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## Area A planning gets underway

Small Area Planning is not all that different from the way a farmer plans the use of his land, farmer Jesse Wimberly told his fellow members on the Area A Steering Committee.

"As a farmer, you look at your land and say this area is good for longleaf, this is good for peaches, this over here is good for watermelons. We have to look at all of Area A the same way. We have to come up with how we are going to use each part this area for the best result."

Wimberly and the other thirteen members of the steering committee that will lead the "Area A" Small Area Planning process for Moore County held its first meeting on Tuesday night,

November 14 in the cafeteria of the Old West End School.

"With this plan being the first Small Area Plan, there are going to be a lot of eyes on this one," former Moore County Planning Director Nancy Roy Fiorillo told the group. "It is going to be a model."

Committee Chairman Dave Kinney of Seven Lakes South agreed that the Area A Committee's experience will provide a road map for other steering committees as the Small Area Planning concept is rolled out across the county over the next few years.

The inaugural meeting of the Area A Committee began with a

(See "Area A," p. 36)

## Deputy Mike at Kiwanis



**Moore County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Kantorowski** spoke with Seven Lakes Kiwanis recently. Katorowski is joined here by Kiwanian Chad Beane. [See story on page 19.]

## Heavy-Duty Beautification



**Seven Lakes Village Beautification** had to call in some reinforcements for an assist on the rehabilitation of the traffic island at the intersection of Seven Lakes Drive and Carthage Road. Above, Terry Hunt confers with Ken Thomas of Thomas Trucking. (Story on page 2.)

## Club holds meetings on driving range proposal

The Seven Lakes Country Club [SLCC] Board of Directors has scheduled two meetings in order to provide additional information about a club proposal to sell its existing driving range and build a new one.

Meanwhile, Seven Lakes builder Alan Shaw — one of the community's original developers — is threatening to sue to prevent the development of the existing five-acre range as residential property. [See page 26 for the Letter to the Editor in which Shaw makes that threat and asks club members to reject the board's proposal.]

In an October 27 letter to SLCC members, the club's board of directors called a special meeting for December 3 to allow members to vote on the construction of the new driving range. The

estimated \$125,000 cost of the new range, to be built on club-owned land to the east of the clubhouse, requires approval

(See "Driving range," p. 37)

## Truesdell resigns club post

Seven Lakes Landowners Association President Don Truesdell has resigned his position on the Seven Lakes Country Club Board to avoid any conflict of interest resulting from the Club's proposal to move its driving range.

Truesdell asked that *The Times* publish the following statement: As you may know, I am a Director of the Seven Lakes Country Club as well as President of the Seven Lakes Landowners

(See "Truesdell," p. 37)

# Village Beautifiers are hard at work

by Terry Hunt  
Seven Lakes  
Village Beautification

The Seven Lakes Beautification Committee in cooperation with Don Thomas Trucking is upgrading the “triangle,” on Seven Lakes Drive coming into the village. Your support – donors and volunteer workers – is what brought about this and many more improvements.

Look back to four years ago, driving in to Seven Lakes was not a pleasant sight. All along the railroad side of Route 211 were deteriorating flower beds, overgrown grass, scrubby corners

at the turn to the West side and the entrances at the North and East needed help. What could be done to provide needed landscape maintenance and improvement? That’s why and when the Seven Lakes Beautification Committee came into being.

In these four years, we can point to solid examples of positive changes in the village. Begin at the entry sign, note the rejuvenation of the “old” beds, the addition of the Westside entry beds and remember the negative before and the now positive after at both Exxon and Dollar General. You see annuals, shrubs, and trees at various places and dedicated volunteers who spend hours weeding, planting, planning, and watering all during the year.

But there is no village governance to provide funds for landscape improvements and maintenance along our right-of-ways. We are completely dependent on community support. For example, despite the fact that Don Thomas Trucking has donated their labor, the beautification

committee is paying the high materials cost for the river rock. Why river rock? We needed an almost zero maintenance plan for this problem area with its dangerous traffic problems and no water. We could not expose our volunteers to work under these hazardous conditions. Decorative touches will be added to the triangle in the Spring, perhaps

taking our cues from the traditional Japanese Zen garden.

Future improvements, such as more trees, extending the West side entry beds, adding “welcome” signs at the North and East entrances, and the ongoing expense of proper maintenance depends on community support. Please join our family of donors and you will

help to create a more inviting Seven Lakes Village.

Your donation in any amount is appreciated and acknowledged. Please mail your contribution to Alice Shaughnessy, Treasurer, 3081 Seven Lakes West, Seven Lakes, NC 27376. Or you may drop donations off at BB&T. Make your check to SL Village Beautification.

## Time to Light up Lakes!

It’s time to light up our lakes for the holidays, so all lakeside residents get your decorations out of storage and get them installed at the edge of your lake.

We keep striving for 100% participation in this yearly endeavor, and each year we do a little better, but we’re still falling short of having everybody’s property lit up at lakeside.

It would be great if everyone had a lighted display.

This year’s boat parades are scheduled for:

**Lake Sequoia – Saturday,**

December 9 at 5:30 pm. Contact George and Deb Temple 673-9299, for information and boat rides. Refreshments at Sequoia Point following the parade.

**Lake Auman – Sunday,**

December 17 at 6:00 pm. Contact Paul and Kathy Kirst 673-8998, for further information.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone!

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# Dam, courts, by-laws keep Board busy

The repair of Echo Dam was well underway and the resurfacing of the tennis courts was about to begin when the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors met for their Thursday, November 16 work session.

Community Manager Dalton Fulcher brought Directors up to date on these projects — as well as the installation of barcode gates at the entrances, security cameras throughout the community, and a new metal building for the maintenance area.

That barcode system is now working well at the gates, Fulcher reported, and cameras that can monitor license plates of vehicles entering the community are also working. However, the link between those cameras and computers in the landowners office is still in the works.

Security cameras have also been installed in the area around the Landowners Office but not yet at Sequoia Point and elsewhere.

The maintenance building has been received, but maintenance crews need to finish some other projects before erecting it, Fulcher said.

Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane told the Board that the new FlexCourt surface was to be installed on the community tennis courts over the weekend [and the work was indeed underway on Saturday and Sunday. — Ed.]

President Don Truesdell noted that the earth and sod removed from the Echo Dam construction site would be added to the face of Longleaf Dam to help remedy some minor problems there.

**By-laws.** The bulk of the work session was consumed by a discussion of revision to the SLLA By-Laws proposed by committee heading by Director Ed Nuti.

The committee has completed a complete overhaul and reorganization of the by-laws to make them easier to use, but has, at the same time, suggested a number of substantial revisions.

Most controversial among board members was a new section that spelled out the duty of the Community Manager as

Chief Operating Officer of the Association.

## Seven Lakes Landowners Work Session

11/16

Truesdell argued that the material included in this session belonged in a personnel policy manual rather than in the by-laws. Treasurer Steve Hudson

said the purpose of the by-laws was to spell out how the association is governed, not how it is managed.

Nuti said that the lack of an explicit description of the duties of the Community Manager in the by-laws has meant that past boards have not held the manager responsible, in writing, for specific duties and functions.

Nuti made a motion to have the community manager's duties — Section 5 — included in the

(See "SLLA," p. 35)



**Echo Dam** has acquired a new stone face — part of state-mandated repairs to control seepage.



**Like laying Legos®** — Ron Erskine spent Sunday afternoon watching over the installation of a new FlexCourt surface on the Seven Lakes Tennis Courts. Erskine played a key role in bringing the FlexCourt surface to the attention of the SLLA.

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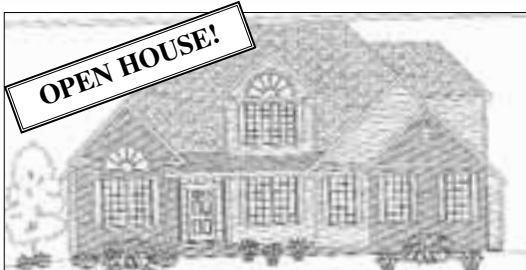


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# Vietnam Vets chapter has busy schedule

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 966, Moore County have been busy this Fall.

Recently a detail from the chapter traveled to Sharon Memorial Park in Charlotte to help dismantle the Unity Memorial Vietnam Wall, a three-quarter scale display of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Wall, located in Washington, D.C.

Continuing their good works,

two weeks ago Bingo Night at the VA Hospital in Fayetteville was sponsored and conducted by Chapter 966.

A detail of six chapter members made the trip to Fayetteville Hospital where a good time was had by all.

The chapter also honored Matilda DePold, the first baby born on Veterans Day at Womack Army Hospital in Fayetteville.

Arriving at 10:27 am, baby Matilda was presented with a United States flag that has flown over the Capitol and was provided by Senator Elizabeth Dole, a fifty dollar savings bond, and a certificate from the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 966, Moore County.

Little Matilda, mom Carry Elizabeth and dad Gerald are all doing fine.

Also on Veteran's Day, all members of the Moore County chapter attended the dedication

of the new Veteran's Memorial in Carthage.



**Vets Welcomes first baby** — Dave Valentine, Jim Schrum, Gerald DePold, Carry Elizabeth DePold, Joe Kristek, and baby Matilda.



**VVA members** Walt Pullar, Joe Kristek, and Jim Schrum attended the Veteran's Memorial dedication in Carthage.

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# Playground Advisory team hard at work

There has been much conversation over the past year about the youth population of Seven Lakes. Unfortunately much of the discussion has been focused on juvenile crime, but there's also talk of new activities, clubs and sports.

Each afternoon, school buses make several stops in our community and disgorge large groups of children and teens. And on any given sunny afternoon or weekend, the Northside Park playground and basketball court is a hub of activity.

Did you know that a recent census of the Seven Lakes demographics rendered a count of 601 residents under the age of eighteen?

This number equals twenty-six percent of the total population for the North and South sides.

And this number can be expected to continue to grow as Seven Lakes remains an attractive housing option for families because of community amenities, recreation programs, and excellent elementary and middle schools.

The Seven Lakes Recreation Committee works hard to meet the needs of all Seven Lakes residents, especially the youngest ones. For this reason, a Playground Advisory subcommittee was added this summer to specifically address issues concerning Northside Park.

The subcommittee is chaired by Laura Douglass, with members Amanda Keller, Tammi Smith, and Doug Sajewich. Their charge is to advise the recreation committee on equipment needs, layout and procedures for the playground.

Since their inception the playground committee has been busy including a recent inaugural fundraiser, a Holiday Decorating Raffle. Tickets were sold at several community events and the raffle raised over \$650.00 for new playground equipment.

Several landscaping enhancements have also been recently completed as the committee identified a primary goal to improve the overall feel of the playground by encouraging a more cohesive, park-like setting.

Through the efforts of Amanda Keller, Seven Lakes Maintenance Supervisor Randy Shep-

ard, and a generous donation from the Arbor Nursery, several butterfly bushes and a shade tree have been planted at key locations around the new fitness trail. This trail has been well-received and will soon have four new exercise stations with signage suggesting work-out

routines and a durable walking surface. The fitness trail is approximately a quarter mile in length and encircles the main playground area allowing parents the opportunity to exercise while their children play. It is already very popular with the dog-walkers too.



**Playground team members** — Butterfly bushes and smiles were added to Northside Park this Fall by Amanda Keller and Seven Lakes Maintenance Supervisor Randy Shepard.

The next proposed project for Northside Park is to add more hard-court playing surface. Last year, a new community rule relegated all skateboarding and in-line skating to the basketball courts.

Anyone spending time at the park will quickly surmise that the current single court is in near-constant use and can be overcrowded. The playground committee is addressing these concerns by adding a secondary basketball half-court in an adjacent area that will be illuminated at night and allow more groups to play or skate simultaneously.

Several other minor improvements have been short-listed by the committee but the larger, looming concern is the actual playground equipment and its replacement cost.

Many neighborhood children were saddened by the loss, this year, of the blue spiral slide that had graced the playground for years. Weather and time took

their toll on the metal and when the slide was no longer deemed safe, it was removed.

Other playground pieces are suffering a similar decline in safety and the need for a new, upgraded playground is apparent.

Like other structures and infrastructure in Seven Lakes, such as the road surfaces, maintenance buildings, and dams, the current playground equipment will soon reach the end of its life expectancy.

The playground committee expects to spend a considerable amount of time and thought in the next year to identifying specific playground equipment needs and funding options. They welcome all suggestions and invite interested Seven Lakers to join their efforts.

Committee chair Laura Douglass can be reached at 673-1817 or by email [lauradouglass@hotmail.com](mailto:lauradouglass@hotmail.com).

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# Deputies catch teens with beer, marijuana

A young Seven Lakes resident was arrested for driving while intoxicated, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia when Moore County Sheriff's Deputies broke up a teenage drinking party at 104 Juniper Court in the early hours of Sunday morning November 13.

Responding to a report of possible underage drinking, Sheriff's Deputy Joshua Craven arrived at the Seven Lakes North address at 2:30 am and found "several vehicles in the yard and beer cans all over the yard," according to the report he filed on the incident.

While he was trying to get someone to answer the front door, Craven saw young people apparently attending the party running for the upstairs and rear portions of the home.

A car pulled into the driveway

and, apparently because the driver spotted Craven's patrol car, immediately backed out of the driveway.

Craven was able to stop the car in the street in front of the home. The driver was eighteen-year-old

Jeremy Rodominski a resident of 104 Juniper, which told Craven that his mother, the home owner, was out of town.

Rodominski let officers into the home to clear out the partygoers. Craven, now assisted by

Sergeant Lineberry and Deputy Beck, identified all the teenagers and called their parents.

Lineberry and Beck found drug paraphernalia — a glass pipe — and less than two ounces of marijuana in the living room

of the home.

Rodominski was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana. He has a January 22 court date.

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Dinner will be buffet-style and will feature Coquille St. Jacques w/mashed potatoes on top or Chicken Cordon Bleu w/rice pilaf. Vegetable, salad and rolls round out the meal. The all-inclusive price for members is \$20 and \$25 for nonmembers. Members may call 673-1100 anytime and nonmembers are eligible to phone in reservations after November 27.

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# In memory of . . .

**Nancy Owens McLean**, 52, died Saturday, November 11. She was preceded in death by her father, Jesse Barnes Owens. A memorial service was held Tuesday, November 14 at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

Born in Raleigh, Mrs. McLean grew up in Greensboro and received her B.S. degree in Allied Health from Greensboro College. She was a registered x-ray technician and was one of the first people to work in the field of ultrasound, later teaching ultrasound courses at Emory School of Medicine.

She is survived by her husband of twenty-nine years, Ernie McLean, daughter Kristen, and sons Carson and Reid; her mother, June Owens, of Seven Lakes; brothers, Mark (Sandy) Owens of Pittsboro; several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2461 Peachtree Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30309.

**Hazel Caviness Peitz**, 72, of Eagle Springs, died Tuesday, November 14, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

A funeral service was held at

on Sunday, November 19, at Eagle Springs Baptist Church. Reverends Kenneth McNeill, Charles Hinson, and David Peitz officiated. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Peitz is survived by her sons, Ronnie Beasley of Jackson Springs, Richard Beasley of Baltimore, MD, Mitchell Peitz of Eagle Springs and David Peitz of Aberdeen; her daughter, Vivian Carlyle of Eagle Springs; sisters, Pauline Sutton of Eagle Springs and Nancy Davis of Myrtle Beach, SC; eleven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sandhills Center for Mental Health, P.O. Drawer 639, Pinehurst, NC 28370.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

**Kate Lamb Strother**, 88, of Aberdeen, died Tuesday, November 15, at the Penick Village in Southern Pines.

Mrs. Strother's daughter, Barbara Whitaker-Mays, owned the interior design company Barbara Whitaker Interiors, formerly located in the Seven Lakes business village.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, November 18, at the

Ashley Heights Baptist Church near Aberdeen. The Reverends Dr. David Helms and Mr. Jake D. Thacker officiated. Burial was in the family plot of the Ashley Heights Cemetery.

Mrs. Strother was a life-long member of this church and active in the community. She retired from Peebles, Inc., where she was a buyer, display designer and sales lady for 30 years.

Her husband, Lee Strother, and grandson, Greg Whitaker of Carthage, preceded her in death.

Survivors include daughters

Barbara Whitaker-Mays of Pinehurst, Brenda Knelson and her husband, Dr. John H. Knelson of Morehead City, Sandra McDaniel of Cary, and one son, Phillip N. Strother of Wilmington; sisters Pat Thacker and her husband, Jake D. Thacker, LCDR USN (Ret) of Suffolk, Va, and twin sister Kathleen Poindexter of Bolivia; and brothers Ray Lamb of Oak Island and Bobby Lamb of Aberdeen.

She had eleven grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

The family received friends and family members before and after the funeral service at the home of Mrs. Strother's daughter, Barbara Whitaker-Mays, in Pinehurst.

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# West Side plans Christmas Tree lighting

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All this is waiting for you on Sunday afternoon, December 3, at the Seven Lakes West second annual Tree-Lighting Ceremony.

Please come and take part in this fun event as your presence is very important in making the community's tree lighting ceremony a huge success. You will have an opportunity to see glowing and elegant decorations, hear wonderful entertainment, and you will leave with the warmth of the holiday spirit in your hearts.

The afternoon activities, scheduled from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm, will feature the Lake Auman Band, under the direction of Larry McCune. The majority of the band are members of the Moore County Concert Band and live in our area. Their program will consist of familiar Christmas music perfect for caroling, so start practicing your "Jingle Bells."

Another featured performance will be the dazzling dance steps of the Sophisticated Ladies. Originating in 1992, under the direction of Barbara Hamm a former Radio City Music Hall Rockette, the group ranges in age from fifty to eighty years young. Besides the good these ladies do performing for residents or patients who are unable to travel, they are each involved in many civic and community activities.

The Sweet Adelines will blend their lovely voices in song and treat everyone to a repertoire of harmonious choral music.

Women's barbershop harmony is a style of singing in four voice parts and is performed a cappella. The Sweet Adelines were organized in 2004 and Carole Roth of Pinehurst was instrumental in getting the new chorus started.

Last, but not least, dear old Santa and his elf will arrive and visit with the young and young at heart.

Plan to bring the children and

grandchildren to see what surprises Santa has in his special bag. A special Christmas Tree just for the children has been added and we are asking all children who attend to bring a Christmas ornament of their choice. Each child will hang his or her ornament on the tree to make it very special.

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# Fashion show card party is a big success



**Puttin' On The Ritz** — Deanna Petrie has fun at the Women of Seven Lakes Fashion Show.

The Women of Seven Lakes held their Annual Fall Luncheon, Fashion Show and Card party on November 9 at the West Side Park Community Center. Thanks to the following members who helped make the luncheon a great success: Co-Chairs Jo Nicholas and Sandi Carl; Reservations Ginger Finney;

Silent Auction Pat Weber; Setup Carmela Chase; Decorations Donna McCormack; Publicity and Program Betsy Mikula; Models Jo Nicholas; Kitchen Supervisor Alice Ridenour; Kitchen Detail Tinkie Petterson; Music Donna Olson. Prior to the fashion show the women had an opportunity to

begin their Christmas shopping for others and to pick up a gift for themselves by participating in the Project Linus Silent Auction. Items for bid ranged from baked goods and crafts to gift baskets to jewelry to original art and photography. Project Linus is a

(See "Fashion," below)



**Fashionable Models** — Betsy Mikula, Pat Painter, Sue Sikes, Deanna Petrie, Diane Klingensmith, Linda Jenner, Mary Hauck, Betty Bauer, Tinkie Petterson.

## Fashion

(Continued from above)  
non-profit 100% volunteer organization that provides love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans. The monies raised during the silent auction will be used to meet the needs of Moore County children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need. It was a great opportunity to have fun, purchase a bargain and help children at the same time. Pat Weber, who chaired the Auction, said it was very successful.  
Fashions were by H. Edwards & Company, with commentator Russell Bramlett and models; Betty Bauer, Mary Hauck, Linda Jenner, Diane Klingensmith, Betsy Mikula, Pat Painter, Deanna Petrie, Tinkie Petterson, and Sue Sikes.  
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# Holiday styles on display

Susan Marks of Phoenix Fashions hosted a holiday fashion show and luncheon at Beacon Ridge Country Club on November 4. Over a hundred guests were treated to a wide variety of holiday styles from casual to dressy, Christmas to glitter. All

guests received a gift and a goody bag filled with special coupons from local businesses.

Phoenix Fashions extends a special thanks to all of the merchants that participated; Beacon Ridge Country Club, Aman-

da Keller of Arbonne International, and Optical Solutions.

The next event is scheduled for December 4 when Phoenix Fashions will hold their third annual Christmas Party. Tickets are on sale now at the store or call 673-5998 for details.



**Fashionable ladies** — Cyndi Widman, Jan Thomas, Myra Taylor, Mary Price, Pat Painter, Jane Hodge, and Nita Carter.

## Empty Stocking Fund

The Chapel in the Pines commences their eighteenth year of money raising for the "Empty Stocking Fund." Slanted towards needy seniors, adults, and children, the fund provides food vouchers and gifts for fifty area families in West End and Jackson Springs. Not only are these people remembered at Christmas, but the fund also issues food vouchers for Thanksgiving and Easter as well. The Chapel works hand-in-hand with Moore County's Social Services Department to select appropriate recipients of the fund's offerings.

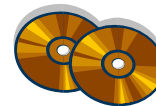
"The source of money for these endeavors is threefold," said Fred Renner, Committee Chairman, "individual contributions, Seven Lakes area business people, and The Chapel in the Pines Benevolence Committee. The latter, by the way, donates substantial funds raised at their annual rummage sale."

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# Sports Club elects officers

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Four new committees have been established to provide more resources and broader focus against club activities.

Newly elected officers are Co-chairmen Charles Flinchum and Ron McGaughey, Treasurer Ed Tuton, Secretary Gerald Lewin.

New committee chair persons are Social committee Patti Cleary, Speakers committee Joe Kristek, Special Events committee Dave Petrie, and Sports Line Editor Bruce MacDonald.

The club's primary focus will continue to be for programs that improve fishing.

However, other programs are being added to appeal to a greater number of West Side residents.

If you live in Seven Lakes West and are interested in joining the Lake Auman Sports Club, contact Charlie Flinchum at 673-4518, or Ron McGaughey at 673-4716 for a membership application.

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The team will play in Colum-

bus, Georgia at the end of March.

The team is pictured at left. Members include: (front row) Jane Lowe, Joyce Charles, Barb Horan, and Joan Carter; and (back row) Judy Streit, Marilyn Quintana, Ally Vogel, and Kay McCarthy.

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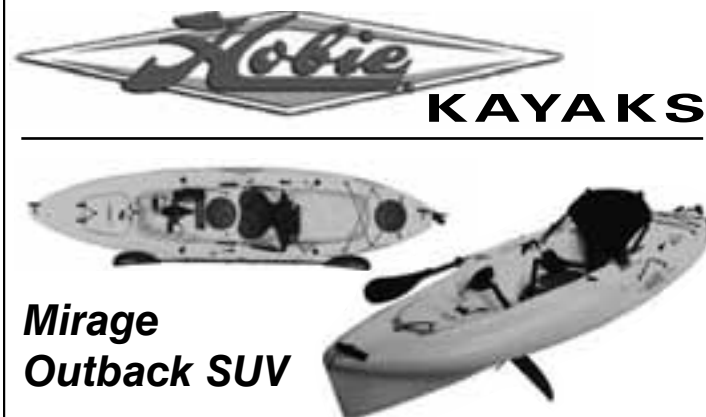
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# West Side wins tennis 'Showdown'

by Barb Horan  
Seven Lakes North

The Seven Lakes Showdown, a tennis tournament between the North and South communities and the West side in mixed doubles format, was held this past Sunday at the Seven Lakes Country Club tennis courts.

An absolutely beautiful day for tennis was enjoyed by both the players and spectators as all three communities came together to compete.

This tournament hasn't been held in several years, but with some new activity at the

Seven Lakes Country Club tennis courts the challenge was brought back. It was so well received it will certainly be repeated in the very near future.

The prize, a "Trophy Clock," which has been hanging in the Seven Lakes Tennis Facility for a long time, has a new home at Beacon Ridge Country Club.

Yes, the West side was triumphant.

Rumor was the North and South team wouldn't relinquish the clock's battery if they lost the trophy.

In the end all was well and a

big party soothed sore muscles and bruised egos and the battery went home with the clock.

The organizers of the event would like to thank the forty-four tennis player's who competed in the Showdown and made it a success.

If you are interested in getting involved in Seven Lakes tennis, please call Barb Horan on the North/South side at 673-8169, or the Seven Lakes Country Club tennis facility at 673-1096.

Westiders may call Bill and Ellie Lyons at 673-7115.

## SLCC hosts Pro-Am Event

Farm Bureau Insurance of North Carolina and Touchstone Energy "teamed" to sponsor a fall Pro-Am event at Seven Lakes Country Club providing not only a great purse for the participants but also a very generous \$1,000 donation to the Seven Lakes Country Club Junior Golf Program. Our Juniors are our future and we thank both these companies for ensuring sponsorship of future activities and events.

Chris Tucker won the Low Pro with a one under par 71 and \$380, nudging out four players who tied for second. Each receiving \$257 are: Paul Mcrae, Adam McLaughlin, Chad Derosseau, and Dale Fogerty.

Low Team winners are:

1st: Thomas Pegram, Terry McPheeters, Randy Chunn, Mike Carter - \$221 each.

2nd: (Tied) Todd Camplin, Jerry Grout, Kent Yeoman, Fred Camplin.

2nd: (Tied) Doug Thompson, Matt Ragsdale, Rodney Gorman, Todd Adams.

4th: Rick Lewallen, Leon Davis, Ken Mesimer, Tommy Mccloud.

## Forum takes December off

As has been past practice, the Seven Lakes Forum will not be conducted in December.

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

Mohsin Ali O.B.E., the presenter at the April 2006 Forum, will return and present the topic entitled "Oil, Uranium and Windmills... the Big Fight for Oil, Nuclear Power and Alternative Energy Resources." Given the current situation with Iran, North

Korea and other nations seeking to obtain weapons-grade uranium, the topic should be exceptionally informative and of keen interest to us all.

For further information, please contact Don Welch at 673-6701, or Bill Mamel at 673-8970.


## Christmas Spectacular

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# Volunteers needed for AARP Tax-Aide

Last year, the local AARP Tax-Aide program and thirty Moore County volunteers provided free Federal and NC Tax Return counseling and preparation for nearly 1000 Moore County residents by preparing and filing over 1,560 Federal and State 2005 Tax Returns. The majority of these were filed electronically to ensure prompt processing and rapid payment of any refunds. AARP Tax Aide is seeking additional volunteers for this year.

AARP's Tax-Aide Program is the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service. AARP Tax-Aide is administered through the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service. Again this year, AARP expects to significantly increase the number of taxpayers they assist in Moore County. To do this, AARP is seeking volunteers to assist with one-on-one counseling and tax return preparation.

Volunteers will be trained and required to pass a competency test to become IRS Certified as a Tax Counselor. AARP membership is not necessary to assist with Tax-Aide.

Volunteer training will be conducted during January 2007. Volunteers who become IRS Certified are asked to make a minimum commitment of forty hours over the ten-week filing season from February 1 to April 15, 2007. Expense reimbursement is provided for some program related out-of-pocket expenses.

To volunteer, or for more information about becoming a local AARP Tax-Aide volunteer, contact the local AARP Tax-Aide

Coordinator, Bill Roberson at (910) 673-1452. You may also visit the national AARP website at [www.aarp.org/taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide) or call the national AARP Tax-Aide toll free number: 1 - 888-AARPNOW (1-888-227-7669).

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## Correction

In our November 10 edition, in a story announcing the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Dawson and Bobbi Carr, *The Times* incorrectly referred to their son Greg as their grandson.

We regret the error and wish the Carrs, along with all their children and grandchildren a Happy Thanksgiving.

# Fellingham flew in both WWII and Korea

Joe Fellingham of Seven Lakes West has lots of memories of his U.S. Marines service to his country.

A native of Council Bluffs, Iowa, he studied chemical engineering at Creighton University and Iowa State University. At age nineteen, during World War II, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and entered flight training as a Naval aviation cadet, learning to solo on single-engine fighter planes. He was awarded his wings in 1944," a day of sheer exhilaration," as he puts it. He trained on Taylorcraft and Aeronicas.

During active duty, he flew the Corsair F-4U, an all-weather fighter, off Naval aircraft carriers in Korea and the Philippines. At the end of the war in 1945, he served with a wing assigned to help clear the Japanese out for surrender.

He became a Navy flight instructor for two years at Corpus Christi, Texas, then went back into active duty as a fighter pilot on small carriers in the Yellow Sea off South Korea, during the conflict.

He attended post-graduate school in Monterey, California studying with an all-weather fighter squadron with emphasis on special weapons. He retired from the Marines in 1969.

All told, Joe Fellingham was in the U.S. Marines from September 1942 until August 1969. He became a second lieutenant in 1944, retiring as a colonel after twenty-seven years of service.

He received fourteen medals and citations ranging from the World War II Victory Medal and Philippine Liberation Ribbon to a Presidential Unit Citation, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and Purple Heart. He also received two Distinguished Flying Crosses for his service to World War II. In 1953, after he was shot down in Korea, he was awarded his third Distinguished Flying Cross for his combat mission flown from the USS Sicily in Korea.

Following training in bases at California, Texas and Florida, he was ordered to the Philippines via Hawaii, then the Admiralty Islands off New Guinea, then to Leyte where he began flying F-4U Corsairs.

He helped provide close air

support for the 24th Infantry in the battle to liberate the Philippines. The Marine pilots flew 3,280 sorties against the Japanese there. Joe's Corsair was

loaded with 250, 500, and 1,000 pound bombs as he participated in low-flying strafing runs to cover our troops in their successful effort to liberate the island

of Mindanao.

Following the declaration of liberation of the Philippines by General MacArthur in the Summer of 1945, Joe and his squadron were given orders to Okinawa. Prior to their arrival, the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and Japan surrendered.

While stationed in Korea, Joe flew 150 combat missions. In August 1952, he was temporarily off carrier-based duty and back at the K-2 base near Seoul. He took off in his F-4U Corsair on a routine bombing run over North Korea, leading a section of Corsairs attacking a North Korean Army battalion command post. He made his run from 12,000 feet, releasing two 500 pound bombs at about 1500 feet. At that moment, tracers from North Korean anti-aircraft guns began streaking towards him. One shell tore through the belly of his plane, exploding and ripping through his cockpit and shattering the glass on his instruments.

Going into shock and near faint, he headed for an emergency landing on a Allied designated beach off the western coast of North Korea. With his communications system blown and hydraulic system shot, he couldn't get his landing gear down. He was forced to make a wheels up landing on the beach. He slid to a halt and was plucked from the wreckage by two American servicemen driving a weapons truck. Soon after, doctors removed his flight suit and began dislodging massive amounts of shrapnel from his body. After a recovery period, he was assigned as an aide to the commanding general of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in Korea.

Following his military service, Joe joined Grumann Aerospace Corporation, serving fourteen years in various supervisory capacities and retiring in 1983.

Joe's wife Fran is from Plattsmouth, Nebraska, a town just across the Missouri River from his hometown. She worked for TWA as a flight attendant.



**Joe Fellingham**



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# Now's the time to plant trees and shrubs

The November weather in our area has been variable but almost normal as expected with mixed cool and warm periods, moderate and tolerable temperatures and abundant rainfall. I sympathize with the people in some areas of our state who a few days ago experienced severe storms and in a couple of sections tornadoes struck destroying lives, property, and homes. We are fortunate those tragedies missed us.

Research and experience has shown from the middle of November to the first of the year is an ideal time for planting trees, shrubs, and many perennial and hardy wild flowers for next season. Basically, the reason for planting this time of year is it allows the plants to become set-

tled in, roots to form, and receive moisture so that early growth can begin next spring.

Here are a few suggestions which hopefully will be helpful to you.



## Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

Make a simple plan designing, arranging and grouping what and where to plant in the landscape. Plant spacing is very important depending on size, shape, and desired height of the shrub, tree, or bed location at maturity. Generally permanent foundation plants should be spaced three to four feet apart in clusters or plant groupings. Screening or border plantings should be placed three to five feet apart depending on size and shape, and also the number of desired rows.

The entire soil area to be planted should be well prepared. A correct preparation method is to add two or more of these; organic matter such as well-decomposed rotted leaves, potting soil, dried cow manure, peat moss. Broadcast and incorporate the mixture into the soil by tilling or spading it to a depth of one foot. Then dig the plant hole three to four times as wide as the root ball size and no deeper than the root formation. That is, at the same level it was previously grown in the soil. Obtain superior quality plants from a reliable nursery or garden center. Proper planting is highly important. More plants die as a result of poor or deep planting than any other reason. Again, plant at the same level or depth as it was grown in the field, nursery, or

pot. Spread the roots from any pot bound plant. If the ball-grown plant is covered with a plastic liner, punch several holes in it or remove the cover from the ball. Add and incorporate a handful of limestone and bonemeal in and

around the planted area, one square yard for each average sized shrub, tree, or bed. Water thoroughly during this planting procedure and pack the soil firmly around the roots, level with the ground and mulch with two inch-

es of hardwood or pine bark or pine straw. Remember to supply abundant water to the plantings and give the plants time to settle. Do not stake any plant unless it is necessary, although some larger trees require it. Tree wrap-

ping often is needed to keep rabbits, squirrels, voles, and other rodents from gnawing the bark from the trunk of newly planted and other trees. It has been found that planting daf-

(See "Now," p. 18)



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## Moore Homes 4 the Holidays

Moore Humane Society and The Animal Center of Moore County join forces for a festive open house celebration on Saturday, December 2, from noon until 3 pm. Both facilities and their furry residents will be decked out to greet you!

Take a guided tour of each facility, chat with an Animal Control Officer about their work or to the shelter staff about what it takes to run a caring, upbeat shelter.

Enjoy some refreshments, help get Santa released from the shelter, meet the resident snake, shake paws with a therapy dog, meet a K9 officer. Low cost \$5 rabies shots will be available.

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# Now's the time to plant trees and shrubs

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fodils, hyacinths, and other bulbs in pots is perhaps the best, safest, and surest method for vole protection. Also experience has shown here in the Sandhills that planting after the first of the year reduces the chances for vole infestation.

## Suggested tips for November:

November is known as "leaf falling month," and there are always questions about the disposal of leaves. There are basically two types of leaves in our area; hardwood and pine straw. Some prefer to take leaves to the dump. Others make a compost pile, whereas some of us desire to mulch-mow them into the lawn. Everyone knows that pine straw makes wonderful mulch for a wooded lot. Also it is widely used as mulch around shrubs and trees.

November is a good time for light pruning and shaping of non-spring blooming evergreen plants. Also Crepe myrtles can be seed pruned or cutback and severely thinned, but some may prefer to enjoy the plant bark during the winter and chose to prune in early spring before new growth begins.

Winterize your warm season lawn if you haven't done it by mowing to a height of two inches. Give your Fescue lawn a light application of a premium lawn fertilizer as soon as possible. Keep leaf showers off new grass by light raking or mulch mowing.

Cut back chrysanthemums to the ground after blooming. Sow seeds of poppies, larkspur, or other hardy wildflowers for next season.

Mulch your plants with hardwood or pine bark or pine straw to a depth of two inches. Overly deep mulching often promotes harboring places for voles to live and reproduce.

Check your plants for insects and if present in damaging numbers, take them outside on a warm day, spray with insecticidal soap, horticultural oil malathion, orthene, or another recommended houseplant insecticide.

Spray houseplants, particularly ferns, with a soft mist of water twice a week to keep humidity high once the indoor

heating system is on and running.

Winter weeds are beginning to emerge. Noticeable ones already visual are chickweeds, common yellow sorrel coxatis, henbit, dandelions, wild onions, and

garlic. Pull or dig them out or use a spot or broadcast herbicide treatment. Round-Up and phenoxy types 2,4-D, Dicamba, etc) are the two recommended broadleaf control, use specifi-

cally according to the directions.

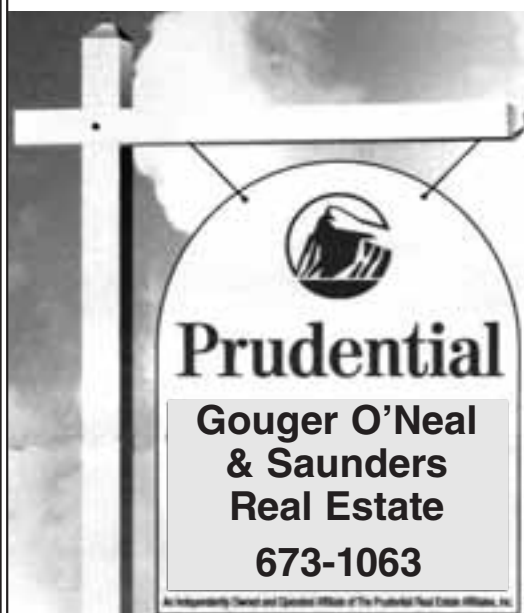
As Thanksgiving approaches, we are thankful for the many blessings in our lives, Thankful that we live in a state and nation where we are free.

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# Kiwanis get Habitat update

At a recent meeting of the Seven Lakes Kiwanis, Deputy Mike Kantorowski spoke about the role of the County Sheriff in our community. He covered a wide range of items all of which were pertinent to Seven Lakerers.

He particularly stressed that since the disbanding of the Company Police this past summer, the Sheriff has the responsibility of all law enforcement within the gates with the exception of traffic accidents.

The Highway Patrol has to investigate all motor vehicle accidents.

Another Fall meeting of the Kiwanis featured Habitat for Humanity represented by Jim Kilpatrick, known affectionate-

ly to his Habitat associates as 'The Tin Man.'

Kilpatrick has worked with Habitat for many years, and earned his nickname because of his specialty of installing the metal trim around the eaves of the many homes built by Habitat in Moore County.

Kilpatrick's long experience with Habitat served him well as he described the progress of Habitat for Humanity in our area. Hank Lowder, a former board member with Habitat, accompanied Kilpatrick and shared in giving much information about the Moore County chapter of Habitat.

The Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at noon, usually at the Seven Lakes Country Club.



Hank Lowder, Chad Beane, and the "Tin Man," Jim Kilpatrick.

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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

• **Foxfire Interfaith Thanksgiving 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.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

• **Thanksgiving Day**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

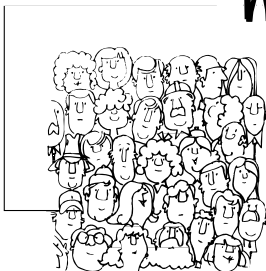
• **Sandhills Natural History Society Meeting** – 7:00 pm, Penick Village in Southern Pines. John Gerwin will present an entertaining and informative program on the Swainson's warbler, a secretive bird of the forest. Visitors welcome. Call 910-692-2167 for more information or visit our website [www.sandhillsnature.org](http://www.sandhillsnature.org)

**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. Please join regular Seven Lakes donors and give the Gift of Life this holiday season.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

• **Country Bookshop** – 4:00 pm, Popular NC author, Lynn Hinton presents her novel, *Arms of God*, the poignant story of



a woman who must try to understand the mother who abandoned her. Her new mystery, *Down by the Riverside*, written under the pen name Jackie Lynn, will also be discussed. 140 NW Broad St., Southern Pines

• **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.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1**

• **Opening Night "A Christmas Spectacular"** – 8:00 pm. Premiere production features classic carols and festive favorites that make the season memorable. The cast will explore the magic, and occasional mayhem, of the holiday season in an old-fashioned radio show setting. Tonight the audience

is invited to meet performers and designers after the show while enjoying a complimentary champagne toast. Tickets \$20 for adults,

\$10 for students and children, \$16 for groups, \$16 for active military personnel,

and \$16 for Lee County educators. Purchase tickets at Temple Theatre Box Office, Monday through Friday 2:00-6:00 pm and one hour prior to show times. Tickets may also be purchased by calling the box office at (919) 774-4155 and online ticketing at [www.templeshows.com](http://www.templeshows.com). Show is presented Nov. 30 through Dec. 17. Located at 120 Carthage Street in downtown Sanford

**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.

• **Moore County Choral Society for "Everywhere Christmas Tonight!"** – 8:00 pm, Owens Auditorium, Sandhills Community College. Tickets \$10. Matinee performance 4:00

# What's When Calendar

## Need A Miracle? Saint Jude Novena

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• **Moore Homes 4 The Holidays, an Open House Celebration** – noon to 3:00 pm, Moore Humane Society and The Animal Center of Moore County in Carthage. Take a guided tour of each facility, chat with an Animal Control Officer about their work or to the shelter staff about what it takes to run a caring, upbeat shelter. Get acquainted with the work they do and their wonderful furry residents who are all looking for "Moore Homes 4 The Holidays"! Low cost \$5 rabies shots will also be available at The Animal Center. Refreshments.

Moore Humane Society, 5355 NC Highway 22, Carthage 947-2631, and The Animal Center at 5235 US Hwy 15-501 947-2858.

• **Wine Buying For the Holiday Season** – noon, The Wine Shop at Elliott's on Linden. Free wine-tasting seminar. For information, call 295-3663.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**

• **SLWLA Second Annual Tree Lighting** – 3:00 pm, Seven Lakes West Community Center. Santa will be there along with other entertainment including Sweet Adelines Sophisticated Ladies and our own Seven Lakes West Band.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

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- **The Creative Christmas Table** – 11:00 am - 5:00 pm, Little River Farms Clubhouse. Gather creative ideas for decorating your holiday table. Presented by the Moore County Extension and Community Association, this free event which is open to the public, exhibits many opportunities that are offered by their Heritage Crafts Classes held each month.
- **Become a Literacy Volunteer** – 10:00 am - 11:00 am, 175 W. New Hampshire Ave in Southern Pines. Moore County Literacy Council is offering a volunteer orientation, please consider giving the gift of literacy to someone. Call 692-5954 to reserve your spot.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6**

- **Project Linus Workshop** – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Please help build up the blanket inventory. Fleece will

be available, flannel blanket and quilt kits will be available for check out and a new rotary fleece cutter that prepares fleece for crotchet edging will be demonstrated. This is the only workshop in December and Project Linus needs you! Refreshments and treats will be served to thanks the volunteer blanketeers. Pat Weber 673-1457.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7**

- **Bookshop by the Lakes – Author Event** – 1:00 – 3:30 pm, award winning author James Dodson will visit the store to discuss and sign copies of his current book titled *Beautiful Madness* and other titles such as *Ben Hogan: An American Life* and *Dewweepers*. Join Bookshop by the Lakes and all Seven Lakes Book Clubs in welcoming Mr. Dodson.
- **Women of Seven Lakes** – 2:00 pm, Seven Lakes West Community Center. Come

celebrate the holidays with the group. Sandhills Harmony Chorus, a chapter of the Sweet Adelines International, will provide entertainment. Please bring any of the following items to be donated to “Friend to Friend.” paper towels, toilet tissue, light bulbs, kitchen size trash bags, dishwasher detergent, dishwashing liquid, or school supplies.

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# 'Ara Gray' carries on family name

Chris and Carol Armstrong of Seven Lakes South recently made a special trek to St. Louis' National Charity Horse Show to see a special little girl — with a storied name — win her first ribbon for horsemanship.

The competitive debut of that little girl — Chris' granddaughter, three-year-old Barbara Gray Spielman — encompassed generations of family tradition.

First is her name — Barbara Gray, or Ara Gray V, for short — a name and nickname that she shares with five generations of ancestors.

The first, her great-great-great grandmother, in Scotland, was the original Barbara Gray.

The name then passed to Ara Gray V's great-great-aunt, Bar-

bara Gray Murchison, MD, — Ara Gray II — the first female physician to graduate from the prestigious college of medicine at the University of Edinburgh. An early researcher into the use of X-Rays, she ultimately died as a result of overexposure to the rays.

Next in line was Barbara Gray Murchison Armstrong — Ara Gray III — who raised her family in Des Moines and Dubuque Iowa and moved with her banker husband Christy to Seven Lakes South in 1986.

Their daughters, Chris and Carol, now share the Armstrong house at 109 Berwick, on the first hole of Seven Lakes Country Club.

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Ara Gray V on Caesar

Ara Gray IV is Barbara Gray Fulford, Chris and Carol's older sister, who joined the twins in St. Louis for Ara Gray V's debut in the show ring on Caesar. The reunion was a full year in the planning.

Beyond the presence of her namesake, three-year old Ara Gray V's ride evoked family history in a number of other ways.

Caesar, her 20-year-old American Saddlebred mount, a former Country Pleasure Champion, was purchased originally for Ara Gray's mother, Chris' daughter Julie Spielman, who won her

own share of ribbons in the ring and starting riding at age 8.

Even the tie bar that Ara Gray wore has history — it belonged to her great grandfather and was also a part of her mother's riding outfit.

Julie led Ara Gray on Caesar into the ring, though Chris tells *The Times* that didn't sit too well with the young rider, accustomed to handling her own reins. "She kept shouting 'Go Caesar,'" Chris said.

But the veteran horse knew the drill and brought its young pilot safely home with a blue ribbon.

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# Back Pack Pals relies on volunteers

BackPack Pals, a program of Moore County Schools, partnering with the Food Bank of Southeastern North Carolina and the Sandhills Food Bank, began with one school in December, 2005. St. Joseph of the

Pines provided start-up funds in addition to a Moore County Family Trust. Five more schools were added in the Spring of 2006.

On September 28, six more primary and elementary schools

were added to the program bringing the total to twelve, serving over 300 children weekly.

The program is designed to provide nutritious foods to children identified by school staff to have little or nothing to eat over

the weekend. Children in Primary and Elementary schools are recognized with input from teachers, teacher assistants, school nurses, counselors and social workers as candidates for the program.

Once the identification process is completed letters are sent home to obtain permission from the parents/guardians for the child to participate. BackPacks are then issued to the student free

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# Back Pack Pals relies on volunteers

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ty and anonymity of the participants.

Plans to expand the program to reach Moore children include



**BackPack Volunteers** from Seven Lakes Lions, Judy Seldomridge and Shirley Donaldson packing bags for West End Elementary School.

requesting financial aid from area civic clubs and individuals and product donations from churches across Moore County. Churches are responsible for donating fifty designated items per week all year long to be used to feed children who attend schools in the district of the church.

Volunteers have been recruited from participating churches in addition to product donations. Volunteers are assigned to a school and are responsible for picking up the BackPacks and bringing them to the Sandhills Food Bank every Thursday, stuffing them and returning them to the school for distribution on Friday.

Prior to the volunteers arriving at the Food Bank, another crew of volunteers meets and sets up the assembly line with products that will be used for that particular week.

For more information on how to get involved with the program contact; Linda Hubbard, Volunteer Coordinator/Tina Kissell, Administrator, Student Services, Moore County Schools, 947-2342.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>4</b> Cabbage, Sausage, & Bean Soup <b>Chicken Parmesan Dinner</b>	<b>5</b> Split Pea with Ham Soup <b>Two-bean Enchilada Dinner ♥</b>	<b>6</b> Vegetable Soup ♥ <b>Salisbury Steak Dinner</b>	<b>7</b> Mexican Meatball Soup <b>Pecan-Crusted Tilapia Dinner</b>	<b>8</b> New England Clam Chowder <b>Beef Stroganoff Dinner</b>
<b>11</b> Corn Chowder <b>Baked Spaghetti Dinner</b>	<b>12</b> Navy Bean Soup ♥ <b>Turkey Dinner</b>	<b>13</b> Creamy Chicken Vegetable Soup <b>Chicken Enchilada Dinner</b>	<b>14</b> Curried Carrot Soup ♥ <b>Basil Shrimp with Feta Dinner</b>	<b>15</b> Manhattan Clam Chowder <b>Pork Chops Marsala Dinner</b>
<b>18</b> Potato Leek Soup ♥ <b>Shepherd's Pie Dinner</b>	<b>19</b> Chili <b>Chicken Divan Dinner</b>	<b>20</b> White Bean Chicken Chili <b>BBQ Brisket Dinner</b>	<b>21</b> Beef Vegetable Soup ♥ <b>Spice-Crusted Tilapia Dinner</b>	<b>22</b> Butternut Bisque ♥ <b>Ginger Beef Dinner ♥</b>
<b>25</b> <b><u>CLOSED!</u></b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Black Bean Soup <b>Pork with Apples Dinner ♥</b>	<b>28</b> Tomato Florentine Soup ♥ <b>Lemon Shrimp Oriental Dinner ♥</b>	<b>29</b> Chicken & Dumpling Soup <b>Swiss Steak Dinner</b>
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# OPINION

## Skating on the edge

"Mom, have you seen my skate key?"

"Now, Oliver, how many times do I have to tell you that your skate key is your responsibility?"

"Yeah, but Mom...."

Yeah, but possession of a skate key was absolutely necessary. Kids like me all had metal roller skates that would hook on to the leather soles of our shoes. The skate key was used to tighten the clamps of the skates to the shoes.

I lived on a street that was perfect for roller skates. Ours was a "no outlet" street, that's a "dead end" for you South-

erners. And we had sidewalks. We would skate up and down those sidewalks and in November and December we would play roller skate hockey in the street with a tin can and whatever sticks we could find. Old broom sticks were perfect.

We boys noticed that the girls were trying to skate gracefully imitating Sonya Heine on ice. Not Marjorie Pope though. She was one of the best hockey players. When we chose up sides,

she was one of the first to be picked.

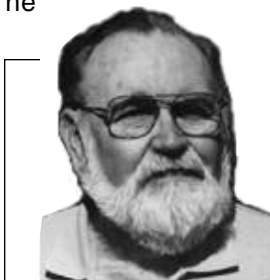
I only had one bad accident on skates. One summer day, Bobby Stemler was pumping his bicycle pedals like crazy going for speed down the sidewalk. I was hanging on to his rear fender for the thrill of speed. It was fun until my skates hit a break in the sidewalk and I went flying.

I hit headfirst on the concrete pavement. My older brother was cutting grass two doors down when he heard my head hit the sidewalk. He and other came running.

It was amazing that no skull bones were broken. Of course I

### Ollie's Thoughts

Oliver Gossard



set up a howl of crying.

For a few days, I was told that my face looked like Quasimodo's, whoever he was. But I was proud of the extensive scabs that stretched across my face. Notoriety, my buddies claimed that this accident proved that my head contained only skull bone and very little brain. I think they were right.

Now, where did I put that skate key?

## Club proposal makes sense

Dear Editor:

I read the pair of letters in the November 10 issue criticizing a plan to relocate the Seven Lakes Country Club driving range.

There are a number of valid reasons for moving the current driving range to a better location, and the list always starts with safety.

The current range is bordered by roads, including Seven Lakes Drive, and is not wide enough to prevent errant-hitting golfers from harming pedestrians and cars.

This issue of safety was tested again last Sunday (11/12), when a practicing golfer broke yet another car windshield, this one on Devonshire.

One of the charms that attracts people to Seven Lakes is the golf experience members and guests enjoy. The golf course is

in its best-ever condition.

But the club driving range is so prohibitively narrow that some members no longer use it in fear of hitting someone or something.

The range needs to be moved. It is not fair to the Seven Lakes



community to assume that a developer would build unattractive units on the land vacated by the driving range. We have a unique and lovely setting that would lead any developer to build housing that looks like part of our community and provide a fair return on his investment.

Finally, other top area clubs - including the Country Club of North Carolina and Mid Pines - have relocated their driving ranges and introduced nets to enhance safety.

The Pinehurst No. 8 Course also has a netted driving range. All were accomplished in tasteful styles. There is no evidence that plans at Seven Lakes Country Club would be any different.

Michael Dann  
Seven Lakes South

## Driving range is community issue

Dear Editor:

In your last issue, the sale of the existing SLCC driving range to a builder/developer along with the construction of a new range was discussed in both an article and two letters.

The Country Club member-

ship is going to be asked to vote in early December on the expenditure of money on the new proposed range. Management and Directors are going to show the membership pretty pictures of the new range. They will talk about the redesign that will result in balls

being hit uphill rather than downhill at adjoining property. They will also place emphasis on the unsafe conditions at the existing range.

All of this is true. Also true is that the current board and management has done an excellent

job in the operation of the Club.

The Club is a credit to the community and a huge asset. But you must understand that a vote for the new range starts a process that has potential of changing Seven Lakes as we know it.

As one of the original developers, I pledge to you that the area the existing range is on was never intended to be subdivided into lots. Like the golf course, the pasture by the stables, the playground, the lakes, the five acres on which the driving range sits was intended to be open space for the benefit of everyone in the community. All of our master plans and HUD filings showed the existing driving range as Property of Peter V Tufts and Associates. The area that was not subdivided on the original maps that we intended to later subdivide was labeled as Condominium Area.

A yes vote to fund the construc-

(See "Range," p. 27)

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# Depression not something to 'get over'

Every so often someone makes a request that I write a column about depression. Until now, I haven't cared to do so; however, recently I heard a friend say she does not believe that there is such an illness and that people should simply "deal with it."

Such an attitude is extremely unfair, if not truly cruel, to those people who suffer from what can be a terribly incapacitating sickness. This attitude is especially unkind because it prevents some people from seeking treatment for what is a highly treatable condition.

Depression is curable. Please know this to be true and pass the information on to anyone who is not aware of the realization that there are professional people who are knowledgeable of both psychiatric and medical treatments readily available to persons suffering from depression.

## Seven

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tion of the new range sets in motion a series of events that may result in spec homes or high density housing at the South Side entrance.

I hope that the CC membership will vote against the new range because it is actually a vote for subdividing the old driving range.

We should oppose any land being subdivided that was not originally planned to be lots.

I will, at my personal expense, take any legal action possible to block the subdivision of the existing driving range.

I can only hope that the community joins with me in trying to keep our master plan in place. It included lakes, recreation areas, green space and lots. If we establish the precedent of allowing parcels of land that were not intended to be building lots to be developed as such, what area will be the next to fall to become a profit center?

The Country Club has done entirely too much good for our community to allow a few well-intended but wrongly focused officers to forever change the face of our community.

D. Alan Shaw  
Seven Lakes South

Today's physicians are trained extensively in the use of medications that can bring tremendous relief to depressed persons (both men and women). There are people who truly require more in depth therapy. For these persons there are people trained in the type of psychological therapy that can bring understanding treatment of a more personal type. Sometimes more extensive help within a hospital or clinic can be of tremendous benefit to both patients and to left at home family members who require rest and relief from stress engendered by the illness.

The causes of depression are multitudinous. In the largest sense there are two types — endogenous and exogenous. Which simply means that some depression is the result of physical or chemical conditions within the body, and some is caused by an outside-of-the-body situation or condition.

There is within every person's brain fluid a chemical known as serotonin. Serotonin is the happiness or joy fluid. Under normal conditions it is this fluid which is largely responsible for ones' ability to feel happy and joyful. Sometimes a condition results in the suppression of serotonin with

unhappy results.

I personally suffer from a condition known as SAD [seasonal affective disorder]. Some people, such as myself, respond



## Nona's Notes

Nona Wiley

excessively to the presence or absence of light. Until I was properly diagnosed, I was miserable every winter as the sunlight waned. I cannot express what a relief it was to me to learn that my terrible winters were caused by a seasonal drop of serotonin. The level of this chemical is, in some people, dependent on light levels to which they are exposed. I have over the years used both light therapy and anti-depressants. Most anti-depressant medications function by preventing the cells in the brain from absorbing too much serotonin.

Another endogenous form of depression may be the result of a change of hormone levels

within the body. I suspect that hormones are involved in post-partum depressions. This type of sadness is fairly normal but can be very serious and sufferers require

sympathetic understanding and professional treatment.

The grief which occurs after a major loss is normal and usually responds well to the understanding of friends and family. After the loss of my daughter, one of my friends invited me for coffee day after day, and encouraged me to talk about Kathy over and over. That was exactly the therapy I required.

However, sometimes others can be of little help, and the normal grief process turns into true depression. In such cases, I strongly recommend professional treatment. Please don't tell a depressed person to "just get over it."

There are important losses other than death which may cause serious emotional problems. For example, the loss of a job, or of the use of a body part or a multitude of other situations may cause sadness that goes beyond normal grief. Then professional help is indicated.

There is a sort of "chicken or egg" aspect to depression. In many cases it's hard to know does the lack of serotonin cause

(See "Nona," p. 28)

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# Westside needs to invest in real audit

*Dear Editor:*

I am a resident of Beacon Ridge and a member of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA]. At the Association's August General Session, I asked several questions regarding the status of our current year financial statement audit. The Treasurer advised me that there was not an audit; the last audit was completed four years ago and the Board was going to inquire about a review of the financial statements versus an audit at a future date.

The Treasurer expressed an opinion that an audit was expensive, a review cheaper; but he had not contacted an auditing firm or negotiated audit fees. At that point, I asked about the level of financial/accounting expertise on the SLWLA Board and learned that no member had a background in accounting.

To date, I have not heard about a decision regarding an audit of SLWLA financial statements. Before I proceed further, let me

note that the Board asked me about my background. I replied that I have a degree in economics and MBA in Finance and extensive graduate training in financial accounting.

I am not a certified public accountant but have experience

as a Corporate Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Outside Director of Public and Private Corporations. I have negotiated audit work and fees with Big Four Accounting firms.

My point is not to deride the experience of the Association's

Board but merely to establish my credibility. SLWLA should have an annual audit and not a review for the following reasons:

1. A review does not follow auditing standards, does not require a review of internal controls and does not confirm or test various accounts independently.
2. A review opinion is weaker; it is my understanding that a legal claim cannot be made against an auditor who issues a review opinion. In the eyes of the law a review opinion is no opinion.

As a growing non profit organization with substantial reserve funds it is important to me, and should be to the Association, that an independent source

audits our financial statements including reserve funds, cash management, accounts payables, budgeting processes and statement compilation.

I was told in August that an audit is too expensive and review is cheaper. While the initial audit will require comparative financial statements and greater expense it will be lower in future years.

An audit can be relied upon. The Association's Board, by their own admission, does not have accounting expertise and should be mandating an audit as the cornerstone of their fiduciary responsibility to us, the members.

*Peter C. Staaf  
Seven Lakes West*

## Thanksgiving

I'm thankful for family, both present and departed. For the gift of each day as it passes into history. And for friends who allow me to be a part of their lives.

Thankful, too, for the sheer joy of a little child as she races across the lawn, arms flapping and hair stretched out in

the wind, stopping suddenly to pick up a little flower that catches her eye.

How appreciative we should all be for all the little things that happen that reflect God's grace.

We're so fortunate to have been witness to the wondrous blessings we enjoy and sometimes tend to take for granted.

We're thankful, too, just to be members of our worldwide community.

And for the life that beats within us. How precious it is.



**Mason's Musings**

*Mason Gould*

## Nona

*(Continued from page 7)*

depression or does depression cause the suppression of serotonin? At any rate, it is an illness and most importantly it will respond to treatment.

Please believe that depression causes far more problems than necessary because people, don't know or won't believe, that it can be cured. I have merely touched the surface of a very complex illness, but I pray God that someone will get help as the result of this small amount of knowledge.

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# Thanks to all who helped with Noah benefit

Dear Editor:

To all the good folks who participated in or helped sponsor the softball tournament in West End for the benefit of my grandson, Noah Christian, I would like to extend my heartfelt and most

sincere thanks.

The tournament was organized by Noreen Sawyer and Matt McNeil, who put untold hours in the planning of the event. They both arrived at the crack of dawn each day of the tourna-

ment, and stayed until nearly midnight in the bitter cold. There is no way I could have paid for their hard work, tireless energy, and expertise.

I am in awe of their dedication, selflessness, and obvious com-

mitment to helping others.

The planning of the event also disrupted the daily business activities of Bill and Judy McNeil at Jubilee Screen Printing, who also were one of the sponsors of the benefit. There were untold volunteers who worked at the concession stands, officiated the games, and kept the fires burning.

Each volunteer or sponsor seemed so glad to be of help. To each and every person who sponsored and/or worked at this event, I can't begin to express the appreciation I feel.

Noah is recovering well from his brain surgery. Just this week he learned to sit up and hold his head erect. His eyes are bright, and his responses to stimuli are appropriate.

And, most importantly, he is still

seizure free.

For this, I thank the fine surgeons at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and our precious Lord. For all those who extended prayers in Noah's behalf, you also have my most sincere appreciation.

This event has renewed my appreciation for the good people in this community who are willing to work (or play) to help with the medical bills for a baby most did not even know. The local merchants were extremely generous in donating their goods or services for raffles to raise additional funds. If I can ever be of any help to any of you who helped pull this event together, I hope I get the opportunity to do so. A simple "Thank You" seems so inadequate.

Harold Jones  
Seven Lakes West

## Holiday raffle raised \$650

Dear Editor:

The Holiday Decorating Raffle sponsored by the Recreation Playground Advisory Committee was a great success. We raised \$650.00, which will be used to purchase new equipment for the Northside Park playground.

The raffle tickets offered the chance of having a professional interior designer spend time helping you decorate for the holidays in your home using your decor. We had three winners and three interior designers par-

ticipating.

Brenda Massimo won two hours with KSF Design owner K. Stuart Fulgham of Southern Pines.

Charles and Ethel Oliver won the second raffle of two hours with Pamela Figon Wasilewski, owner of Creative Customworks in West End. And Trudy Williams was the lucky winner of two hours decorating time with Michele Gowan of MG Interior Design in Pinehurst.

As chair of the Playground Advisory Committee, I would

like to extend special thanks and acknowledgement for the hard work and efforts of the playground committee, especially Amanda Keller and Tammi Smith, for the generous donation of decorating time from the three interior designers and to the Women of Seven Lakes organization for allowing us to sell raffle tickets at their two Fall events.

I would like to take this opportunity also to show my appreciation to Randy Shepard, maintenance supervisor for Seven Lakes, for his donation of butterfly bushes from his own yard for transplanting to Northside Park. Thank you, Randy, for watering and taking such good care of the little touches within the park.

Laura Douglass  
Seven Lakes North

## Urgent Need for Blood Donations

The American Red Cross Moore County Chapter has a critical shortage of blood supplies with the following types identified at emergency status; O-positive, O-negative, A-negative, B-negative. The Chapter is hosting five blood drives in November including Wednesday, November 29 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Northside Clubhouse. As the holidays approach, please consider giving the Gift of Life.



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# Thanks, Tom Schultz, for the chuckles

Dear Editor:

This is a letter of great appreciation to Tom Schultz for his many years of dedication in keeping his fellow Seven Lakers informed with the notices on the boards by the gates.

I have seen Tom out there in all kinds of weather to make sure we were kept informed and

up-to-date.

His many quips have given us lots of chuckles and we miss them.

He always made sure there was someone tending to these even when he going on vacation, so there was never a lapse.

This is real dedication and I hope we can have someone

take over who will give even half the care and interest he has shown over the past twenty-five plus years.

Kudos to you, Tom, and best wishes and many thanks for years of service from all of us that remember and appreciate your

dedication to our community.  
*Lib Monroe (and Bob too)*  
*Seven Lakes North*

## 120+ enjoyed Fourth Annual Lakes mixer

Dear Editor:

The fourth annual Women of Seven Lakes Mixer was thoroughly enjoyed by over one hundred twenty people on Sunday, November 12 at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.

Co-chairs Ginny Long and Ginny Hereema wish to thank the following volunteers who made this event possible and such a success: Pearl Basak, Carmela Chase, Sue Davison, Margie Doe, Jane Farnham, Carolyn Fol-

lansbee, Marie Garvey, Phyllis Heubel, Peg Horton, Lucille Leman, Joanne Lentz, Joanna Lukonis, Maureen Malone, Dodie Mul-ready, Peggy McCallum, Alice McPheeters, Deanna Petrie, Tinkie Petterson, Alice Shaughnessy, Paula Taggart, Joan Tourt, Laurie Werner, Joan Welsh, and Alice While.

*Ginny Long*  
*Seven Lakes North*



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"Carolina OnLine strives to put the customer first," Marketing Manager John Spence told *The Times*. "Whether it is our dial-up Internet packages with options like web accelerator or our high-speed DSL services, Carolina OnLine can meet your Internet needs."

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The new office address is 1100-D Seven Lakes Drive.



Carolina OnLine has moved its Seven Lakes office to Peachtree Center.

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Emily Jo Bostic, daughter of Jo Ann Richardson of Eagle Springs, Carey Bostic of Tobaccoville, granddaughter of Joe and Deanie Richardson of Seven Lakes West and Helen Bostic of Troy is an upcoming graduate of Coastal Carolina University.

Emily attended West End Elementary, West Pine Middle School, Pinecrest High School her freshman year, graduating from East Montgomery High School.

She completed her high school requirements the summer following her junior year at East Montgomery. Emily was accepted as a college freshman at Wingate University in what would have been her high school senior year. She was awarded a merit and cheerleading scholarship at Wingate University.

Emily transferred to Coastal Carolina University in Fall 2005. She will graduate on December 9 with a B.A. in Studio Art, eight days after her 21st birthday.

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# Seven Lakes artists in League show

Three Seven Lakes artists are among the sixty-eight who are showing a total of 238 works of art at the 12th Exhibit sponsored by the Artists League of the Sandhills. The show opened on November 10 and runs Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 4:00 pm until December 23, at the League's facilities at 129 Exchange Street in Aberdeen.

Seven Laker Barbara Sickenberger's says her "love of the coast compels me to strive to depict the power and beauty of its natural characteristics. Every wave brings a predictable surge, either gentle or rough, and a unique configuration which will

never be seen again." Her pencil drawing "Forever Changing, Forever the Same" reflects this, "I hope I captured a suggestion of a moment in time, at one

spot, in the infinite life of the sea."

As to her "Tide Remnants," another pencil drawing she says, "Every walk to the west end of

Long Beach on Oak Island in North Carolina reveals new evidence of nature's incredible surprises. Not only do I find driftwood, shells, bones, and feathers, but see beautiful patterns in the sand as well from wind and, in the example of this drawing, from the partnership of wind and tide."

Her third drawing at the art show, "Going Under," she describes "The obvious viewpoint I had when preparing this work preceding the sad fate of a Long Beach landmark (which soon will go under the wrecking ball to make room for new development) explains the title. "My love of our coastal area makes this sad transition especially poignant for me."

Alice Ridenour's versatility in art is amply represented at the show. Her "Face Forward," show-

ing an arresting, fully-opened red pansy was done in acrylic. Her "Irish Menace," a watercolor showing an Irish setter ruling a barnyard in Ireland, was given a "Collectors' Choice Award." Two of her pastels are also shown; "Sophia," painted a young lady standing in Istanbul, Turkey, and "Moe's Garden," discovered at the Fireshadow Pottery in Eagle Springs.

Two of Ann Campbell's paintings are at the art show. One is "Study in Sepia," a watercolor showing a female figure. Another watercolor on display is "Mystic Woods." Ann recently had five of her paintings shown at the Fayetteville Art Show.

The Artists League of the Sandhills was founded in 1994 by Chuck Lunney and Mike D'Andrea. It now has over two hundred members.



*Ann Campbell is one of the Seven lakes Artists who will be exhibiting at the Artists League.*

## Join Luther & Friends

Moore County schools launched a new volunteer program called "Luther and Friends Canine Visitors Bureau" on August 10. Luther Diablo Vassallo, founder of Luther and Friends, began his career as a Moore County School Volunteer in September, 2005.

A rescue dog from the Haven, Luther is certified through Therapy Dogs International [TDI] and has a Canine Good Citizenship Certificate issued through the American Kennel Club.

Luther was the first TDI Children Reading to Dogs volunteer in the Moore county schools.

The inaugural class for Luther's friends was held at the Agriculture Center in Carthage. Fourteen teams are certified and currently volunteering in Moore County Primary and Elementary Schools.

A second class received training from Barbara Randall and will be TDI tested in November.

A meeting for future recruits in the Luther & Friends Canine Visitors Bureau will be held at the Agricultural Center on January 12 at 9:30 am.

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# Exhibit highlights Creative Christmas

The Moore County Extension and Community Association present their second annual Creative Christmas Table. Dining tables will be decorated for Christmas in themes and from different periods to give attendees creative ideas to use in their own homes.

This year's event will include more holiday-themed table and a handmade crafts sale. Proceeds from the craft sale will be donated to the Woman's Exchange in Pinehurst's "Save the Cabin" campaign.

The Creative Christmas Table will highlight the opportunities presented by the Heritage Crafts

Classes held each month at the Moore County Agricultural Center.

These classes, which are cosponsored by the Moore County Extension and Community Association, are offered to the public at minimal cost to cover materials costs.

The 2007 Heritage Crafts Class schedule will be available at the Creative Christmas Table on December 5th from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. This free event is open to the public.

For more information or to decorate a table, please call 295-6816.



Bunny Sinclair of Pinewild and Shirley Donaldson of Seven Lakes West

# Rummage chiefs say thanks



Rummage Sale Co-Chairs Jean Keating & Doreen Smith

The Chapel in the Pines "New to You" Rummage Sale was a huge success.

The volunteers from the Chapel and the community worked extremely hard to make it a great event.

Money received from the sale goes back to the Community in the form of Food Vouchers at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter as well as presents during Christmas for less fortunate neighbors.

Any remaining funds are given to The Chapel in the Pines outreach programs locally and worldwide.

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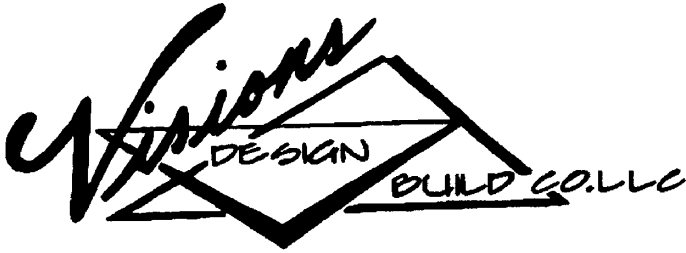


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# Celebration Singers release CD

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West End Presbyterian Church will offer copies of the CD and use the benefits for a fund to benefit Noah Christian Jones, grandson of Harold and Joanie Jones of Seven Lakes West.

Noah recently underwent brain surgery at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore in order to stop constant seizures.

The Celebration Singers, directed by Dr. Terri Sinclair, include many well-known musicians from the Moore County community. Sinclair is Director of Choral Activities for Coastal Carolina University in Conway.

The CD includes a number of holiday favorites, including "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," and "Do You Hear What I Hear?" The choir's performance is supported by a number of accomplished instrumentalists, including percussionist Wayne Osborne, cellist Barbara Gates, violist Mali Hutchinson, violinists Karen Lewis and Susan Grzesikowski, and the group's regular accompanist Betty Upchurch.

More information about the Celebration Singers may be obtained from the church office at 295-6848.

Copies of the CD are available in the Seven Lakes and West End area at Bookshop by the Lakes in Seven Lakes Village (673-5900), at the West End Presbyterian Church office (673-4341), and from Noreen Sawyer (673-673-2980).

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# Choral Society offers way to 'Share the Music'

Shirley Blake is one of thirty seven lucky residents of Manor Care, Elmcroft of Southern Pines, and Tara Plantation who will be attending the Moore County Choral Society's upcoming holiday performance, "Everywhere Christmas Tonight" through a new program the Choral Socie-

ty likes to call "Share the Music."

"This will be my third concert I have attended, and they are super great — I appreciate people who put good music out," states Shirley.

The Choral Society [MCCS] has always committed itself to its mission "to provide every inter-

ested person in or near Moore County the opportunity to rehearse and perform fine choral music and to increase the public awareness and appreciation of musical arts."

The 'Share the Music' program allows sponsors and ticket buyers to add on the price

of a ticket to their purchase or sponsorship which will be given to a local group of residents who may not otherwise be able to attend a performance.

Fans of choral music can purchase tickets and "Share the Music" tickets for the Choral Society's upcoming concert,

"Everywhere Christmas Tonight!" by contacting Ann Covington at 315-8336.

Tickets are \$10. Two performances will be held at Owens Auditorium at Sandhills Community College on Saturday, December 2 at 8 pm and Sunday, December 3 at 4 pm.

## SLLA

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by-laws.

The vote split the six board members present, with Nuti, Jeff Herman, and Jack Fathauer voting in favor and Truesdell, Hudson, and Ron Richmond voting against. Director Michael Florence was not present to vote.

As a result of the tie, the motion failed. As the conversation moved on to other issues, it seemed as though the issue might be brought back up in a later work session when Florence is present. Nuti said Florence supports the addition of the section.

Another section of the revised by-laws that provoked discussion included among "members" of the association residents with a lifetime right to live in a home that is actually owned by someone else.

Truesdell expressed reservations about including such residents as members. Fulcher explained that a number of older residents of the community have already transferred title to their

homes to their children — who may live in another state — but retain a lifetime right to the home.

Herman argued that it would be better, in such a case, to recognize the resident as a member, rather than the absentee party who actually owns the property.

The board ultimately agreed with this point of view, but did add to the requirements to serve as a director that the candidate hold fee simple title to their property. If that language holds in the revised by-laws, a resident with a lifetime right but without title to their home will be able to vote in Association elections but will not be able to serve on the Board of Directors.

The board also discussed a provision for removing a director that Nuti's committee had added to the by-laws. The language proposed by the committee would allow a vote to remove a director whenever "the best interest of the Association would be served by such removal."

A director elected by the

landowners would have to be removed by a vote of the landowners, while a director appointed by the board — for instance, to fill a vacant seat — could be removed by the board.

Truesdell argued for a more objective standard for removal — for example, when a director is indicted or convicted of a felony, or declares bankruptcy.

The board agreed to take that matter up with its attorney, who will also be asked to review the entire by-laws revision before it is enacted.

**Community standards.** Director Herman asked for an received board approval for two revisions to the rules and regulations suggested by the Community Standards Committee.

The first requires that all vehi-

cles be parked in the garage or on a driveway of an approved surface. The goal is to prevent cars from being parked in yards or on pinestraw.

The second stipulates that any landowner cited for the same rules infraction three times in six months will automatically be brought before the judicial committee with every complaint beyond the third complaint — even if the landowner complies with a request to remedy the infraction. Herman explained that this change was necessary in order to deal with persistent rule violations.

Both measures passed unanimously.

Herman said his committee is also looking for a place in or adjacent to the community that

could be used by tractor-trailers drivers for the storage of their rigs.

Truesdell said the community also needs an alternative to the motley collection of trailers and boats near Sequoia Point.

He suggested that a fenced storage area like that built by Seven Lakes West would be an asset to the community.

**Next Meeting.** The SLLA Board will meet in a work session on Wednesday, December 6, at 2:00 pm. The next General Meeting of the Association will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 7:30 pm in the North Clubhouse.

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## Area A

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dinner that included barbecue, chicken, and pecan pie — an offered committee members a chance to get acquainted around the dinner table.

Each table of six members was asked to reflect on “why we are here.” The answers were as diverse as the backgrounds of the participants.

Ray MacKay of Seven Lakes West said one of the group’s goals is to see that any development that occurs in Area A is quality development — and to make sure that the area “doesn’t get overrun” by the sheer pace of growth.

Noting that “the area has changed a lot in the past few years,” Len Tufts said he “would like to make sure the historical aspects are preserved.”

“One of the things that draws us to the area is the natural history and and beauty of the area,” Jesse Wimberly added. “I would like to make sure that is not lost in growth.”

“I would want Seven Lakes to be all that it could be,” Elaine Yow Girgis said, “what it was intended to be.” She said she would like for residents in this part of the county to have “all the necessities of life real close by to them. Development needs to be timed properly - when the community is ready for it,” she added.

Other committee members expressed concerns about rapid growth in school enrollment and the reliance on portable classrooms that results; preserving the peace and quiet of the more rural portions of Area A; making sure that development respects the watersheds in the area; and examining how the Aberdeen, Carolina, and Western Railroad that bisects the area can be more of an asset.

Turning from development-related topics to committee’s members role in the community, Wimberly said part of their job is “turning people away from thinking of planning as a negative to planning being seen as a positive way for a large group to participate in envisioning what our community can be.”

Recalling the land-use planning process the county went through in the late 1990s, Wimberly added. “We involved the community in the process, and people

went from being opposed to being supporter because what it involved is their own ideas.”

“We’re all ambassadors for the process,” Kinney agreed. We have to include the residents of Area A so that they have ownership in the final product.”

Later in the meeting, the group explored ideas that members wanted to incorporate into its mission statement and got a brief introduction to consensus decision-making, which the planning staff proposed as an alternative to voting on each issue that faces the committee.

The committee is scheduled to

meet next in the same location on Tuesday, December 12, at 6:00 pm. Members of the public may attend the meetings in order to observe the process at work.

Steering Committee members include:

- Watts Auman, a peach farmer and West End native.
- Judy Burroughs, a West End Elementary teacher and president of the Jackson Springs Historical Society.
- Paul Hodges, the Planning Board member who serves as the Steering Committee’s Vice Chairman.
- Cindy Holland, a Seven Lakes resident who is a former prin-

icipal at West End Elementary and the current principal at New Century Middle School.

- Johnny P. Ingram, Jr. a Jackson Springs truck driver.
- Dave Kinney of Seven Lakes South, a member of the Planning Board and President of the Seven Lakes Civic group, who serves as the Steering Committee’s Chairman.
- Ray MacKay, a Seven Lakes resident and member of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Board of Directors
- Dr. John L. Monroe, a retired physician and current tree farmer from West End.
- Leonard Tufts, a retiree who resides on Murdocksville Road.
- Don Welch, a Seven Lakes resident who serves as part-time minister of the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines.
- David Wilson, a retiree from West End.
- Elaine Girgis, a Seven Lakes resident, accountant, and long-time member of the Seven Lakes business community.
- Jesse Wimberley, a farmer

from Speight Road in West End.

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

All but two of the fourteen reside in Area A; the exceptions are former Moore County Planning Director Nancy Roy Fiorillo and Planning Board member Paul Hodges.

## Ringling, Singing Weymouth Christmas

A Ringing Singing Christmas sets the tone for the annual Christmas at Weymouth Open House November 30 to December 2.

The setting is the Weymouth Center for Arts and Humanities and includes the Gatehouse on Connecticut Avenue in Southern Pines.

The Christmas decorations are the inspirations of area garden clubs and professional designers, the refreshments are homemade cookies donated by volunteers and the musical entertainment is organized by Elaine Sills.

This is the perfect beginning

to the holiday season and an opportunity to gather new Christmas decorating ideas.

Christmas at Weymouth is an annual fund raiser sponsored by The Women of Weymouth with all proceeds benefiting the maintenance and continued restoration of the home.

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The program is called "Light Up a Life," and the 2006 tree-lighting ceremony will be held at

5:00 pm, Thursday, December 7, at the Hospice & Palliative Care office on Avimore Drive in Pinehurst.

"Our tree-lighting is a very important time for our staff as it allows us to pay respect, not only to the families we serve, but also to the patients we have been privileged to care for," says Director Charlotte Patterson.

"Our annual tree-lighting allows

us to remember those who have been and still are important in our lives. It is a unique ceremony, and we are happy to share it with the community."

The Rev. John G. Tampa, the rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Southern Pines, will speak during the program. Musical selections will be presented by the Sandhills Community College Ensemble and by soloist

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Each light on the trees at FirstHealth Hospice & Palliative Care represents the life of an individual as well as a contribution that supports the Hospice & Palliative Care mission.

If you would like to sponsor "Light Up a Life" in memory of—or in honor of—someone special to you, call the FirstHealth Hospice Foundation at 695-7500.

## Driving Range

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from the membership, according to the SLCC by-laws.

The primary motivation for the move is improving safety for motorists on Seven Lakes Drive, SLCC General Manager Mike

Spayd told *The Times*.

Over the 30-year history of the club, stray balls have often struck cars on both Seven Lakes Drive and Devonshire Avenue. Though no serious accidents have resulted, increased traffic on Seven Lakes Drive has the club concerned about the potential for a tragedy.

The SLCC Board issued a second letter to members on November 15, scheduling two "Question and Answer" sessions on the driving range proposal, one on Friday, November 17 and the other on Wednesday, November 29.

In addition, the board extended the deadline for votes on the

proposal until 5:00 pm on December 5 and noted that members who had already voted but wanted to change their vote could do so by retrieving their ballot from the club office.

*The Times* asked to attend the November 17 information session but was told by SLCC's board chief Dick Weber that the meeting was open only to members.

One club member who did attend the meeting told *The Times* afterwards that the questions asked focused as much on the development of the existing five-acre range into residential property as on the specifics of the proposed new driving range.

The sale of that property apparently does not require approval of the membership, though club by-laws call for two-thirds of the of the members to approve "a voluntary sale, lease, or exchange of all or any substantial part of its assets, real or personal."

The five acres is, according to the board's original letter to club members, expected to bring more than enough to pay for the development of the new range.

Shaw, a Southside resident who opposes turning the old range into building lots, argues in a letter in this edition that "the existing range was never intended to be developed into lots."

"We should oppose any land being subdivided that was not originally planned to be lots," Shaw writes and then pledges to fight any attempt to do so in court.

## Truesdell

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Association. The Seven Lakes Country Club has offered their plans to the community to relocate the driving range to a tract of land west of the clubhouse and sell the existing driving range to a developer. I cannot serve two masters and therefore I have resigned as a Director of the Seven Lakes Country Club.

On another note, we have been blessed with good weather and the construction project on Echo Dam is nearing its completion.

Volunteers are still needed if the community has any interest in establishing a calling chain. Please e-mail dtruesdell@nc.rr.com if you are willing to volunteer.

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