandhills Jewish Congregation, Suzanne Simpson, pastor of the Jackson Springs Presbyterian Church, and Dudley Crawford, interim supply pastor of the McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church have served as the planning team for this first-time event designed to bring the whole community into a setting in which various traditions share their gratitude for the blessings of this nation and this world.

Using familiar hymns of the church and synagogue, sharing words from the Psalms and

the prophets, praying in Hebrew and English, incorporating can-

dles and listening to a choir's singing "America the Beautiful"

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service for refreshments. Worshipers are asked to bring canned goods as their Thanksgiving Offering, which will be given to the Sandhills Coalition for Human Care.



The Beth Shalom Synagogue in Foxfire.

Raffle benefits playground

Does your holiday décor say "bah humbug?" Have your twinkling lights lost their sparkle? Is the tree going to stand in the same corner again this year? The Seven Lakes Northside Park playground advisory committee is here to help.

Three local interior designers have generously donated two hours of decorating design time to be raffled off to raise funds for park improvements. Using your décor and decorations, these designers will add beauty and drama to your home this festive season.

Raffle tickets are two dollars each or six tickets for ten dollars. For a thirty dollar donation, you will have eighteen chances to win with six tickets in each designer's drawing.

All proceeds will be used to improve the Northside Park. Current projects include completing the fitness trail, adding more hard court play area, landscaping and signage, and new playground equipment.

Raffle tickets are available at several upcoming community events or by calling Laura Douglass at 673-1817, Amanda Keller

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Bookshop, WEE team up for Book Fair

Bookshop by the Lakes in Seven Lakes Village will sponsor "WEE Week Book Fair" at the shop from November 13 to November 18.

Every book purchased at the Bookshop that week will win West End Elementary credit toward the purchase of new books for use in classrooms and the library.

"West End Elementary is such an important part of our community," explained Bookshop owner

Marcy Hankins. Hankins acquired the Bookshop last November.

"We've only owned the Bookshop for a year, but everyone has been so supportive, we wanted to find a way to give something back to the community," she added. "Finding a way to help West End Elementary seemed like a good choice."

From November 13 to November 18 the Bookshop will donate 20 percent of the price of every purchase to a Book Fund for

WEE. These "WEE dollars" can then be used by the WEE staff to buy more books for use in the school. Every purchase made by every customer during the week will earn credit for the school.

"We already have lots of West End students, teachers, and parents who shop with us," Hankins said. "But we want even more of them to visit the store and see what a great selection of children's and young adult books we have."

"During WEE Days, they can stop by the shop, pick out a great book, and help the school buy more books that all students can enjoy."

"We know how important a solid foundation in reading skills is for students throughout their school years and beyond," Hankins said. "And it's especially important for children to have books of their very own."

Bookshop by the Lakes is located in Seven Lakes Village just across the parking lot from First Bank. It's in the same building as the Coffee Scene.

The Bookshop is open Monday through Saturday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and closed every Wednesday. The phone number is 673-5900.

"We hope everyone in the West End Elementary family will visit us during WEE Days,

November 13 to 18," Hankins told *The Times*.

Sponsor a Sign at WEES Baseball Field

More signs are being made to hang at the West End Elementary School Baseball Field. There is limited space left.

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Bookshop Owner Marcella Hankins (disguised as Minnie Mouse) takes a break after a busy Halloween at Bookshop by the Lakes.

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The October meeting of the Seven Lakes Garden Club was especially appropriate to the season. The speaker, Jan Graindorge, presented a program on gourds – growing and decorating tips. Aside from lots of sun, gourds also need strong trellises to keep them off of the ground. And the gardner shouldn't be too anxious to harvest them – wait until the stems go brown and/or

after a hard frost for the best drying.

Graindorge showed how she decorates the gourds using inks, paints, wood burning tools, wood working tools, stencils and free hand drawings. She also uses pine straw for edging and for hair and beards!

Graindorge brought several samples of gourds. One table was filled with gourds that had been

dried but not yet cleaned. Another table held works in progress to demonstrate some of her techniques. The third table was filled with several different types of gourds in their final form – bowls, decorations, bird houses and masks were on display.

One of the most spectacular gourds won her a blue ribbon from the North Carolina Gourd Association.



Jan Graindorge shows off a mask made from a garden gourd at the October meeting of the Seven Lakes Garden Club.

'Sylvia premieres Friday

This is the story of Kate and Greg. Greg's career is winding down just as his wife Kate's is building. So, when Greg brings home a stray dog named Sylvia, the dog becomes a major bone of contention in the middle-aged couple's relationship. The marriage is put in serious jeopardy until, after a series of hilarious and touching complications, Greg and Kate learn to compromise. "Sylvia" will be at the Sunrise Theatre in Southern Pines, November 10 through 19.

For specific dates and times and for reservations, please call 255-0667. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for students. Opening night reception will be hosted by Billy Ertter at Hair Biz @ the Cottage.

Patrons attending the per-

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Sunrise, Sunset at Photo Club

The Sandhills Photography Club competition will be judged at the next meeting on November 13 at 7:30 pm, at Christ Fellowship Church on the corner of Pee Dee Road and Midland Road in Southern Pines.

Sunrise and Sunsets will be the theme of the photos submitted by members of the club in digital format for the last competition of the year.

Ron Sutton, George Butt and Cynthia Newman will serve as judges.

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Mom, daughter team up for tree festival

Seven Lakes own mother and daughter team of Michelle and Samantha Bolton have been busy decorating trees for the Sandhills Children's Center's 10th Annual Festival of Trees.

Working within the new category of Wall Trees at this year's Festival, they have created two exquisite trees guaranteed to wow all attendees. One is a golden tree of peacocks highlighted with peacock feathers and gorgeous glass ornaments. The

other is a whimsical flamingo tree topped with a pair of glass flamingos and covered with bright pink and white ornaments. Each tree is accompanied with original framed photographs taken by Michelle, which inspired the tree themes.

Samantha Bolton is making her debut as a solo designer of a Victoria's Secret tree in this year's festival featuring ornaments from the famed lingerie boutique.

The Festival is a wonderful winter celebration that creates excitement in our community and raises much needed revenue for the special needs children served by Sandhills Children's Center. You may bid on these and over 150 other decorated holiday items November 17th-19th at Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club Reception Center. Call the Sandhills Children's Center at 692-3323 for more Festival of Trees information.



Samantha and Michelle Bolton have created special trees for the Sandhills Children's Center's 10th Annual Festival of

Turkey Trot is November 18

Serious runners and scenery-conscious walkers can get a healthy head start on the holidays with the 26th annual Turkey Trot on Saturday, November 18.

The USATF/RRTC-certified courses will begin at the FirstHealth Center for Health & Fitness-Pinehurst, located just off Highway 211, and wind through the picturesque residential district of the Village of Pinehurst before ending at the Center. Events include a Half Marathon, One-Mile Fun Run, and 5K and 10K races for all ages.

Registration and packet pick-up will be held Friday, November 17, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and will continue at 7 am on race day.

The One-Mile Fun Run begins at 8:30 am, the Half Marathon starts at 9:00 am, and the 5K and 10K races will get under way

at 9:30 am. An awards ceremony will immediately follow the conclusion of the races.

All entrants will receive a long-sleeved Turkey Trot T-shirt, and power gel will be provided to Half Marathon participants.

In addition, a New Balance Shoe Sale and Computerized Foot Analysis will be held Friday, Nov. 17, from 7 am to 8 pm and Saturday, Nov. 18, from 7 am to noon.

All race participants will receive

20 percent off their purchase during the event.

For appointments, call (910) 715-1800. Walkups are welcome, but may experience a brief wait.

For more information on the race, or to request a registration form, visit www.firsthealth.org or contact Race Director Jodi Heimrich by phone at (910) 715-1800 or (910) 715-1843 or by e-mail at jheimrich@firsthealth.org.

Merry Holiday Market

From 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, November 18, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church will host, for your shopping pleasure, an arts and crafts sale featuring a multitude of handmade gifts. Delicious baked goods and candy will also be available. Save time and energy this busy holiday season by joining your neighbors and artistic friends at this wonderful local sale.

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Colvin's books will be on display at the **Holiday Arts & Crafts Show, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church on Saturday, November 18th** — or a private showing can be arranged at 128 Edgewater Drive, Seven Lakes North, by calling Helen at **673-2880**.



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Women of 7 Lakes eye precious stones

by Sondra Schroeder

On Thursday November 2, Mr. John James, proprietor of Heavenly Pines Jewelry in Pinehurst, addressed the Women of Seven Lakes on the topic of precious stones. He was introduced by his wife and business partner, Mary, who explained that he has been a jeweler for 54 years, having begun with watch repair in New York.

John explained the four groups of precious stones; diamonds, rubies, sapphires and emeralds. The ruby is the most expensive of the precious stones and the depth of its color determines its worth. The only difference between it and a sapphire is the color. He continued that the most difficult stone to buy is an emerald because it is a soft stone with imperfections. The finest emeralds come from Columbia.

The diamond, on the other hand, is the hardest precious stone. When considering the value of a diamond you must evaluate a number of characteristics. Color is important with white with a cast of blue as the most desirable. Imperfections are rated on a twenty-point scale, with a clarity rating of one designating a perfect diamond.

And of course, the carat, i.e. weight of the diamond, is important. All of the above characteristics affect the price of the diamond.

John advised that the price jumps dramatically, when appraised at two carats or more. He advised choosing a 1.99 carat rather than a 2.00 stone for that reason.

The remainder of his lecture touched on rubies, pearls and tanzanite. When you are not sure of the source of a jewel, John advised to have the stone appraised by a second jeweler and that you pay for your purchase with a credit card.

John and Mary concluded the meeting by serenading the group with "Sounds of Music for Senior Citizens." They were a joy to have visit.

Eileen Roberts won the door prize donated by Southern Grace Flowers and Gifts.

Future dates for events are November 12 – BYOB Mixer Cocktail Party; December 1 – Christmas Gate Decorations,



John & Mary James of Heavenly Pines Jewelry.

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First annual 'Trunk or Treat' is fun for all

by Betty Milligan,
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All this and more were found at the first Halloween Trunk or Treat at the SLWCC parking lot on October 31.

If you were not one of the several hundred there, you missed a delightful evening. The event took on a carnival-like atmosphere with lots of laughter and excitement, family fun, neighbors and friends meeting each other and neighbors meeting neighbors for the first time.

Not only were the children dressed for the special evening, but parents and pets were as well.

The success of this event was due to the outpouring support of the volunteers who wanted to see it happen, the many parents and grandparents who came, and, of course, the won-

derful children who were so well-mannered and delightful. Speaking of delightful...the

SLW Recreation Committee's next event will be the Second Annual Tree Lighting at the Com-

munity Center on Sunday, December 3 at 3:00 pm. Santa will be there along with other outstanding entertainment including Sweet Adeline's Sophisticated Ladies and our own Seven Lakes West Band. Refreshments will be served. Be sure to mark your calendars.

Also on Saturday, December 16 at 1:00 pm, children are invited to attend a Christmas Party and make gingerbread houses at the Community Center.

This event requires pre-registration. Please call the Community Center and leave the child's name and a telephone number.

Again, thank you from SLW Recreation Committee for a job well done. And a special "thank you" to Greg Hankins and The

Seven Lakes Times for the support and smiles when we ask for publicity.

Next year's event will be even bigger!



The First Annual Trunk or Treat attracted all sorts of goblins and ghosts, fairies and fantastic creatures.

Open Up Your Heart

Sometimes people think that as they get older, they don't have much to give. That certainly isn't true when it comes to dogs and cats, particularly ones who never had a good home and would be so grateful for a second chance.

Montgomery Moore Animal Rescue [MMAR] is waiving the adoption fee through November 30 for seniors willing to give a dog or cat that second chance. Your new companion will be spayed or neutered, tested for heartworms and current on shots.

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Softball benefit for Noah hits a home run

Thirty degrees with a slight breeze sounds like great conditions for an all day nap, but that was not the case in West End over the weekend. Although the temperature was cold, the warm hearts of the Seven Lakes/West End Community made things a lot more comfortable.

Ten softball teams, some traveling from as far away as Hamlet, Rockingham and Siler City, as well as local teams gathered at the ball field at West End Elementary to raise money for Noah Jones and his family.

The field was broken into two divisions, a Recreational Division and an Open Division, based on experience and level of competition. Many of the Recreational games were held at West Pine Middle School.

The games started at 6:30 pm Friday night and lasted until around midnight only to start back up again at 9:00 am Saturday morning finishing around 10:00 pm Saturday night. Chris Jones, father of Noah Jones, threw out the tournament's cer-

emonial first pitch. A homerun derby started around 12:30 pm Saturday, having two divisions as well. Men and women were both able to join in the fun, the women hit from second base and the men hit from home plate. Each batter was allowed fifteen pitches to get ten swings. The women's homerun derby was won by Sam Raahauge with seven balls over the fence and Mike and Lee Lavinier were co-champions of the men's derby with four homeruns each. The open division was won by the Show Stoppers (3-0) from Rockingham, and the recreational division was won by Roly-Poly (4-0).

Event sponsor Matt McNeill of Jubilee Screen Print and Embroidery would like to thank the Seven Lakes/West End Community for all the support they have shown. Without them this weekend would not have been nearly as successful. With the teams entry fees, concessions and raffle ticket sales, as well as cash donations, they were able to raise over \$8,000 for the



Raffle Winner — Ken Westcott of McLendon Hills shows off the lovely gold-sequined purse he won for wife Nancy Piscopo in the Noah Jones Benefit Raffle.

Jones Family. Our community donated every item that was raffled off as well as all the food that was sold at the concession stand. Every business and individual that took part in this tournament from the teams that played to the volunteers that umpired or worked the concession stand to the individuals that spent weeks organizing this event should be commended for their hard work and commitment.

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Carrs celebrate 50th Anniversary

Dawson and Bobbi Carr celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, September 30 at the North Clubhouse.

In addition to other family and friends, the Carr's were joined by son Larry and his children Brandi and Trevor, daughter Becky Shrodt and her husband Steve and children Andrew and Jordan, and son Scott and his wife Angela and daughter Devin, and grandson Greg accompanied

by fiancé Rosanna Rodriguez. Dawson's parents, Dawson and Carita Carr of Stedman, who recently celebrated their 71st anniversary, also attended.

Dinner was catered by Reggie and Donna Long. Music was provided by Danny and June Infantino and flowers were furnished by Toni Selex of Southern Grace.

The Carr's were married in Chesterfield, South Carolina, on

September 29, 1956.

They first moved to Seven Lakes in December 1973 and were the first permanent residents of the community. Bobbi taught for twenty years at West End Elementary School and retired in 1998.

Dawson retired after twenty-seven years at Sandhills Community College, where he taught mathematics and served as associate dean of instruction.



Dawson and Bobbi Carr

Lions to host new Chamber President

The Seven Lakes Lion's Club will host guest speaker Patrick J. Coughlin, President, Moore County Chamber of Commerce, at their meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 16th, in the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Doors will open at 6:00 pm with the featured presentation commencing at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Coughlin will use this opportunity to introduce him-

self to the Seven Lakes Community and to discuss some of the near term challenges facing Moore County in the areas of growth, water and transportation needs, and the impact of BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure).

Prior to the speaker's presentation, a buffet dinner will be available at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$8.00 per person. Please

call Ray Lambert at 673-3006 or 1st vice president Howie Pierce at 673-2087 to make your reservation.

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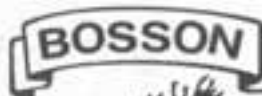
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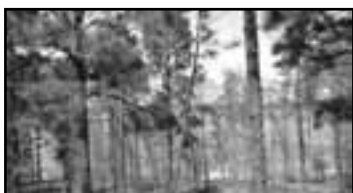


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Sallie Dumas LeGrand, 87, of West End, died Tuesday, October 31, at Pinehurst Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Pinehurst.

Mrs. LeGrand is survived by her seven daughters, Sally Person and her husband, LeAnder, Shirley Cagle, and Louretha LeGrand, all of Eagle Springs, Carrie Wallace and her husband, Perry, of Eastwood, Martha Smith and her husband, Walter, of West End, Hannah Penn and her husband, John L., of Winston-Salem, and Brenda LeGrand of the home; her two sons, William LeGrand and his wife, Helen, of South Fallburg, NY, and James Arthur LeGrand of the home; 33 grandchildren; 58 great-grandchildren; and 25 great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, November 4, at Mt. Airy A.M.E. Zion Church in Mangum.

Jean Marie Miller, age 73, died Wednesday, November 8, at her home in Seven Lakes.

Mrs. Miller was born in Chicago, IL to the late Leonard and Cecilia Ryan Curran. She was accomplished artist, who in addition to painting, enjoyed tennis and bridge.

A Mass of Christian Resurrection will be held on Saturday, November 11 at 11:00 am at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Pinehurst with Father James M. Labosky serving as the celebrant.

Survivors include her husband, John Walter "Jack" Miller; her sons, John David Miller of Loudonville, NY and Matthew Leonard Miller and his wife, Amy of Rome, NY; her daughters, Chalice C. Puzio of Dearborn, MI, Linda Marie Miller of Loudonville, NY and Sandra Miller of Raleigh,

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Infrared treatment helps with neuropathy

For three years, Knollwood Village resident Donald Gehring has dealt with lack of coordination due to neuropathy, damage to the peripheral nervous system that transmits information from the brain and spinal cord to every other part of the body.

He had almost no feeling in his left foot and lower leg, which made it difficult for him to walk steadily—or to walk at all.

"I had to use a cane and my wife for support," he says. "I also took the long way around to avoid steps and curbs."

After just one outpatient Anodyne Therapy treatment at the FirstHealth Center for Rehabilitation, Gehring noticed a difference. After eight Anodyne treatments paired with balance exercises, the improvement was significant.

"I have more feeling in my left foot and leg, the bad leg, than I have in my right foot and leg, the good leg," Gehring says. "I am able to go places and do things without unsteadiness and fear. I seldom use my cane or rely on my wife for support."

Anodyne Therapy (Monochromatic Infrared Photo Energy) is a non-invasive, drug-free way to increase local circulation to nerves and tissues and to reduce neuropathic pain. The treatment program typically consists of three therapy sessions per week over four weeks, although some patients may need more treatments.

Therapy involves a small black pad—about the size of a hand—that is attached by a cord to a black box. The pad has sixty diodes, each about the size of a pencil eraser. The pad, diode side down, is strapped to the patient. When the machine is turned on, the diodes emit a form of infrared light that is absorbed by hemoglobin in the blood. That causes the release of nitric oxide, which causes the blood vessels to dilate, increasing the blood flow to the area. Ultimately, the treatment causes new blood vessels to grow in the area.

The only sensation that the patient feels is a mild warmth beginning about fifteen minutes into the treatment. Karin Wacker, P.T., is the physical therapist who treats Donald Gehring. "When we use Anodyne Thera-

py, the patient experiences a comfortable warmth," she says. "This warmth and the infrared light itself help us reduce pain and increase circulation locally wherever the therapy pads are placed."

At first, a patient may experience some tingling or burning, a sign that blood flow is getting

to the nerves. "The pain usually improves within three to six treatments as more and more blood flow returns to the area," Wacker says.

Patients who would be most appropriate for Anodyne Therapy are those who have been diagnosed with peripheral neu-

ropathy, diabetes, or balance or gait disorders associated to peripheral neuropathy. It is not appropriate for cancer patients, because of the potential for drawing the cancer to a new site, or for pregnant women. However, it can be used on children as well as on people with

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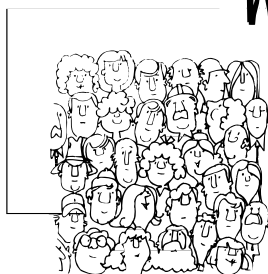
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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- **Holiday Decorating Raffle** – 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, North and South Mail Rooms. Raffle tickets for chance to have professional interior designer assist you with your holiday decorations will be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the Northside Park and playground. For more information call Laura Douglass 673-1817.
- **Artists League of the Sandhills** – 5:00 pm - 8 pm, Gallery at 129 Exchange Street, Aberdeen. Wine and cheese reception kicks off opening weekend of the Artists League's 12th Annual Exhibit and Sale. Seven Lakes own Barbara Sickenberger, Alice Ridenhour, and Ann Campbell will be among the artists displaying their works. Event continues 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Sat, November 11 and Sun, November 12.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- **Veteran's Day**
- **Veterans Memorial Dedication** – 10:00 am, Moore County Veterans Memorial at intersection of NC Hwy 15/501 and Rt. 24/27 in Carthage. The new Moore County Veterans Memorial will be dedicated with Congressman Howard Coble scheduled to deliver the keynote address. The public is invited.
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- **Women of Seven Lakes Mixer Party** — 4:30 pm - 6:30pm, North Clubhouse.

- **National Active & Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Meeting** — 10:30 am, Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St., Southern Pines. For information call George or Julina LeVander 895-9657; Peter Feeney 695-1554; or Henry Seufert 692-6466.
- **911 Emergency Light Demonstration** – 7:00 pm, Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department. Come see how this safety device can save homes and lives.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- **Seven Lakes Computer Club** – 3:00 pm, Game Room. Featured speakers Sandy Berger and Steve Parrish will discuss computer networking and other subjects of current interest as time permits. A question and answer session will follow. Guests are welcome!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- **Seven Lakes Forum** – 9:00 am – refreshments, at West Side Park Community Center. Formal session beginning at 9:15 am. Participants should prepare for about a two-hour session. Ed Silberhorn will be

- the guest speaker, a retired attorney and resident of Seven Lakes, will present the topic entitled Inverse Condemnation. All women and men from Seven Lakes, and their guests, are invited.
- **Seven Lakes Lions Club** – 6:00 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Guest speaker Patrick J. Coughlin, President, Moore County Chamber of Commerce will begin his presentation at 7:00 pm. Buffet dinner available at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$8.00 and reservations can be made by calling Ray Lambert at 673-3006 or 1st vice president Howie Pierce at 673-2087.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- **Merry Holiday Market** – 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. For your shopping pleasure, an arts and crafts sale featuring a multitude of handmade gifts. Delicious baked goods and candy will also be available. Save time and energy this busy holiday season by joining your neighbors and artistic friends at this wonderful local sale.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- **League of Women Voters Luncheon** – 11:30 am, Paddock Restaurant at Longleaf Country Club, Southern Pines. Guest speaker Dr. Susan Purser, Superintendent, Moore County Schools, will discuss "Moore County Schools High Drop-Out Rate and the Board of Education's Response." Lunch cost is \$12. For reservations, call Charlotte Gallagher at 944-9611.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- **Foxfire Interfaith Thanks-**

giving Service – 7:00 pm, Temple Beth Shalom. All are welcome to join in this community event of worship and Thanksgiving service sponsored by McDonalds Chapel and Jackson Springs Presbyterian Churches and Temple Beth Shalom in Foxfire. Canned goods requested for offerings to be given to Sandhills Coalition for Human Care.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Northside Clubhouse. The Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross reports a critical blood supply shortage. Give the Gift of Life this holiday season.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- **Thanksgiving Day**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- **Country Bookshop** – 4:00

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- **A Ringing Singing Christmas** – 10 am - 4 pm, Weymouth Center. Caroling at 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Weymouth Center and the Gate House will be decorated for the holidays and open to visitors. Advance tickets are \$8. Available in Pinehurst at Faded Rose, Given Book Shop and Cooks Choice; Southern Pines at Country Book Store; Seven Lakes at Phoenix Fashions. \$10 at the door. Caroling seating is free and open to the public. Seating is limited.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

- **Children's Special Ringing Singing Christmas** – 9:00 am - 9:45 am, Weymouth Center. Women of Weymouth extend an invitation to the young generation, ages 3-12, to visit the beautifully decorated Weymouth Center. Children and the adults who accompany them may tour the home and be musically entertained. Tickets \$3. In order to accommodate all interested persons, please call 910-255-0090 and make reservations.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

- **SLWLA Second Annual Tree Lighting** – 3:00 pm, Seven Lakes West Community Center. Santa will be there along with other outstanding entertainment including Sweet Adeline's Sophisticated Ladies and the Seven Lakes West Band. Refreshments will be served.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

- **The Creative Christmas Table** – 11:00 am - 5:00 pm, Little River Farms Clubhouse. Ideas for decorating your holiday table. Sponsored by Moore County Ext.

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OPINION

Editorial

Thanks, Bud

Bud Shaver deserves a thank you from Seven Lakes.

In one sense, he already got it, since he carried the day on Tuesday in Seven Lakes precinct voting in the District 52 NC House race.

Of course, that wasn't enough to save him from a third place finish overall.

Still, Shaver deserves our thanks and congratulations for having the interest, the energy, the fortitude, the sheer guts, to mount an uphill campaign against what he saw as too much meddling in Moore County by Raleigh politicians.

Whether you agree with Shaver or not, you have to admire his willingness to do battle for what he believes.

He's the first Seven Laker in recent memory to hit the campaign trail, but we hope he won't be the last. In fact, we believe it is past time that this community began to develop candidates for county and state offices.

Seven Lakes is the fastest-growing area of Moore County — one of the fastest in the state. That growth produces all sorts of needs on the local level for attention at the county and state

level. Having our own folks in key county and state offices would be a big help in making sure those needs are met.

Thanks to the Seven Lakes Civic Group, League of Women Voters of Moore County, and Moore County NAACP, Seven Lakes has hosted two very well-attended candidates forums that brought lawmakers into our community, so that they get to know us better.

Now it's time to get some of our residents on the other side of the candidates' table.

Beyond that, our community is a vast reservoir of talent. Amongst our retirees are lawyers and engineers and strategic planners and scientists and military officers and teachers and on and on and on. And the younger members of our population exhibit a similar talent pool.

This community, in fact, has a lot of talent to offer the county and state.

We hope that others in our end of the county will take inspiration from Shaver's run for the District 52 House seat and seek their own opportunity to serve the community by seeking elective office.

Thanks, Bud, for being the trailblazer.

License Tag Lit

It's time again for an update on the ego license plates seen here and around.

Scout Mitzi Hundley has collected most of these.

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IN HOCK — big SUV from NY
DOGRESQ

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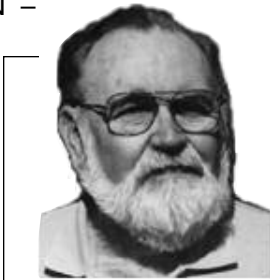
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FairTax forum attracted plenty of interest

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the residents of our community who attended the Fair Tax Forum on Monday, October 30th at the West Side Community Center. The meeting was a huge

success, with approximately 140 people in attendance.

After a twenty minute presentation of the Fair Tax concept, Jim Underwood, Community Director for Fair Tax, answered many questions from the audi-

ence. Jim was fabulous in delivering a captivating presentation and expertly handled the many questions that kept the meeting lively. We concluded later than anticipated, wrapping up the evening at 9:30 pm. I should

note that a number of attendees told me how much they appreciated Jim's openness and honesty. If he did not readily know the answer to a question, he directed you to research the Fair Tax web site.

I would also like to thank Greg and Marcy Hankins, of *The Seven Lakes Times*. Their generosity and community mindedness are the reasons so many of our residents were in attendance. For the past month, each issue of *The Times* had several Fair Tax articles which created much awareness in our community. In the October 27 issue, Greg wrote an editorial about Fair Tax supporting the need for each of us to learn more and to attend the meeting.

Many of you have expressed interest in Fair Tax. Some have written their Congressmen and Senators and more of you have purchased the Fair Tax book.

I feel it would be a good thing if interested parties could meet

from time to time to discuss the advancement of Fair Tax and the much needed awareness and education campaigns in our community.

If you have not already purchased *The Fair Tax Book* by Congressman John Linder and syndicated talk show host Neal Boortz, I urge you to do so. Through the generosity of an anonymous donor and the Book Shop by the Lakes, it can be purchased at significant savings.

I also suggest that you visit the Fair Tax web site, www.fairtax.org.

Those of you who have interest in a local group meeting from time to time can contact me at bobforafft@yahoo.com.

I believe that Fair Tax can benefit everyone especially the generations to come.

*Bob Kielling
Seven Lakes West*

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Things to be thankful for

Today, as I scanned my calendar, I realized that I will not be writing another column prior to Thanksgiving. Most years, I request that a number of people state for us what they are most appreciative of. I really do not have time to follow that practice this year, so I started thinking of what I most care to thank God for this year.

This November, above all else, I am thankful that my daughter survived a very serious illness. Thinking along those lines, causes me to realize how very fortunate we all are to live in an area where truly superb medical care is available to us.

One of Jeanne's friends entered a hospital in Raleigh, for a condition similar to Jeanne's, and waited in the emergency room waiting room for six hours. Our Seven Lakes emergency squad took Jeanne directly to the E.R. where she received immediate attention. The whole squad is just great, and I must admit that I always appreciate seeing Bob Haan appear when I need help. Bob is a volunteer, so his presence is a visible sign of his big heart. Thanks Bob.

We were fortunate to enter the hospital at a time when Dr. Fedderson was on call. He came at 4:00 am and Jeanne was in surgery at 6:00 am. This occurred on Labor Day. Dr. Fedderson uses the laproscopic method, which results in a faster recovery for the patient and virtually no scarring.

If you have never taken a tour of our hospital, I heartily recommend it to you. It is a fascinating and extremely progressive and highly rated facility. Carole White usually conducts such tours and is a treasure well worth meeting. On Halloween, she suspended dollar bills from her ears and claimed to be a buck-an-ear(buccaneer). She's a good sport and an excellent source of information.

I haven't room to expound on all that I'm thankful for because there is much. I truly thank God for bringing me to Seven Lakes where I live happily and at peace. I have wonderful friends, most of whom are good cooks and play a decent game of bridge. I know that if I ever need an assist someone will be there for me. I appreciate friendly and cooper-

ative neighbors.

A loving family is one of life's greatest gifts. I just wish that at least one of my great grandchildren could be close enough for me to know them well. I usually hear from each of my chil-

dren every week and some even more often.

I'm happy to say that busy as they are they all find time to call Mom. Thank you to Cindy and Jeanne for my great birthday.

God bless you all and thank

you God for the love and blessings that I truly do appreciate.



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Rules in place allow trucks limited access

Dear Editor:

Concerning Ron Erskine's letter regarding tractor trailers in Seven Lakes:

Mr. Erskine, I know you live on Shenandoah Road as I do and I know that it is my tractor, not a trailer, that you are concerned about.

As for appearances in the community and our homes, tractors are not a permanent fixture and the trailers are not brought in at all. The tractors come in for a period of 48 hours or less. We don't cruise up and down the roads; the tractor is driven directly to our homes for cleaning and restocking.

Tractors weigh approximately 10,000 pounds, far less than the construction vehicles and dump trucks that enter with 15,000 – 30,000 pound loads and are driven all over the neighborhood — including over the dams.

My truck costs more and looks better than some of the houses within the community. However, at one time I parked my truck with permission at the maintenance shop where it was out of sight and I still received a complaint. I stay out on the road for six to eight weeks and return for two-day breaks. My tractor has only been at my home for thirty hours.

As far as being an eyesore, what about neighbors with termite-infested fences, dog owners walking their dogs and leaving messes behind, junk cars and boats parked in driveways, and boats parked on easements and on the roads for weeks?

There are far more than three residents within Seven Lakes who bring their trucks home. The tractor rule was already in effect when I purchased my home two months ago. Perhaps, we should invite all tractor owners, boaters and RV owners to a board meeting for a discussion.

If it weren't for tractor trailer drivers like me, how would you get everything that you need including food, furniture, clothes, autos, fuel and so on?

I am only following the rules of the community written by our board. I am not in violation.

I do, however, have a few questions that perhaps you could help me with:

I have birdfeeders out, am I allowed to feed them?

What is the time limit for rak-

ing leaves laying on the ground? How about pine cones?

Are outdoor holiday lights allowed? What color and size may they be?

May I place any yard decorations on my property, if so what size, color, design?

I am staining the bricks on my house one-by-one. Do I need color approval before I get too far along with this project?

This is a family community, not a 55-plus or resort community. Can't we all get along as one community? Let's get real and protect our lakes instead of worrying about the small stuff.

Steve Younger
Seven Lakes North

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Truckers are vital, deserve some respect

Dear Editor:

In response to the article in *The Seven Lakes Times* regarding eighteen wheel trucks.

Mr. Erskine, I have been a trucker for thirty years and a resident of Seven Lakes for the past eighteen of those years. I am now a driver supervisor for a multi-million dollar company that feeds this great nation.

What man wouldn't want to live in Seven Lakes, a safe place to raise a family? A place you can leave for a week or two and know when you return your home will not have been burglarized.

In the eighteen years I've lived here, I've never pulled a trailer

through our gates. As an over-the-road driver in the past, I have parked a tractor at my home.

Where would you suggest, sir, that a tractor be parked with its thousands of dollars worth of equipment inside? The Food Lion parking lot?

I think that the only thing you said in your article that was true, and I quote, "no desire to question the various occupations of our residents." Please let's be real and not hide behind petty reasoning.

I believe prejudice is the root of your argument. What image does it project that truck drivers live in Seven Lakes? You state,

"How horrific if you were unfortunate enough to live adjacent to or across the street from that party."

Mr. Erskine, if your friends were visiting would conversation include "Oh, look you have truck drivers living here!" If so, you can bet those kind of friends will continue talking about you after they leave.

You also discuss in your article that Seven Lakes West does not allow tractors inside their gates. Perhaps you should consider moving to the West side.

Another point you made was that the weight of these tractors is too heavy for our roads.

Sir, a motor home weighs as much, if not more, than a tractor with a sleeper. Are you also complaining about recreational vehicles overloading our roads?

America's economy depends on truckers delivering goods and services. We should all be grateful there are men and women willing to give up so much time away from home, who deal with difficult weather and traffic, to bring you the items you need. Truck drivers are real

people with families just like yours. When they come home, they want to park their tractor at their home within community rules for a few hours.

For all that truck drivers do for our country, I believe we can at least allow them to park at their home for the approved 48 hour period.

Ron Stone
Seven Lakes North

Fixing village roads will benefit entire community

Dear Editor:

The fact is that all residents enjoy and need the goods and services local businesses provide just as much as the businesses need the residents to buy their goods and services.

Many residents will remember when there was no grocery store in Seven Lakes.

As a resident, think about your quality of life if Seven Lakes did not have a business village. Think of the inconvenience, and cost, of driving into "town" for dry cleaning, banking, oil changes, a loaf of bread and don't forget that jug of wine.

As residents, we have a choice and that's great. The Seven Lakes community is what it is today because we have each other and because we support each other.

The business village roads are as important to the community infrastructure as the residential roads. Both need to be well-maintained. We must spend the money necessary to first test the village roads if we ever

hope to get the North Carolina Department of Transportation to take over their maintenance.

Seven Lakers have a reputation for giving time and money toward community enhancement.

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David E. Kinney
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Club's driving range plan is wrong move

Dear Editor:

Rumors have been circulating about the Seven Lakes Country Club selling the driving range to a developer and relocating the range to the East side of the clubhouse. That rumor has been validated with a notice to

the country club membership of a meeting on December 3 to vote on selling the existing driving range.

There was a meeting of the Seven Lakes architectural review board to discuss with the Seven Lakes Country Club management to request for variations from restrictive covenants and rules. I have been told that there

was no action taken by the architectural review board at that meeting. Neither the requested variances nor the request to allow a fifty foot high fence to be erected at the southeastern end of the proposed new driving range were officially considered.

The plan to sell the existing driving range and relocate it is flawed in scope and is not good

for the community. To fully explore my thoughts would require more space than allowed in a single letter. Zoning the property as lots rather than the green area as shown on the original plan should include proper consideration of the esthetics. Planning as it relates to landscaping, quality and appearance of structures and density are issues that should be publicly explored completely before the sale is even considered. The country club has a responsibility to the community as well as to its members.

Some might say that we should leave this issue to be decided by our elected boards. It is my view

that the boards are too close to each other and there is entirely too much at stake to allow them to come to an impartial decision that is not politically influenced.

Development in the area where the current driving range is located would negatively impact both the North and South entrances.

The Country Club has done an excellent job in their operations but no one should be allowed variations to existing rules and regulations when there is any question about the ultimate impact to the entire community.

*Charles Leach
Seven Lakes South*

All win for the NCWRC

Dear Editor:

So now we know what the fuss was all about. What the proposed deal with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission [NCWRC] boils down to is: if we give them money for boat registration fees and fishing licenses, then they will leave us alone.

Oh, and we agree to become their enforcement agency. Oh, and if we go to court and win, then they threaten to attempt to get the General Assembly to change the law.

We ought not to surrender to these bullying tactics. I hope our board will say no to this agreement and take this case to court.

If they are not willing to do that, they should simply reject the agreement. Boat registration and fishing licenses would be required in any case, but the enforcement would become the NCWRC burden and not ours.

This deal has been billed as a compromise but it is all win for the NCWRC and all lose for the residents of Seven Lakes West.

And just for record, my boats are registered and I have a valid fishing license.

*Joe Doster
Seven Lakes West*

Thanks from Guild

Dear Editor:

The Seven Lakes/West End Area Business Guild would like to thank the Seven Lakes Civic Group and First Bank for the donations from the September 28th Shred-A-Thon.

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Loss of ‘green area’ would impact all

Dear Editor:
The Seven Lakes Country Club has called a meeting to approve the sale of land that is currently being used for their driving range. It is rumored that the driving range will be located on the eastern side of the clubhouse and 18th hole after the current range property is sold.
The property is to be sold to a builder who will subdivide the property into the most lots that

will be allowed and build either single family or multi-family housing. The land the “new driving range” will be located on is not sufficient to support a full range and will require a tall fence to be built to contain the balls on their property.
There are many issues that should be discussed by the entire community before this sale is completed. The Seven Lakes Landowners Board will

have to waive restrictions and rules for the project to be completed as proposed. It is my view that this project will significantly hurt all of our property values.
I am not comfortable with the details that are available nor do I think that the relationship between the Seven Lakes Country Club and the Seven Lakes Landowners Association is independent enough for them to make decisions without public

hearings and debate.
Hopefully, the powers that be will stop and take a deep breath and slow the process and let the entire community be a part of the process. The area to be sold is not defined on any map as an area for potential development.
Developing the property could lead to cheap spec houses which will soon become an eyesore replacing what we all thought

was a green area. I can only speculate that the Country Club is not interested in what non-members think, as they have not contacted me as an adjacent property owner to their proposed new driving range.
Without a legal opinion it is my belief that the property to be sold may not be developed into housing without the approval of all existing property owners. Original maps recorded of the subdivision clearly show lots and area planned for future development.
This area was not part of any future development area, which could lead to the conclusion that it must remain a “green area,” and can not legally be developed into lots.
We have all seen some of the spec homes that Ron Richmond, architectural review committee chairman, has approved. If we allow this to happen next to our gates on property that was never planned for housing we deserve what we get.

Dan Pieroni
Seven Lakes West

D. Alan Shaw
Seven Lakes South

Lake Auman fish can be contained

Dear Editor:
As I understand it, the NCWRC has stated that we qualify for exemption from their oversight on two of three conditions.
The third condition is the possibility of fish escapement into downstream water. They have granted they are not concerned

about the unlikely possibility of escapement over the road overflow. This leaves only the outflow pipe as a concern.
Having worked with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game as a ten year volunteer in fish research, I am familiar with techniques for both retaining fish

within a proscribed area, as well as preventing their entry into specified areas.
We have a tiny area to protect, a 48” diameter pipe, which is miniscule compared with protecting, with 100 percent reliability, the typical Alaska requirement of controlling passage in a river spanning over 200 feet. The ideal solution for such a small application is an electrified grid, variations of which have been used for over fifty years in fish management.
One board member stated to

me that if we present this solution, they will go to the legislature and change the law to allow them to impose their will on our community.
I suggest we present our solution to them, placing the ball back into their court and see how they react.
I am not at all sure they would have a walkover as regards to legislation.

What’s big deal?

Dear Editor:
All I care about is that Lake Auman is not public. We already have that taken care of, sort of. Where most of us are from, you need a state license for both boating and fishing. Not only are most of us used to that, we realize that those rules are in place for good reason. So what’s the big deal? Pony up for a license and let the good times roll.
Bruce MacDonald
Seven Lakes West



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Kudos for Board candor

Dear Editor:
It was so refreshing. I refer you to the October 24 SLW general meeting. A debate of many minds and opinions was openly discussed. Many who have said that our board is isolationist and secretive must have been pleasantly surprised to hear some members speak so candidly. I applaud each of you. Special accolades go to Mary Anne Fewkes. She left the barrier of tables that separates the Board members from Association attendees to stand alone in the mid-

dle of the hall to openly and honestly state her opinions and speak her mind.
My hat is off to the entire Community for your interest and commitment in a major issue facing our beautiful surroundings.
*Bob Kielling
Seven Lakes West*

911 Emergency Light Demo

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Halloween

My doorbell rang. When I opened the door, there was a cute little blonde girl about four years old.
She barked, "Who are you?"
After recovering from shock, I gave her my name and said, "Why do you ask my name?"
She answered, "Because I needed it so I could say, "Happy Halloween, Mr. Gould."
I said, "That was very nice of you."
"Of course it was!" she replied and rushed to her mother, chuckling in the driveway.

Forum meets Thursday

The next Forum is scheduled for Thursday, November 16, on the upper level of the West Side Park Community Center.
Ed Silberhorn, a retired attorney and resident of Seven Lakes, will present the topic entitled Inverse Condemnation. The topic relates to over-regulation of property by government to the extent that the owner cannot reasonably use the property — yet the government refuses to compensate the owner.
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.
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For further information, please contact Don Welch (673-6701) or Bill Mamel (673-8970).



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Mikula at Computer Club

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She also supplied a two-page handout and answered a long list of questions from audience members.

The next meeting of the Club will be conducted by representatives from Sandy Berger's organization on Tuesday, November 14.



Betsy Mikula

Easy goodies

Here's an easy, simple, but delicious recipe.

You might want to try this next recipe as a snack for the kids or yourself.

Bring other ingredients to a boil in a medium sauce pan and boil exactly 3 minutes.

Spread the hot ingredients evenly on graham crackers. Put the cookie sheet in the oven and bake exactly 9 minutes.

Graham Cracker Delight

1 1/2 packs graham crackers

1 stick butter

1 stick margarine (I know it sounds silly, but that's the recipe)

1/2 cup brown sugar

3/4 cup chopped pecans

Lay whole graham crackers on a cookie sheet. (sprayed with Pam®)

Preheat your oven to 325 degrees.

(If you like, you can also sprinkle 1 cup of chocolate chips on top, let them melt and spread.)

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Kate McKay donates her 'do' to help kids

Kate McKay, daughter of Dr. Pete and Mary McKay has donated her beautiful long hair to Locks of Love.

After being inspired by a

telethon for children with cancer, and finding out why the children were bald, Kate decided that she could help the children feel better about their loss of hair, if

she donated her hair to be made into a special wig for kids only.

Kate donated 12 inches of hair that will be woven with ten other donations to make a wig. The cost of wigs made with human hair is expensive and costs over \$3000 for a quality wig. With the help and support of Locks of Love, children are able to acquire a wig during cancer treatment or other serious medical treatments that will help them feel better about their appearance and self esteem.

Kate has two cousins that have donated regularly to Locks of Love. Her cousins live in Charlotte and Ohio, both of them have red hair which is a color that is always needed.

When anyone asks Kate what happened to her beautiful long hair she smiles and says, "I gave it to Locks of Love."



Kate McKay shows off her "Locks of Love."

Other lakes

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course with property-owner privileges and other amenities — including two beach areas, a boat ramp, clubhouse/recreation center, picnic area, a miniature golf course, swimming pool, tennis and basketball courts, horse-shoe pits, shuffleboard courts and owned by the property owners association [POA].

The lake is owned by the POA, which is governed by an elected board of directors. Unlike Seven Lakes West, Lake Royale has a company police force which includes a chief and four full-time officers.

The POA's general manager is Robert VanGraafeiland, who told *The Times* that the Association welcomes patrols by NCWRC officers.

"There's no set schedule" for visits by Wildlife officers, VanGraafeiland told *The Times*, "but we would like for them to be on the lake as often as possible. We want people to be safe on the lake."

VanGraafeiland, who lives on the lake, said NCWRC officers visit Lake Royale "a couple of dozen times a year," and make a point of visiting at the beginning of the boating season.

He said the association has created no wake zone and swimming areas and had these approved by the NCWRC so that officers can enforce them.

"We been told that we can't develop and enforce rules on our own," VanGraafeiland told *The*

Times. "We have been told that the waters are policed by the government."

The community recently had a local bill approved by the North Carolina Assembly that gives their company police officers the right to enforce NCWRC regulations on the lake.

The lake is only open to those who own land within the gated community, and their guests, VanGraafeiland said.

Local rules. NCWRC's Colonel Kenneth Everhart told *The Times* that any rules in the North Carolina Administrative Code are enforceable by his officers.

Private communities with NCWRC patrols can have local regulations — no wake zones, ski zones, and so forth — made a part of the code through an application process that involves approval or assent by the Commission. Then those local rules can be enforced by Wildlife officers. However, Wildlife officers cannot enforce local regulations that are enacted by municipalities or homeowners associations without going through the prescribed process.

"It's fairly simple to make it happen," Everhart said. On the other hand, the process as described on the commission's website is a multi-step process that involves the local homeowners association, the appropriate local governing body — the county board of commissioners, for example — and the commission itself.

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Elections

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over his Democratic opponent Rory Blake. So did Republican State Senator Harris Blake.

The only contested race for County Commissioner pitted for-

mer Planning Board chairman, Republican Jimmy Melton, against former Aberdeen Councilwoman Teresa Marquez. Melton took 64 percent of the vote countywide and 72 percent in Seven Lakes.

Local results in all the races from Tuesday's elections can be found in the table at right.

These results were taken from the Moore County Board of Elections website, and will not be made official until Friday, November 17. The most current updates to the results are available on the Moore County Board of Elections website at <http://www.moore-countync.gov/elections/>.




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	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	
US Congress (District 6)							
Rory Blake (Dem)	7,250	35%	403	26%	198	39%	
Howard Coble (Rep)	13,755	65%	1,133	74%	314	61%	
NC State Senate (District 22)							
Abraham Oudeh (Dem)	6,867	33%	377	25%	182	35%	
Harris Blake (Rep)	14,189	67%	1,159	75%	338	65%	
Nc State House (District 52) - Rep							
Joe Boylan (Rep)	8,215	43%	422	28%	190	42%	
Gerald L. Galloway (Una)	6,768	36%	299	20%	156	34%	
Manila G. (Bud) Shaver (Una)	3,944	21%	797	53%	107	24%	
County Commissioner (District I)							
Larry Caddell (Rep)	14,773	100%	1,175	100%	356	100%	
County Commissioner (District III)							
Cindy Richardson Morgan (Rep)	14,042	100%	1,172	100%	339	100%	
County Commissioner (District V)							
Teresa Cameron Marquez (Dem)	7,358	36%	426	28%	194	38%	
Jimmy D. Melton (Rep)	13,319	64%	1,069	72%	316	62%	
Sheriff							
Lane Carter (Rep)	15,688	100%	1,248	100%	364	100%	
Clerk Of Superior Court							
Catherine Phillips Graham (Rep)	15,394	100%	1,216	100%	358	100%	
Register Of Deeds							
Judy D. Martin (Rep)	15,293	100%	1,216	100%	356	100%	
Supreme Court Chief Justice							
Rusty Duke	6,835	37%	490	36%	192	41%	
Sarah Parker	11,579	63%	884	64%	272	59%	

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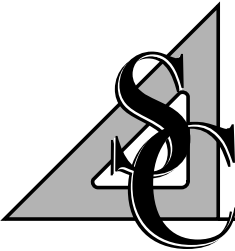
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Elections

2006 General Election Results

Candidates	<u>Moore County</u>		<u>Seven Lakes</u>		<u>West End</u>	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Supreme Court Associate Justice						
Rachel Lea Hunter	5,862	34%	453	35%	161	36%
Mark D. Martin	11,417	66%	835	65%	288	64%
Supreme Court Associate Justice						
Eric Levinson	7,843	45%	533	41%	216	48%
Patricia Timmons-Goodson	9,710	55%	771	59%	234	52%
Supreme Court Associate Justice						
Ann Marie Calabria	9,211	53%	640	50%	250	57%
Robin Hudson	8,099	47%	651	50%	191	43%
Court Of Appeals Judge						
Kris Bailey	7,893	48%	572	47%	254	58%
Robert C. (Bob) Hunter	8,694	52%	637	53%	181	42%
Court Of Appeals Judge						
Linda Stephens	7,426	45%	532	45%	172	40%
Donna Stroud	8,988	55%	661	55%	256	60%
District Court Judge - District 19b						
Kristian N. Allen	5,781	35%	470	39%	152	35%
Scott C. Etheridge	10,654	65%	722	61%	285	65%
District Court Judge - District 19b						
Lee W. Gavin	11,404	100%	848	100%	295	100%
District Court Judge - District 19b						
Jayrene Russell Maness	11,734	100%	862	100%	298	100%
District Court Judge - District 19b						
Michael A. Sabiston	10,859	100%	810	100%	285	100%
Board Of Education (District Iii)						
Charles R. Lambert	12,247	100%	889	100%	324	100%
Board Of Education (At-Large)						
Bobby W. Allen	6,996	15%	530	15%	153	4%
Sue Mckenzie Black	7,426	16%	563	16%	212	6%
Judith L. (Judy) Borden	6,214	13%	487	14%	167	5%
J. Dale Frye	11,384	24%	720	21%	300	9%
James F. Koch	7,367	16%	626	18%	171	5%
Pamela D. Thompson	7,499	16%	524	15%	200	6%
Soil & Water Conservation Supervisor						
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Statement on NC Wildlife agreement

[Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Legal Director Hugh Beckwith provided The Times with the following statement regarding the board's decision to sign the proposed agreement with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.]

Over the past year the Board of Directors of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association ("SLWLA") has considered various alternatives to address concerns of the members related to the legal status of Lake Auman and the authority of the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission ("WRC") to impose and enforce regulations governing the management and use of the lake.

Lake Auman is owned by the SLWLA. It is part of a private community and is private property. Since its inception the management of Lake Auman has been an undertaking of solely the SLWLA or its predecessor.

On Easter Sunday, April 16, 2006 representatives of the WRC made an unannounced visit to the lake, detained and questioned boaters, and issued 10 citations for alleged violations of the WRC's rules and

regulations.

The Board has worked to preclude a recurrence of these events. It is our considered judgment that the tactics displayed on Easter Sunday and the WRC's assertion of broad jurisdiction over Lake Auman are not in the best interests of the Seven Lakes West community.

With this in mind we have considered strategies that would eliminate a WRC presence on the lake and assure that the management of the lake remains in the hands of the SLWLA. These goals are achieved by the agreement negotiated with the WRC. The agreement places management of the lake squarely with the SLWLA and gives the SLWLA the ability to control the lake and activities on the lake in a way that is best suited for Lake Auman and the community. The SLWLA will be the sole enforcement authority but will also retain the option to seek outside assistance in appropriate cases.

To reach this point the Board evaluated many options. The Board considered bringing a legal action to obtain a judicial determination that Lake Auman is a statutory "private pond" and outside the WRC's jurisdiction.

Our counsel advised us that we have strong arguments on the merits, and there is a good likelihood that we could succeed. Counsel has made it clear, however, that success is not certain, that the case would be appealed and a final answer would not be obtained for a matter of years.

It is our informed belief that the

WRC would assert jurisdiction during the period of litigation. The WRC has also strongly suggested that were it to lose in court it would not accept this precedent and could seek relief in the General Assembly in the form of legislation to make clear that Lake Auman and similarly situated lakes were subject to its jurisdiction. Thus litigation, which

would be expensive, does not seem likely to achieve our objectives.

We also considered petitioning the General Assembly ourselves to obtain relief in the form of a legislative change making clear that Lake Auman is a "private pond" and outside of the WRC's jurisdiction.

(See "Statement," p. 35)

Wildlife

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member majority that approved the agreement. That statement is reproduced in full beginning at the top of this page.

The statement says the NCWRC agreement "places management of the lake squarely with the SLWLA and gives the SLWLA the ability to control the lake and activities on the lake" and notes that the Association "will be the sole enforcement authority" on the lake.

The board considered legal action to establish Lake Auman's status as a "private pond," the board's statement says, but could not be assured of success. Moreover, the expectation was that the NCWRC would assert its jurisdiction on the lake while the case made its way through the courts.

In addition, the statement says, the Commission indicated that any victory in court by the SLWLA would prompt it to seek

legislation specifically excluding Lake Auman and similar lakes from "private pond" status.

The board has carefully considered possible objections to the agreement raised by members in the General Meeting and in letters to the board, the statement says.

"We have concluded in good faith and with all due care that SLWLA's best interests are served by entering into the agreement with the WRC," it continues.

"It achieves our highest order objectives. We retain the ability to safely enjoy our lake in peace. We retain the ability to make rules and policy for the lake as we see fit."

"Admittedly, the best answer is imperfect, and there may be members who disagree with the decision, but no alternative produces this result, and no concern raised makes this decision inadvisable."



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Statement on Wildlife

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We consulted various persons concerning this alternative and once again concluded that it was not in the best interests of the SLWLA. The time involved, the costs, and the probability that the WRC would successfully oppose any amendment all weighed into our decision.

In the end, we did not think we were likely to prevail in asking the General Assembly to clarify that Lake Auman is excluded from the WRC's jurisdiction when the WRC, the agency in charge of health and safety on the state's waters, was arguing that it needed to have jurisdiction over water bodies of our size.

It should be noted that no available course of action prevents the imposition of vessel registration and fishing license requirements on the lake, by some entity, for the foreseeable future, and only the agreement provides reasonable assurance that we will retain the ability to make and enforce the rules of the lake for any period of time.

We also listened to and considered the concerns raised at the October 24, 2006 general session and submitted separately by members. We are cognizant of concerns about perceived additional liability from

taking on what many see as a greater role in the development of rules and regulations and the enforcement of those rules and regulations.

Upon examining what the WRC agreement would require and advice of our counsel, we concluded that the SLWLA is not assuming greater potential exposure to liability. The rules we would adopt to implement the agreement are, in large part, already part of the rules we have adopted previously. Some fine-tuning may be necessary and some clarifying amendments appropriate.

We may also change our approach to enforcing the SLWLA's rules and regulations, e.g., the frequency and focus of those activities. But rulemaking and enforcement of the rules is part of what SLWLA does, and the WRC agreement does not change that. The Board will do what is prudent and reasonable given the circumstances.

We have also evaluated the impact of the WRC agreement on our insurance coverage and discussed this concern with our insurance committee, agent, and carrier. We do not anticipate any change in coverage, the need for any special endorsements or any significant increase

in premiums. The point is, the WRC agreement does not obligate us to do things differently. It requires that we adopt rules and enforce them, something all landowners associations do and something the SLWLA has been doing for years. If we need more liability coverage, we needed it before the WRC appeared.

We also considered whether the WRC agreement was a "rule" that had to be adopted through the rulemaking process the SLWLA has developed for itself and concluded that it is not. Rules bind the affected community, the WRC agreement does not.

In other words, our rules aren't changed until we change them. Obviously, when it comes to implementing the agreement through the adoption of rules, the appropriate process will be followed.

We also considered whether the agreement exposes us to any admission that the lake is "public fishing waters" and thus subject to WRC jurisdiction. In fact, the best way to ensure that the lake does not become public fishing waters is through the agreement which explicitly refutes this characterization.

All of this is not to say that there will not be any changes as a

result of the WRC agreement. At a minimum, our regulations will be modified to require that most vessels be registered with the State and that persons fishing on Lake Auman obtain North Carolina fishing licenses.

These requirements are not particularly burdensome. They may be offensive from a perspective of principle, but no strategy prevents them from being imposed, one way or another. With respect to rules enforcement, everyone's first concern must be safety. If there are deficiencies in our safety enforcement regime, then they should be addressed in any circumstance.

In the end, the Board deliberated carefully and considered

all available alternatives. It also addressed each concern raised with respect to the agreement and provided detailed responses to members including, in some cases, legal opinions. We sought advice from legal counsel and experts of the highest qualifications. We opened the process to all members for their insights and perspectives. There has been vigorous debate.

We have concluded in good faith and with all due care that SLWLA's best interests are served by entering into the agreement with the WRC. It achieves our highest order objectives. We retain the ability to safely enjoy our lake in peace. We retain

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Community Newsletter

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Volume 5, Issue 11, November 2006

President Jim Meikle

On Tuesday evening 10/24/06 the monthly general session of the SLWLA was held. The main focus of the meeting was to discuss and answer questions concerning the proposed agreement between the SLWLA and the NCWRC. What follows is a summary of key points addressed in that meeting.

LIABILITY

One of the major concerns of the audience was that of increased liability associated with the signing of the agreement. Our liability comes from having a lake. This is nothing new. We mitigate, but do not eliminate, liability by establishing safety rules and enforcing them in a reasonable manner. If we believe that this liability is unacceptable, we should consider draining and filling in the lake, or turning it over to the WRC tomorrow. Signing an agreement that obligates us to put NC vessel registration and fishing license requirements in our rules just does not increase the liability we already have.

ENFORCEMENT

Even before the NCWRC appeared on the lake, we had been considering the augmentation of the Lake Patrol by a Lake Compliance Officer. The board has not yet made a final determination on this subject nor worked out the details. Any enforcement of the rules, including any new ones, would be performed by either the Lake Patrol or a Compliance Officer with the involvement of our office staff and at the direction of the board. We can't be everywhere at all times, so it is reasonably expected that priorities for enforcement would be established, with safety being the presumptive highest priority.

OPTIONS

A. Sign the agreement and retain autonomy with respect to the management of our lake and the enforcement of our own rules. The price would be new

rules for NC vessel registration and fishing licenses. The WRC would be bound to make good faith defenses of this arrangement.

B. Concede WRC jurisdiction with respect to Lake Auman. They would patrol at their discretion and modify some to all of our lake management rules and policies, also at their discretion.

C. Insist that the lake's status as a private pond or public fishing waters be definitively resolved. The resolution would turn on whether or not fish can exit Lake Auman to public fishing waters. There is no significant possibility that the WRC will concede that the lake passes this test (i.e., fish cannot exit the lake to public fishing waters), so this matter will be determined in court over a period of years, in all probability. The WRC would assert jurisdiction in the meantime. In the event a court victory, we would be vulnerable to legislation that included us in the WRC's jurisdiction.

D. Continue to negotiate with the NCWRC. We've been at it for quite some time. Other than a word or two, or a punctuation change, the respective positions are well established.

The board will continue to review all input that we receive on this issue before making it's final decision.

**Lake, Environment,
Dam
Mary Anne Fewkes**

Johnson Point Picnic Tables

There will be no picnic tables at Johnson Point for the first two weeks of November. The picnic areas will be powerwashed and gazebos will be given a wood preservative. New picnic tables will be installed after the cleaning and staining is done.

Vice President & Infrastructure Director Ray MacKay

BOAT & TRAILER STORAGE YARD:

Does this sound like a broken record?? There are still a number of unregistered units in the old yard area and non-sailboats units in the Sailboat area and Parking area at Johnson Point. If you haven't gotten your Bay assignment, please call me for one, Ray MacKay at 673-1690. Also, please put your new stickers on your trailer units. Your cooperation will be appreciated!

Recreation Committee Betty Milligan

Mark your calendars for our Second Tree Lighting Ceremony at the West Side Park Great Room on Dec. 3, at 3:00 in the afternoon. An afternoon of entertainment is planned . . . along with SANTA CLAUS, of course!

On Saturday, December 16, your Recreation Committee is planning a Christmas Event for the children in our community. Our plans are to make Gingerbread Houses, along with serving refreshments. It will be necessary for parents to register for this event so we will know how many houses to purchase. Please call the Community Center (673-5314) with name and telephone number.

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Secretary Jo Nicholas

Summary of Board Actions Taken October 10

- Approved September 7, 2006 Board Work session minutes. Motion passed.
- Approved September 26, 2006 General Meeting minutes. Motion passed.
- Approved the current check

register. Motion passed.

- Authorized Community Manager to bill property owners and contractors for expenses of the Association related to clean up and repair of roads and common areas when source of damage is clearly identifiable. Motion passed.

- Approved motion that Seven Lakes West management work with the county to establish procedures to not issue certificates of occupancy until SLW issues its certification. Motion passed.

Seven Lakes Forum

The next Forum is scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 2006, on the upper level of the West Side Park Community Center. Refreshments will be available at 9AM, with the formal session beginning at 9:15. Participants should plan for about a

two-hour session. All women and men from Seven Lakes, and their guests, are invited to attend.

Ed Silberhorn, a retired attorney and resident of Seven Lakes, will present the topic entitled Inverse Condemnation. The topic relates to over-regulation of property by government to the extent that the owner cannot reasonably use the property...yet the government refuses to compensate the owner.

The 'format' for the session follows:

9am Refreshments
9:15 Presentation of information
10:10 Break, refreshments
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Driving range

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tice range because of the cost. Club by-laws, Spayd told *The Times*, require that expenditures of more than \$100,000 be approved by the membership.

Club members are not being asked, in the referendum or at the special meeting, to approve the sale of the current range. That decision is within the discretion of the SLCC board.

The design of the new practice area is still being worked out, Spayd told *The Times*. Initial plans placed the tee area near the clubhouse and had golfers shooting downhill in the direction of Devonshire and Lancashire Avenues. After some reflection, a new design reverses that flow and places the tee area at the bottom of the hill.

In either case, Spayd said, the design will include a fifty-foot tall screen designed to prevent balls from entering adjacent property. That screen and the range itself would be in turn screened from view by leaving a buffer of existing trees "so someone driving by or walking by on the road will not notice the practice facility," Spayd said. "The buffer will maintain the appearance that it curenly has.

Spayd said the Club's understanding is that it does not need approval from the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] to construct the new range. SLLA Community Manager Dalton Fulcher said members of the Association's Architectural Review Board had been briefed on the Club's plans by Spayd and SLCC Board President Dick Weber. The Association's attorney has been asked to determine whether the SLLA has oversight of the practice range construction.

SLCC has received inquiries from a number of different developers interested in placing hous-

ing on the existing driving range site, Spayd told *The Times*. He said any development of that property would, in his understanding, be subject to over-

sight by the SLLA and its Architectural Review Board.

Spayd said the Club, at this point, has not accepted any specific offer for the property. He

noted that, should the property be sold, it would "more than adequately pay for the cost of the new practice facility."

From a zoning perspective, the property falls within the county's "Gated Community-Seven Lakes" zoning classification and thus is already zoned for single family homes, Planner Kathy Liles to *The Times* on Tuesday. Multi-family housing is not a permitted use in "Gated Community-Seven Lakes."

But development of the property would require review by the Moore County Planning Department, and, if the five acres were divided into more than four lots, would fall under the "Major Subdivision" provisions of the county's subdivision ordinance.

Liles said the development of the new driving range would also have to be approved by the county as a commercial development.

Radiology Diplomat

Dr. Richard S. Pasko, of Seven Lakes Chiropractic Center, recently attended the fall workshop and annual business meeting of the American College of Chiropractic Radiologists in Atlanta. Pasko is a Diplomat in Radiology and has completed additional training for MRI's, CAT scans, and regular X-ray images.

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Statement

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the ability to make rules and policy for the lake as we see fit.

Admittedly, the best answer is imperfect, and there may be members who disagree with the decision, but no alternative produces this result, and no concern raised makes this decision inadvisable.



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