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County-wide water study questioned

Moore County's Director of Public Utilities found himself on the hot seat Monday, trying to defend a \$100,000 study designed to help the county and its municipalities plan for their future water needs.

The occasion was the year's first Moore County Board of Commissioners' work session — and the first to involve three newly-elected members of the board: Larry Caddell, Jimmy Melton, and Cindy Morgan.

The study in question is a comprehensive analysis of Moore County's water needs that would project the need for water over the next 50 years, identify sources for that water, anticipate the system enhancements that will be needed, and develop a timeline and financing plan for those

enhancements.

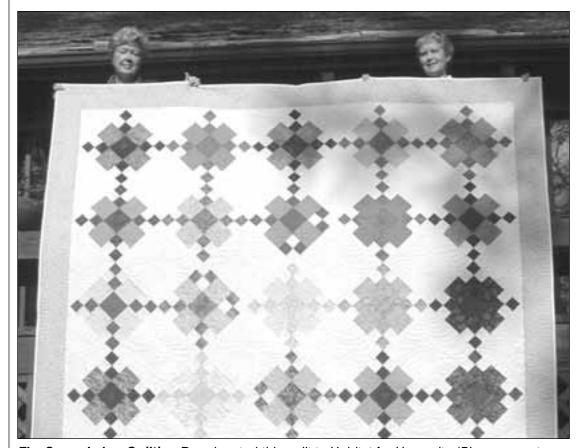
But some of the county commissioners seem ready to stop studying and start acting on the county's water needs.

Opening the discussion on the report in Monday's work session, Colin McKenzie, the newly elected chairman of the Board of Commissioners, said, "I've been here a long time. We have had hundreds of thousands of dollars of studies done and not a hell of a lot of work. That is some of the question in people's minds."

McKenzie noted that a comprehensive water study had been completed in 1998, and added, "I'm not sure why we keep studying the water situation — we need to do something about it."

(See "Water," p. 24)

Quilting for Habitat



The Seven Lakes Quilting Bee donated this quilt to Habitat for Humanity. (Please see story on page 2.)

2006 — The Times' Year End Review

The Times has traditionally offered a quick summary of the previous year's news in the first issue of each year. Here's a rundown of some of the stories we covered in 2006.

January

Westsiders Dave Carter, Betty Childers, Mary Anne Fewkes, Ray MacKay, Jo Nicholas, and Blaine Rowland threw their hats into the ring in the annual election of directors for the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA].

Five candidates would vie for the three open seats on the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board: Michael Florence, Steve Hudson, Ed Nuti, Jackie Scotti, and Dee Lombard, who won a place on the ballot by submitting a petition supporting her candidacy.

Westsiders learned that there were

one hundred homes under construction in Seven Lakes West, promising continued growth in a community that already boasts 800 occupied households.

The SLLA implemented a new system of tracking progress in resolving Community Standards complaints.

An armed robbery in a Foxfire residence on January 8 had Foxfire Police looking for clues. The Foxfire Council continued work on a proposal for a North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund [PARTF] that would fund the overhaul of the Village's Swimming pool and tennis complex.

On January 18, the Moore County Planning Board forwarded a set of recommendations the Board of Commissioners aimed at cranking up a new Small Area Planning process in the area surrounding Seven Lakes and West End. They recommended the shape of the area, the composition of a steering committee, and a timetable for completing the plan.

The Times reported in January that the Seven Lakes Prescription Shoppe had been robbed twice in late 2005 — on November 19 and December 27. Several thefts of items from unlocked cars and unsecured construction sites prompted Community Manager Tony Robertson to warn residents to keep their vehicles and homes locked.

The SLWLA dropped their contract with the SLLA to provide gate guards, moving the contract to Security Forces, Inc. of Charlotte.

The Annual Newcomers Open House, hosted by the Seven Lakes Women's Auxiliary, attracted more than 85 new residents to view tables and displays pro-

viding information on 26 volunteer organizations and small businesses.

The Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club named the winners in its annual holiday decorations contest: Southsiders Gordon and Sue Zeller, Westsiders Daniel Petrucelli and Mary Ann Greco, and Northsiders John and Sandy Sackman.

Dr. Jennifer Massey acquired the dental practice of Dr. Lionel J. Kuhn, who announced his retirement. Prudential Gouger O'Neal & Saunders announced the opening of a new real estate office in Seven Lakes Village, staffed by broker in charge Linda Criswell.

Deaths in January included, Stuart Row Childs, brother of Southsider Grace Kirkpatrick, Mike Gilbert of Foxfire Village, and James Farnan of Seven Lakes.

(See "2006" p. 3)

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Kiwanis name top holiday decorators

John and Sandy Sackmann,

The homes of Northsiders Zeller, and Westsiders Mike and Barbara Wenerd were chosen as Southsiders Gordon and Sue winners in this year's Christmas

Beaconettes celebrate season

league at Beacon Ridge Country Club held their annual Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 15 at the club's dining room.

Mary Hauck, President, welcomed the group of 32 golfers.

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The nine hole ladies golf She thanked all committees for their help in making the season such a success.

> Seth Manley, assistant golf pro at the course, handed out the awards for the 2006 season. Pat Wartman, club champion for the year, Sally Terrutty most improved handicap (1st flight), Paula Hill most improved handicap (2nd flight), Sally Terrutty also captured low gross on the ringer board for the year.

Officers for the 2007 season were announced. President, Mary Hauck; Vice-President, Marge Lambert; Secretary, Judy Pendleton; and Treasurer, Carol

The upcoming year will begin on February 22 with the Unity Day tournament.

New members are always welcome and invited to play with the group on Thursday mornings throughout the season.

decorations contest. Each couple will receive a sixty-five dollar gift certificate for their laudable efforts.

The annual event, sponsored by the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club, encourages Seven Lakers to spruce-up their homes and lakefront property to brighten the holidays for all our residents.

Three teams of judges toured the community over the last two weeks before the winning selections were decided. There was an increased participation noted this year, particularly around Lake Auman and Lake Seguoia.

The Kiwanis Club dedicates

their energies towards uplifting the community and its children. Potential new members are invited to join us at our Tuesday luncheon meetings. Contact Ed Schroeder, Membership Chairman, at 673-3310, or any Kiwanis member.

Quilters give to Habitat

The Seven Lakes Quilting Bee gave a king-sized quilt and two pillow shams to the Sandhills Quilters Guild to donate to Habitat for Humanity.

The twenty-four member bee of Seven Lakers created guilt blocks and Jackie Simpson pieced the quilt together. Linda

James guilted it and Joanne Lentz sewed the binding on it.

Because many members of the Seven Lakes Bee also belong to the Sandhills Quilt Guild, the quilt was given to the Guild to be donated to Habitat along with twelve other guilts.

The new homeowners will be

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This year, the ladies of the Seven Lakes Bee have donated three quilts to worthy causes.

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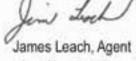
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2006 — Westsiders honor Fellingham

(Continued from front page)

February

The Annual Meeting of the Seven Lakes Civic Group featured Moore County Planning Director Andrea Surratt as guest speaker. Surratt provided an introduction to the Small Area Planning process.

A SLWLA Candidates Night hosted by the Women's Auxiliary attracted an especially large turnout estimated at more than 150 landowners.

Seven Lakes Company Police identified a group of juveniles repsonsible for numerous acts of vandalism in the community over the past few weeks. Officers worked with the parents of the youths involved rather than involving the juvenile justice system.

David Radford, grandson of Northsiders Loren and Judy Swearingen, was named to the top 24 finalists in the American Idol talent competition.

Prudential Gouger O'Neal and Saunders announced that Realtor® Lisa Stewart would be joining their new Seven Lakes office.

Dr. Richard and Bonnie Pasko celebrated the first anniversary of their chiropractic office in Seven Lakes.

Moore County Sheriff Lane Carter was the featured speaker at the Febraury meeting of the Seven Lakes West End area Business Guild.

Seven Lakes photographer Roy Kita's works were featured at Olde Towne Gallery in Fayetteville during that city's Fourth Friday Art Celebration, and Seven Lakes painter Barbara Sickenberger' work was displayed at the Artists of the Sandhills Gallery.

Seven Lakes dance students won a number of group and individual medals at a statewide competition in Lenoir.

Deaths in February included Bob Allan of Seven Lakes.

Correction

Seven Lakes West Landowers Association Board of Directors candidate Ed Tuton has resided in Seven Lakes since May of 2002, not May of 1992, as stated in the December 22 issue of The Times.

We regret the error.

Mary Ann Fewkes, Ray MacKay, and Blaine Rowland were elected to posts on the SLWLA Baord of Directors at the Association's Annual Meeting in March.

A few days later, the board appointed Jo Nichlos - who had received the fourth largest number of votes in the election - to replace Laud Pitt, who resigned from the board. Jim longtime Westside leader Joe

Meikle was elected board president; Ray MacKay, Vice President; Virgil Reid, Treasurer; and Jo Nicholas, Secretary.

SLWLA members honored

Fellingham at the Annual Meeting, naming him to the communities Wall of Honor.

Voters at the SLLA Annual

(See "2006," p. 13)

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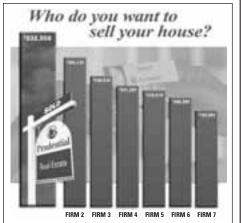


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A busy year for Seven Lakes Landowners

I wish all Seven Lakers a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Last year was an extremely busy and productive

MEMO:

year. Let me begin on a positive financial note.

We operate on a fiscal year from May 1, 2006, to April 30, 2007. Based

on our actual expenses for the first six months (May 1, 2006, to October 31, 2006) of FY07 we are forecasting that our actual expenses will be \$62,000 less than our budgeted expenses. I am using our estimated annual

expenses from FY07 as the

basis for our budget for FY08.

There have been permanent cuts made in our annual expenses and they are beginning to take affect. On December 11, 2005, the community voted to disband the company police department. This change has produced an annual savings of \$90,000 and has eliminated a one time capital expense of \$25,000 to buy a second police car.

We have outsourced our security guards. Security Forces Incorporated was hired to provide

Board Notes

Don Truesdell Seven Lakes Landowners Board

service. The estimated annual savings is \$25,000. We made several changes in other areas that are estimated to produce annual savings of \$35,000. We are looking at our expenses line by line to see if we can make any other changes that will produce annual savings.

The State mandated repairs to Echo Dam were finally completed in November 2006. The cost of these repairs over the last two years is approaching \$250,000. This repair has been paid in full by using money from our year end cash reserves. As a result of these repairs our capital budget will be almost three times the budgeted amount.

The challenge now is to replenish and increase these reserves. One of the things we are considering for next year's (FY08) budget is to add a line item to our expenses which will dictate an annual increase in our year end cash reserves.

We are adding a 900 square foot addition to our current maintenance building.

The installation of the automated gates is complete. These gates will help to provide more security and will actually pay for themselves in less than three vears. The money required to pay for this installation has been generated thru the sale of the barcode labels. We also implemented a four hour per day reduction in gate coverage for the South Side. This four hour per day reduction will produce annual savings of \$18,000.

We have almost completed the installation of security cameras at six different locations. These cameras will provide 24 hour surveillance at critical loca-

tions. The number of cameras can be easily increased if the need arises

The Seven Lakes Landowners Association purchased portable speed sensors. We have just recently concluded our first study. As soon as the data is down loaded to our computer we will be able to tell the number of cars (in either direction), speed of each vehicle and time of day. If the study confirms a problem with speeders then we will take this data to the Moore County Sheriff and ask for a radar trap.

After the radar trap has been concluded the sensors will be repositioned in the original location to determine if the speeding problem still exists. If it still exists

then additional measures such as speed tables, speed humps or speed bumps will be considered. Remember the posted speed limit within our gates is 25 miles per hour. Results of these studies will be published in The Seven Lakes Times.

There are two important dates to mark on your calendars. On March 7, 2007, we will have our candidate's night. On March 25, 2007, we will have our annual meeting. Please make plans to attend both meetings.

I sincerely appreciate all of your help and support. I am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that we will be facing this year.

Looking for a furry friend?

The Animal Center of Moore County is now remaining open until 6:00 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for adoptions. The Center is also opening on Saturdays from 10am to 2:00 pm for those whose schedules don't allow them to visit during the week. Animal Center of Moore County is located at 5235 Highway 15-501 in Carthage (910-947-2858).

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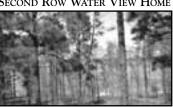


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The two women opened their massage and body therapy practice in Seven Lakes five years ago, and they're celebrating their fifth anniversary by moving to a brand new, much larger space.

Seven Lakes Massage and Body Therapies opened its new office on January 2 at 980 Seven Lakes Drive. They're the first tenant in the new Seven Lakes Professional Park Building built by Tom Eilert of Lakeview Construction. It's that attractive new brick building on the left just before you get to the Seven Lakes stables.

Excell and Miller are inviting everyone to celebrate their anniversary and check out their new location at a Grand Re-Opening on Saturday January 20, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. They promise refreshments, giveaways, and a chance to learn more about the benefits of massage, pilates, and tai chi.

The new facility will give Seven Lakes Massage and Body Therapies twice the space, expanding their massage area and providing a large classroom space that will allow them to accommodate more folks and more Pilates equipment.

They'll also be able to accommodate community workshops - for example, a soon-to-beannounced three-hour couples workshop on foot massage in February.

Excell and Miller both bring extensive training — and together nearly 20 years of massage experience — to their practice. And both are continually expanding their knowledge base and honing their skills through continuing education. The result is a broad and deep knowledge of massage styles and techniques that they can bring to the needs of a particular client.

"You want to have as many

can," Excell told The Times. " You want to have training in a lot of specific types of work, so you can takes pieces from here and there and tailor a specific approach for each client."

"We approach each person

— every massage — with a Therapies" in the firm's name fresh lens," Miller added, "even when it's someone we see every week. It's not a cookie cutter approach."

Excell, Miller, and Neka Russell all offer massage sessions at the shop. But, as the "Body

suggests, Excell and Miller's practice goes well beyond mas-

"The body work and movement therapy is an essential part of the package," Miller explained "We want to offer not just massage, but complementary ways that our clients can improve their own health."

One of Miller's specialties is Pilates, a form of exercise that improves core strength — beginning with strengthening the muscles that support the spine and working outward from there.

The shop also offers Lee Holbrooks' classes in Tai Chi, a discipline that emphasizes slow, controlled movements to enhance

balance and relieve stress.

To celebrate their Grand Re-Opening, Seven Lakes Massage and Body Therapies will offer free introductory classes in both disciplines. The free introduction to Tai Chi will be held on Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30 pm. The free Pilates introduction will be held on Thursday, January 18 at 1:00 pm.

The firm offers various various levels of classes in both Tai Chi and Pilates, and can accommodate requests for individual or smaller group Pilates sessions.

"Our focus is wellness," Excell told The Times, "being able to offer as much as we can in our scope of practice. That's why we invite (See Massage,"p. 6)



Chrissy Excell and Bobbie Miller of Seven Lakes Massage & Body Therapies.



"And He took the children up one by one in His arms, put His hands on them, and He blessed them." Mark 10:16

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In memory of . . .

William "Bill" J. Widman, of Southern Pines, formerly of Seven Lakes North, died Saturday, December 23, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

Mr. Widman was born in Detroit, Michigan, to the late William J. Sr. and Selma Widman. He spent his young years in Rochester and Royal Oak, and resided in West Bloomfield, MI, for thirty-five years before moving to Seven Lakes North in 1983.

Mr. Widman's college career was interrupted by World War II. He served as a munitions expert with the Combat Engineers in the Aleutians, Germany, Belgium and the Asiatic Theatre. After the war, he attended Miami University. He spent thirty-six years with Michigan Bell Telephone in engineering, sales, and marketing management.

Massage

(Continued from page 5) into our shop other health care practitioners that have the same commitment to quality that we have."

Rather than seeing their practice as an alternative to traditional medicine, Excell and Miller see it as complementary. "Our goal is to put our client's body in the very best health it can be in order to enhance the effectiveness of traditional medicine," Miller explained.

Shop hours at Seven Lakes Massage and Body begin as early as 8:15 am and extend to early evening, depending on each day's appointments and class offerings.

The phone number for more information or to schedule an appointment is 673-2000.

Harry sez:



Walk softly – and leave no trace! Survivors include his wife of fifty-eight years, Margaret; his sons, Steven and his wife, Victoria, of Milford, Michigan; Mark and his wife, Cyndi, of Seven Lakes North; and his daughter, Diane Warrick and her husband, Matthew, of Mt. Pleasant, SC; and six grandsons, Daniel, David, Drew and Ian Widman, and Tim and Michael Warrick.

A memorial service was held on Friday, December 29, at Seven Lakes First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Ken Hankins officiated.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Earle Edward Anderson, 83, of Foxfire Village, died December 23, at Quail Haven Village in

Pinehurst.

The Property Center

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Mr. Anderson was born in Cranston, RI, to Oscar Alfred and Sarah Tuttle Anderson. He was a graduate of Cranston

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Featured Homes



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High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served until September 11, 1944. He worked for New England Telephone and Telegraph for thirty-four years. He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and the Southern Pines Elks Lodge.

Mr. Anderson was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Ruth.

Survivors include his wife of fifty-eight years, Eleanor Davis Anderson; his daughter, Linda A. Baltzer and her husband, Wayne, of Lincoln, N.H.; and a grandson, Jeffrey, of Boston, Massachusetts.

He is also survived by a sister, Claire Gainor of Warwick, R.I.: a brother, William T. Anderson and his wife, Pauline, of Palmdale, California; a brother-in-law, Charles E. Davis of Warwick, R.I.; and several nieces and nephews.

Private burial services will be conducted at a later date.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Delilah Ann Williams, 51, of Eagle Springs, died Thursday, December 28, from injuries received in an auto accident on Beulah Hill Church Rd. in Carthage.

Moore County, a graduate of North Moore High School, class of 1973, and a graduate of Appalachian State University, Boone. She taught school for thirty years and served several years on the School Improvement Team and as Junior Beta Club advisor. She was an active member of Pleasant View Friends Church.

Ms. Williams is survived by her parents, Shelton and Helen Burns Williams of the home; two aunts, Hazel Williams and Edna Morgan; and many cousins.

A funeral service was held on Monday, January 1, at Elise Middle School gym, in Robbins. The Rev. Don Luellen officiated. Burial followed in Pleasant View Friends Church cemetery in Eagle Springs.

Memorial contirbutions may be made to Pleasant View Friends Church, 13942 N.C. Hwy. 24/27, Eagle Springs, NC 27242 or the N.C. Zoological

It's Skype at Computer Club

Tuesday, January 9 at 3:00 pm in the Northside Game Room

featured speaker Bob Elliott will discuss Skype, an Internet-based

Society, 4403 Zoo Parkway, Asheboro, NC 27205.

Kennedy Funeral Home of Robbins was in charge of arrangements

Don Blythe, 81, of Seven Lakes, died at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore on Friday, December 29.

He was born in Rochester, NY and lived in Seven Lakes since 1980.

Mr. Blythe served in the US Army during WWII and worked for Rochester Telephone Corporation in Rochester, NY. He also helped establish several other significant ventures the telecommunications industry throughout the 1980s. Mr. Blythe enjoyed flying his private plane and had been recognized as a pioneer in aviation at Seven Lakes for his many trips to and from the Seven Lakes airstrip.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, January 4 at the

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pinehurst.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Nancy Blythe of Seven Lakes; sons: Thomas Blythe of Holland, OH, Timothy Blythe of Concord, NC, and David Bleyer of Ellicott City, MD; daughters: Martha Sue Blythe of Atlanta, GA, Kristi Johnson of Arnold, MD, Julee White of Cincinnati, OH, and Lori Montesano of Brick,

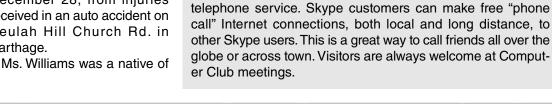
NJ; eleven grandchildren, and; two great grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Post Office Box 1768, Pinehurst, NC 28370 or the Humane Society of Moore County, 5355 NC Highway 22, Carthage, NC 28327

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.



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Carollers spread Christmas spirit

Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, accompanied by two

A fifteen member choir from St. guitars, a violin, and an accordion, entertained the residents and staff of Diversicare of Seven

Lakes with traditional Christmas carols on Sunday, December 17.

The Diversicare nursing home, located on MacDougall Drive in the Seven Lakes business village, is one of the three local organizations that St. Mary Magdalene provides assistance for in the community.

Members of the church regularly donate personal items for the residents. As a special gift during the Christmas concert, the carollers presented each of the twenty-nine residents with wrapped gifts.



Carollers from St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church



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Many of these exhibitors belong

to the Sandhills Photography exhibit is a non-competitive Club and more of their photographs may be seen this month at the Hastings Gallery in the Boyd Library on the campus of Sandhills Community College.

The Seven Lakes photography

showcase of the fine talent within the community.

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Board seeks input on By-Laws revision

Our By-Laws Committee has completed its work on the Seven Lakes Landowner's Association By-Laws and it has been submitted to the Board for review. Most of the proposed changes were presented with a slide show at a recent meeting a few months ago. The revised version is now undergoing a final review by our attorney.

Since then, we have proposed another provision to the revised By-Laws which I'd like to present to you. Keep in mind that our work with the By-Laws is part of a review of our Association's documentation process, including an overhaul of our current Policy and Procedures Manual. This manual contains our Personnel Management documentation, including job descriptions of all employees. It has been re-formatted and is now out for full Board review over the next few

The Policy Manual refers to our Community Manager as an exofficio member of the Board of Directors responsible for the administration and operation of the Association within the Board's policies. He is, of course, responsible to the Board for his performance. What is missing, however, is any mention of his specific responsibilities. I'm not talking about daily decision-making

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activities, but rather those that do not change from year-to-year.

So here's what I would like to do - I am proposing to

other sections dealing with the

responsibilities of Association

members, Board members, and

Officers. In this Section 5 is a very

specific list of responsibilities

for our Community Manager.

These will become the basis for

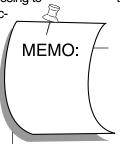
setting year-to-year objectives

in keeping with our Perform-

ance Management system and

add a new Section 5 to our By-Laws devoted entirely to our Community Manager. It is rather brief, but it is con-

sistent with



tion 5 belongs in the By-Laws. I'd

Board Notes

Seven Lakes Landowners Board

members to know exactly what we expect from our Manager, a key employee in the operation of our Association. There is precedent for this in

other home-owner Associations' Bv-Laws, and unless our attorney feels otherwise, I would like to amend our By-Laws as proposed.

Employee Performance Evaluation process.

I believe strongly that this Sec-

Newcomers Open House

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The Women of Seven Lakes are holding their annual Newcomers Open House on Wednesday, January 17 at 7:30 pm, in the North Clubhouse. Many of the area's organizations and groups will be there with information about their activities and volunteer organizations in this area.

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All Seven Lakers, new as well as old residents, are invited to attend this interesting and informative evening. Refreshments

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Mental illness program targets families

who is suffering with a severe brain disorder or mental illness?

The National Alliance on Mental Illness [NAMI] of Moore County is offering a free twelve-week "Family to Family" Education Program that can help. This program is for the families of individuals with severe brain disorders or mental illness.

The program begins on Wednesday, January 10, and is taught by trained family members of people suffering with a mental illness. All course materials are provided at no cost.

The curriculum focuses on current information about schizophrenia, major depression, bipolar disorder - manic depression, schizoaffective disorder, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, borderline per-

Do you have a family member sonality disorder, and co-occurring brain disorders, and addictive disorders.

> Participants will also learn about the latest research related to the biology of brain disorders and the evidence-based, most effective treatments to promote recovery.

> The program will provide upto-date information about medications, side effects, and strategies for medication adherence. Participants will gain empathy by understanding the subjective, lived experience of a person with a severe brain disorder.

> In special workshops during the program attendees will learn problem solving, listening, communication techniques, and strategies for handling crisis and relapse situations. Special focus will be given on care for the

caregiver and how to cope with worry, stress and emotional overload. Information on locating appropriate support and services in the community and on advocacy initiatives designed to improve and expand services will be distributed.

"The Family-to-Family Education Program was the first course that spelled out for me what it was like to be a patient with a severe mental illness, and what it was like to be a family member," writes Dr. Margaret Miller of Salisbury, NC, about her experience with the NAMI Family to Family Education Program.

"It was the first course that literally demonstrated for me what it was like to try to listen to someone while having auditory hallucinations. It was the first course that taught me concise. empathetic communication with a patient. It was very useful in helping me deal with my mother who has mental illness."

Dr. Miller further states, "Finally, I gained incredible respect for the family members of people struggling with severe mental illness. I listened to their problems, their fears, and concerns. I learned how I could be more helpful to them and their family member who has a mental illness in my role as a psychiatrist. The Family-to-Family course is much more valuable than I could have ever imagined."

For more information, or to register for this important free education program please call 673-3328, 295-1150, or 295-1053. Space is limited.





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County Republicans to meet January 18

The Executive Committee of the Moore County Republican Party will meet on Thursday, January 18, at 7:00 pm, to coordinate details for the upcoming Precinct meetings in February and the County Convention in March.

This meeting will be held in the new Courts Facility building in Carthage, on the Second Floor. Members of the Moore County Republican Party will also be sent notification of this meeting by email and/or mail as well as the Agenda and December Minutes.

Please mark your calendar with this important date. Any questions should be directed to Secretary Do Shaver at 673-4029.

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2006 — Trusedell elected SLLA President

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Meeting on March 27 elected Micheal Florence, Steve Hudson, and Ed Nuti to fill three open seats on the board. Don Truesdell was elected board president; Jeff Herman, Vice President; Steve Hudson, Treasurer; and Michael Florence, Secretary.

The SLLA named Kay Hodge its Citizen of the Year at the annual meeting, citing her long record of service to Seven Lakes and the broader Moore County Community.

Moore County Planning Director Andrea Surratt brought he presentation on Small Area PLanning to the March meeting of the Business Guild.

The Moore County Subdivision Review Board gave preliminary approval to a new Westside subdivision — Colton's Corners proposed by Moore County developer Ron Myers for the 23-acre "airport" property.

Foxfire Village began work on the voluntary annexation of twelve landowners who together held roughly 300 acres on both sides of Richmond Road just beyond the current village limits.

Foxfire Village hosted its first annual Foxfire Village Festival, featuring craft and antique booths of all sorts, a rummage sale, an antigue car display, great food, and live entertainment.

Realtor® Debbie Miriello joined Whelan Realty, LLC in Seven

Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 966 of Moore County received its charter from the national organization. The thirtyone members of the chapter include a large number of Seven Lakers, inlcuding Chapter President Joe Kritek of Seven Lakes West

The Seven Lakes Kiwanis hosted their annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 4, serving more than 680 customers. The Seven Lakes Lions cleaned up the stretch of Highway 211 from the Dollar General in Seven Lakes to the West End Post Office.

The annual Seven Lakes St. Patrick's Day parade attracted a good turnout. Micelle Wenerd was crowned Little Miss Seven Lakes: Maddi Smith and Miranda Miller served as her court.

March deaths included Harriet Brisbane and Katie Fulmer

Fair Tax at Kiwanis



by Frank Krohn

At their December 12 meeting, Seven Lakes Kiwanis heard about the Fair Tax from Jim Underwood, Fair Tax Community Coordinator. Underwood outlined the basics of the Fair Tax, which, simply put, are to abolish the current complicated and somewhat unfair system employed by the Federal Government, and replace it with a simple sales tax on all new purchases. Underwood suggested that anyone interested in learning more puchase a book written by Neil Boortz, available locally at Bookshop by the Lakes in Seven Lakes Plaza. Kiwanis meets every Tuesday at noon at the Seven Lakes Country Club. Pictured above: Kiwanis President Gerry Buelow; Jim Underwood; and Ron McGaughey.

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of Seven Lakes; Charlene Fipps, stepmother of Debbie Bureau of Seven Lakes; and Nem Telford, James Cameron, and Kenneth Norris, all formerly of Seven Lakes.

April

Officers of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission **Enforcement Division patrolled** Lake Auman on Easter Sunday, surprising Westside boaters and

issuing eleven citations and a dozen warnings.

The SLLA Board approved a contract to hire Security Forces, Inc. of Charlotte to provide gate guards for the North and South sides.

William Clarence Bost of Seven Lakes North was reported missing on April 23.

A roomful of Foxfire Villagers

(See "2006," p. 14)

Valentine's Day Wine Tasting Mark your calendars for the second annual Valentine's Day

Wine Tasting to be held on February 9, at 7:00 pm, at the West Side Park Community Center.

Thaddeus Braun, Wine Shop/Resturant Manager from Elliot's on Linden, will serve as presenter for this exciting evening event. For further information and ticket sales, call Janet Baker at 673-1644. Tickets cost \$10.00 per person and will also be on sale at the West Side Park Community Center after January 9.

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2006 — Foxfire honors Gilbert, Nissen

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turned out for the March meeting of the council to protest plans by Foxfire Resort and Golf to build condominiums on three lots near the western entrance to the village.

The Foxfire Village Council awarded Mike Gilbert and Ray Nissen the Steiner-Stempel Community Service Award for 2006.

A new test well drilled by the Foxfire Village water department failed to produce viable quantities of water.

The Seven Lakes Business Guild announced that it had acquired title to the streets in Seven Lakes Business Village from a holding company that had acquired them from the original development company. This was an essential first step in the drive to have the State of North Carolina assume responsibility for village streets.

Seven Lakers representing a wide variety of community groups met with Moore County Planning Director Andrea Surratt to explore establishing "Village Tomorrow," a micro-planning process for the village business district.

The Seven Lakes Women's Tennis Team won the USTA Southern Section Women's 3.0 Super Senior Championship.

JoAn and Bill Moses celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on April 1, and Anna and Carl Nueslein celebrated their fiftieth on April 2.

April deaths included: Sylvia Nardo of Jackson Springs; Christy Armstrong, Bill Harrington, and Robert Doll of Seven Lakes; and George Anderson, Sr., a former mayor of Foxfire Village.

May

Seven Lakes North resident Wiliam Bost was found dead in an abandoned tobacco barn on Carthage Road near Seven Lakes, apparently the victim of suicide.

Though Seven Lakes Republicans showed their customary support for State representative Richard Morgan, the veteran lawmaker was defeated in the District 52 GOP primary election by newcomer Joe Boylan.

Later in the month, Seven Lakes resident retired General Manila (Bud) Shaver announced

(See "2006," p. 15)

Computer Club visits First Bank



Becky Gilmore, First Bank; Dennis Roberts, Program Chairman; and Melva Johnston, President, Computer Club

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In place of their usual meeting in December, members of the Seven Lakes Computer Club and their guests were hosted by First Bank to a visit to the bank's corporate headquarters and central operations in Troy.

First Bank, which now has 69 branches through out the Carolinas and Virginia, conducted a tour, which demonstrated that the banking business is very highly computerized.

In the afternoon, members of the Cash Management Division

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The day was highlighted by an outstanding lunch catered by Hamilton's Bar-B-Q And Chicken in Biscoe.

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The Computer Club will have its regular meeting on January 9. The speaker will be Bob Elliott, who is the program chairman for 2007.



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2006 — Shaver runs for State House

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he would begin collecting signatures on a petition that would place him on the November General Election ballot to run against Boylan for the House seat.

The SLLA ended Fiscal Year 2005-2006 with \$414,000 in the bank, but also faced significant expenses in the year to come, including more than \$200,000 in repairs to the Lake Echo dam.

A number of Foxfire residents used the public comment segment of the May 9 council meeting to express concern that a resident's dogs had harrassed and killed Chinese Swan Geese, part of a flock that has resided on a golf course pond for twenty-five years.

The Village annexed 13 parcels of land along Richmond Road totalling 350 acres. Foxfire Resort and Golf withdrew a controversial proposal to build condominiums near the entrance to the community.

The Foxfire Women's Association celebrated their twentyfifth anniversary on May 8.

Moore County Planners hosted a series of meetings to introduce Small Area Planning to the public and gather in put from residents of Area A, a large chunk of the county centered on Seven Lakes and West End. Meetings were held at West Pine Middle School, West End Elementary School, the Eagle Springs firehouse, and the Jackson Springs Community Center.

Late in the month, the SLWLA received an assurance from NCWRC Enforcement Division Chief Colonel Keith Everhart that Wildlife Officers would not patrol Lake Auman until the question of the commission's

iurisdiction on the lake is resolved.

The Taste of the Town event sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of Seven Lakes raised \$6,000 for the Children's Car Fund, which provides health care to children in need.

US Congressman Howard Coble was Postmaster for a Day at the Jackson Springs Post Office on May 1.

The Seven Lakes West End Area Business Guild Expo was held on May 20, giving local businesses and civic groups an opportunity to introduce themselves to local residents.

Members of the Seven Lakes Country Club gathered on May 19 to celebrate the club's thirtieth anniversary.

Seven Lakes North resident Chase Williams was signed to the UNC-Charlotte 49ers cross country team

Ada & Calvin Loy of Seven Lakes North celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on June 2.

May deaths included: Lt. Col. Bill Crichton and Lt. Col. Cornelius McMillan of Seven Lakes.

June

An NCDOT project could bring gate arms to the railroad crossing at the entrance to Seven Lakes West, Westsiders learned during a presentation at the SLWLA June General Meeting. NCDOT described a project — for which the state is seeking federal funding — that would address each crossing from Seven lakes to Hoffman Road, upgrading some and closing

(See "2006," p. 18)

Kiwanis hear Terry Hunt

by Frank Krohn

On December 19, the Seven Lakes Kiwanis heard from Terry Hunt, Chairman of the Seven Lakes Beautification Committee, about the efforts to improve the attactiveness of the Seven Lakes Community outside the gates.

She covered how the Committee was founded and some of the problems getting momentum forward in the face of many obstacles.

Some of these obstacles remain, especially the difficulty in obtaining funding for the projects they have outlined.

Obtaining the right of way from the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the railroad have also been hurdles to handle.

There is an obvious need for further beautification of the "Village," and the committee welcomes anyone who would like to help to contact Terri Hunt at 673-2023

Kiwanis meets every T uesday at noon at the Seven Lakes Country Club.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

- Fitness Center 10:30 am, Reception. Meet Ann Marie James, new Yoga instructor at the Fitness Center. She will chat about the new classes offered at the center. Call Marjorie at 673-1180 for questions.
- **Christmas Tree Recycling** – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, corner of Hwy 15-501 and Murray Hill Road beside Tripp's Restaurant. Trees will be chipped into mulch on site. Keep Moore County Beautiful organization will provide bags for individuals to take free mulch home to use around shrubs, trees, or in flower beds. For more information, contact Joan Neal, Executive Director, Keep Moore County Beautiful, Inc. at 947-3478 or jneal@moorecountync.gov
- "Local Ladies" Photography Show Opening 1:00 pm 4:00 pm, Village Gallery at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. A non-competitive showcase featuring talented women exhibitors from the Seven Lakes community. Gallery hours are 2:00 pm 5:00 pm Wednesdays and 1:00 pm 4:00 pm on Saturdays. The photography show continues until February 7.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

NARFE Sandhills Chapter
 1895 Meeting – 10:30 am,
 Community Congregational
 Church, 141 N. Bennett St.,
 Southern Pines. All Federal
 active employees, including
 US Postal Service, retiree's,
 and spouses are welcome
 to attend. Contact George
 and Julina LeVander at 895 9657; Peter Feeney at 695-

1554; or Henry Seufert at 692-6466.

 Shag Lessons – with Bud Hunter & Nanci Donald. SL West Community Center.
 6:30 pm, Level I, 7:30 pm Level II. \$65/per



couple, \$35 single. Classes are for 6 weeks. Call 673-8180 or 690-9176.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

- Computer Club Meeting 3:00 pm, Game Room.
 Featured speaker Bob Elliott will speak on Skype, an Internet-based telephone service. Skype customers can make free "phone call" Internet connections, both local and long distance, to other Skype users. A great way to call friends all over the globe or across town. Visitors are always welcome at Computer Club meetings.
- Small Area Planning
 Meeting 6:00 pm, at the
 Old West End Cafeteria.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

 Project Linus Workshop –
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, North Clubhouse. Fleece will be available for making blan-

kets. Flannel
blanket kits
and quilt kits
will be
available for
check
out. There will
be labels to
hand sew on
completed

blankets. Please help build up the blanket inventory. Call Pat Weber 673-1457 if you have questions. Come join in the fun!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Seven Lakes Garden Club
 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes
 North Clubhouse. The
 speaker will be Kim
 Shadomy from the McDonnell Horticulture Center in
 Cameron. Her topic is
 Garden Design. This is a
 great way to get a jump on
 the 2007 gardening season.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Moore County Literacy
 Council Volunteer Orientation – 10:00 am - 11:00 am,
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help make a difference for a person who can not read or not read well. To register, call Pam Giambelluca at 692-5954.

<u>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17</u>

Newcomers Open House

 7:30 pm, North Clubhouse. Sponsored by
 Women of Seven Lakes.

 Area business organizations and civic groups will be on hand to share information about their activities and volunteer opportunities. To participate call Diane at 673-8624 or Laurie at 673-5892. All residents invited.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

• Seven Lakes Forum – 9:00 -11:00 am, West Side Park Community Center. Refreshments available. 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." The topic should be exceptionally informative and of keen interest to all. For further

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

Pookshop by the Lakes — 7:00 pm, join Bookgroup by the Lakes for a lively discussion of Paul Auster's novel "Brooklyn Follies."

Discussion is open to everyone in the community and held in the Coffee Scene. The next Bookgroup event will be held on Thursday, February 22, 7:00 pm. The book will be "Lie Down in Darkness" by the late William Styron.

<u>SATURDAY, JANUARY 20</u>

Seven Lakes Massage and Body Therapies -Grand Re-Opening in their new facility - 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Join the therapists and instructors in celebrating their new facility, new pilate's equipment, learn more about massage therapy and its advantages for health and well being. Chair massages available. Refreshments. The new office is located in the new Seven Lakes Professional Park Building, 980 Seven Lakes Drive. 673-2000

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 • West Side Landowner's

 West Side Landowner's General meeting – 7:30 pm, in the West Side Park Community Building. Open to all landowners.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

Project Linus Workshop -9:00 am - 4:00 pm, North Clubhouse. The holidays are over, decorations are stored and you have had a well deserved rest. It's time to get up, get out, and join the Project Linus blanketeers for a day of blanket making. The group will have fleece to cut and tie, labels to sew on, and flannel and quilt kits to check out. Grab your scissors, drop by the clubhouse. Call Pat Weber at 673-1457.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Seven Lakes Landowners
 Board Meeting – 2:00 pm,
 Seven Lakes North Board room. Open to public.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

• Seven Lakes Landowners General meeting – 7:30 pm. Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Open to all landowners.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Women of Seven Lakes 2:00 p.m. at the West Side
 Park Community Center.
 Cindy Ellison from Sandhills
 Community College will be speaking on opportunities available at Sandhills
 Community College. 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, dish washing liquid or school supplies.

<u>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9</u>

• 2nd Annual Valentine's
Day Wine Tasting – 7:00
pm, West Side Park Community Center. Join Thaddeus Braun, Wine Shop and Restaurant Manager from Elliot's on Linden, as the presenter for the second annual Valentine's Day Wine Tasting event. For information & ticket sales, call Janet Baker at 673-1644. Tickets

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2006 in review

(Continued from page 15) others.

Scant rainfall triggered increased watering of lawns and gardens in Seven Lakes, driving water consumption to the edge of what Moore County's water system could provide. The county asked for voluntary conservation in Seven Lakes and Pinehurst on June 21.

The SLLA began looking at installing gates of their own—automatic gates at the North and South entrances that would be triggered by bar codes placed on the rear passenger windows of residents' vehicles. The board voted to install an new Flex-Court® surface on the Association's tennis courts.

Construction began on widening, curbing, and paving a portion of the exit roadway on Lakeway Drive. Bill Parker resigned from the SLWLA board.

The Village Tomorrow project
— an attempt to plan for the
future of the Seven Lakes Business Village — held its first public input meeting at the West
Side Park Community Center,
attracting a good crowd and a flurry of ideas for improving the village. Attendees were encouraged to sign up for one of four

NARFE Elects 2007 Officers

At the December meeting of The National Active & Retired Federal Employees [NARFE] Sandhills Chapter 1895, the following new officers were elected for 2007: Lloyd Geisert, President; Paul Sams, Vice-President; Nancy Sandoval, Secretary; and Shirley Moser, Treasurer.

Chapter 1895 welcomes all active Federal employees, including US Postal Service, retirees, and spouses to their monthly meetings. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 8, at 10:30 am at the Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett Street in Southern Pines.

Additional information about NARFE is available by contacting George and Julina LeVander at 895-9657; Peter Feeney at 695-1554; or Henry Seufert at 692-6466.

Village Tomorrow committees.

The Moore County Board of Commissioners asked the planning board to develop a list of members recommended for inclusion on the Steering Committee for the Area A Small Area Plan.

The Foxfire Village Council approved a fiscal year 2006-2007 budget with no increase in the ad valorem tax rate.

The Grand Opening of the recently-refurbished West End Elementary School ball field was held on June 9; West End Principal Judith Miller recogized Sandi Burrell for her work managing the upgrade effort.

Dr. Pete McKay celebrated the twentieth anniverssary of his dental practice in Seven Lakes with a major expansion and upgrade of his office in the Village Business District.

Mike King became the newest owner of the Coffee Scene in the Business Village, expanding the gathering spot's hours of operation.

Seven Lakes Country Club golf course architect Peter Tufts died on June 21. Other June deaths included: Christina Van Derveer, Jane O'Neill, Valerie Anne Fentzlaff, Carole Louise Patterson, and Francis Janosky, all of Seven Lakes.

July

Small Area Planning took a couple of steps forward in July, as the Board of Commissioners approved a revised map of Area A and the Planning Board approved a list of fourteen steering committee members to forward on to the commissioners.

Seven Lakers made little headway in conserving water during July, despite a county request. Lakers began to question what the county was doing to bring more capacity to the Seven Lakes water system.

Jeff Thompson of Hobbs-Upchurch and Associates explained the state-mandated repairs planned for Echo Dam at the July meeting of the SLLA. Director Ed Nuti launched a revision of SLLA by-laws.

The Lakeway Drive exit project was finished well ahead of schedule, winning kudos for infrastructure director Ray MacKay.

(See "2006," p. 19)

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2006 — County warns of e. coli in water

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The Foxfire Village Council hosted a celebration on July 7 honoring the service of six village employees.

The County watershed review board approved site plans for a new Quality Care Pharmacy to be built on an outparcel in front of Food Lion in Seven Lakes.

The Prescription Shoppe on Seven Lakes Drive was once again the victim of a break-in, though the culprits made off with far fewer drugs than in previous incidents.

The Business Guild's Village Tomorrow project held a second public input session.

Realtor Jennifer Dwiggins joined Edwards Real Estates, which opened a Seven Lakes Office near the intersection of Seven Lakes Drive and NC Highway 211.

Effective July 5, the Seven Lakes Women's Auxiliary officially changed its name to "Women of Seven Lakes."

July deaths included Richard McMann of Seven Lakes.

August

The Moore County Board of Commissioners approved a fourteen-member Area A Small Area Plan Steering Committee, but divided over the appointment of a chairman for the group. The planning board had recommended Dave Kinney of Seven Lakes, but the Commissioners appointed Watts Auman instead. Auman later turned the job down.

Seven Lakers — and folks in Pinehurst, as well — were surprised on Saturday, August 19, with a warning from Moore County Public Utilities not to drink warning occasioned by positive e. coli tests on the system's water. The warning was lifted Sunday at midnight, and the feared contamination turned out

tap water before boiling it — a to be false alarm. But the scare had Lakers asking how the county and landowners associations can better alert the public in emergencies.

A Seven Lakes gate guard —

Tennis, anyone?

The Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Courts are in full swing. With our beautiful "extended fall weather," players are really enjoying their tennis games. With the new Access Card program that is now available and the competitive season coming up shortly, the courts will certainly be busy.

There are three types of Access Cards available. The Family Access Card allows members of one family to have unlimited use of our courts. The cost is \$660 per year or \$350 for six months. A single Access Card allows an individual unlimited use of our courts. The cost is \$480 per year or \$250 for six months.

An additional Access Card is available for United States Tennis Association [USTA], the competitive player organization, team use.

The cost is \$35 per player per season and will allow use of courts for both practice and matches for the duration of each league season. There are at least three league seasons during the year. Anyone interested in bringing a team to Seven Lakes should contact the Tennis Office.

The Seven Lakes Tennis Office can be reached at 673-1096, and is open every morning from 8:30 till noon. You can arrange lessons, book court time, join in the fun, or just enjoy watching a nice game of tennis. Private and semi-private tennis lessons are always employed by Security Forces, Inc. -was charged with a second degree sexual offense involving a 16-17-year-old female victim. The guard was dismissed from his position with SFI.

Mike Finney was named to the SLWLA board to replace Bill

The Westside entrance gate went "topless" for a couple of weeks, as the community's deteriorating signature cupola was removed and replaced with an

exact replica.

Work began on a new barcode-activated entry system at the North and South Side Gates.

Foxfire residents presented the Village Council with a petition asking that Chinese Snow geese be protected in the village. Zoning adminstrator Frank Holloway reported that 39 homes were under construction in the village.

(See "2006," p. 20)

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Shooting shocks West Side

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Maidworks, a housecleaning service owned and operate by Foxfire residents Betty an Wayne Davis, opened for business.

Carolina Brokerage won the annual President's Cup Golf Tournament sponsored by the Business Guild. Trudy Williams opened Indigo's, a gift shop, in Seven Lakes Plaza Shopping Center.

August deaths included Arthus Helmstetter and Wasylyna Kopynec of Seven Lakes and Edward Hourigan of Foxfire.

September

Westsiders were shocked to learn that a resident of Fawnwood Drive had been shot in his driveway. Though shot in the face, arm, and chest, the victim survived. The crime remains unsolved.

Foxfire Village stiffened its animal control ordinance in response to residents' concern about dog attacks on geese in a golf course pond. The village lost its bid for a NCPARTF grant that would have helped fund an overhaul of the tennis court and swimming pool complex.

The Moore County Planning Board once again asked that the Board of Commissioners appoint Dave Kinney of Seven Lakes Chairman of the Area A Small Area Plan Steering Committee.

The Business Guild set up three working committees to forward its Village Tomorrow planning project: Building Standards, Permitted Uses, and Signage. The Annual Meet the Merchants night was held on September 19.

First Bank and the Seven Lakes Civic Group sponsored a Shred-A-Thon that brought an industrial-strength shredder to the village for use by busineses and residents. More than 3.000 pounds of documents were shredded.

A new gallery featuring the work of local artists opened at St. Mary Magdaleene Episcopal Church on Seven Lakes Drive.

Seven Lakes Baptist Church responded to a growing congregation by adding a second Sunday morning service.

September deaths included Dick Newsham, Doris Swaysland, Janey Claire Daly, and Terry Collins of Seven Lakes; Lydia Mary Clark, formerly of Seven Lakes; Jean McEntee of Foxfire Village; and Barbara Schoen of Whispering Pines, a Seven Lakes Landowner.

October

The Westside Park Communi-

ty Center hosted a Candidate's Forum sponsored by the Civic Group, The league of Women Voters of Moore County, and the Moore County NAACP. The event attracted US Representative Howard Coble and his challenger, as well as the three candidates for the District 52 NC

House seat. More than 200 area residents turned out to guiz the candidates.

The Moore County Board of Commissioners finally assented to the wishes of the Planning Board and appointed Dave Kinnev chairman of the Area Small Area Planning Steering Committee, allowing the long-delayed planning process to get underway.

The Commissioners also approved \$1.5 million water projects designed to improve the flow of water to Seven Lakes, including a new water main (See "2006," p. 22)

Talented dogs wanted!

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 was TDI tested in November. C.A.R.E teams who successfully pass TDI certification receive orientation to prepare them to join TDI's Children Reading to Dogs program in the Moore county Schools.

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.

For more information about Luther and Friends Canine Visitors Bureau and how to become a member of the bureau with your very best friend, please contact Linda Hubbard, Volunteer Coordinator of Moore County Schools at 947-2342 or Beverly Lashley, Administrator for Federal Programs at 947-2976.

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2006 — Westside accepts Wildlife pact

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along a portion of NC Highway 211 and an interconnect between the two Seven Lakes water tanks.

The SLWLA board received a draft of an agreement with the NCWRC that would keep Wildlife Officers off of Lake Auman, while requiring Westsiders to register their boats with the state and purchase fishing licenses. The community peppered SLWLA special Counsel Kurt Olson with questions about the deal during the October General Meeting.

The SLLA's automated barcode gate system was put into operation at the North and South gates. The SLLA Judicial Committee gave two residents five days to remove unlicensed motor vehicles from their property or face fines of \$50 per day.

The contract to complete statemadndated repairs to Echo Dam was awarded to Sanford Contractors, Inc.

Quality Care Pharmacy broke ground for a new shop in front of Food Lion on Seven Lakes Drive. Jim Haggard of Seven Lakes West was named Kiwanian of the Year by the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club. Clint Ingram was inducted into the Davidson County Sports Hall of Fame.

Doug and Peggy Marshall celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on October 19.

October deaths included: Norman Lapkin of Foxfire Village and former County Commissioner Bob Ewing.

November

The SLWLA Board voted fiveto-four in favor of signing an agreement with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

The board also reached an agreement with the developer of Colton's Corners, a new neighborhood to be located on the old airport property.

Joe Boylan defeated Bud Shaver and Gerald Galloway in the race to replace Richard Morgan in the District NC 52 House seat.

The Board of Directors of

Seven Lakes Country Club [SLCC] issued a call for a special meeting and a ballot asking members to vote on spending \$125,000 to build a new driving range. Plans included selling the existing driving range to a developer who would subdivide it into building lots. Two informational sessions were scheduled to present the project to the membership.

The Area A Small Area Planning Steering Committee held its first meeting on November 14 in West End.

(See "2006," p. 23)

Red Cross Classes

The American Red Cross Moore County Chapter will offer the following classes beginning in January.

Babysitter Training – 9:00 am –3:00 pm, Saturday, February 10. Instruction and hands-on training in babysitter responsibilities, safety factors and basic first aid. Class is for boys and girls ages eleven to fifteen years. Program fee is \$25.

Adult CPR with AED – 8:30 am – 12:00 pm, Saturdays, January 6, January 20, February 3, February 17, March 10, and March 24. Certification fee is \$35.*

Infant/Child CPR – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Saturdays, January 6, January 20, February 3, February 17, March 10, and March 24. Certification fee is \$30.*

First Aid Basics – 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Saturdays, January 6, January 20, February 3, February 17, March 10, and March 24. Certification Fee is \$30.*

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Two or more of the above courses may be combined at a reduced rate.

The American Red Cross CPR courses include training in chest compressions, rescue breathing, and choking problems.

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2006 — Echo Dam repairs completed

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Both the repairs to Echo Dam and the resurfacing to the Seven Lakes North Tennis Courts got underway in November.

Sheriff's deputies raided a party at a Seven Lakes North

home that involved teenage drinking. One arrest was made on drug and alcohol charges.

Seven Lakes Village Beautification installed decorative stone in the traffic island at the intersection of Seven Lakes Drive and Carthage Road.

The Seven Lakes Diamonds honored founding member Jean Downer at their luncheon on November 3.

The West End Presbyterian Church installed the Reverend Dr.

Larry Lyon as their new pastor. The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines celebrated its thirtieth anniversary.

Bookshop by the Lakes teamed up with West End Elementary School for a week-long book fair that netted the school over \$600 in credit toward the purchase of new books.

November deaths included: Jean Marie Miller and Carl Lemle of Seven Lakes; the infant Jackson Steele Joyce of Jackson Springs; Jean Talley Miller of Sanford; Nancy Owens McLean. daughter of June Owens of Seven Lakes; and Kate Lamb Strother, of Aberdeen, mother of Barbara Whitaker-Mays.

(See "2006," p. 25)

Educators write kids book

One Can Never Have Too Many Cats! is a delightful children's book about a little old woman and her forty cats.

The first of a five book series about the little old woman and her love for animals is written by Beverly Lasher and Sandy DePolo, both employed by the Moore County School system.

The story's text is done in rhyme and repetition which delights children of all ages, even adults. The illustrations are bold, colorful and there are reading activities at the end of the story for parents and teachers to use before, during, and after reading.

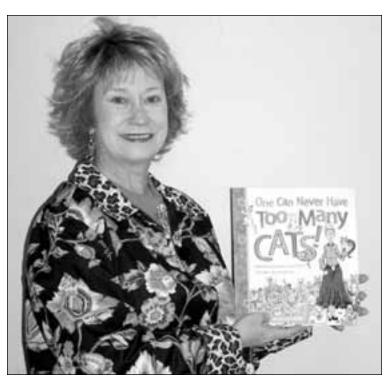
Author, Beverly Lashley has twenty-nine years in public education. She has taught elementary and middle school in Alabama and Georgia, as well as serving as an administrator. She is currently Administrator for Federal Programs for Moore County Schools in North Carolina

Sandy DePolo is the developer of the reading activities. She has taught grades three through five, served as a Lead English Language Arts Teacher, and is currently a reading specialist for Moore County Schools.

Jason Morrow, Lashley's son, is the artist for the project. He lives in Valley, Alabama and has used his talent to create comic books, business and band logos, signs, and T-shirts. This is his first children's book.

The team is already working on the second in the series, *Dudley, Do Right!* that features a Corgi dog who comes to live with the little old woman and her forty cats. It will be available in March.

One Can Never Have Too Many Cats! is available for purchase for \$12.95 from Bookshop by the Lakes in the business village of Seven Lakes.



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Water study

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Marcus Jones, the County's Director of Public Utilities, told the commissioners that the new study has been in its design phase for some months now, and has involved the managers of water systems from municipalities across the county.

The future of the county's water system, which serves, Pinehurst, Seven Lakes, and a number of other communities, is tied to the future of independent municipal water systems that serve Southern Pines, Aberdeeen, Carthage, Cameron. So the county has been working with those communities to participate in — and partially fund - the cost of the comprehensive study.

In June of 2006, managers of the utilities met to consider the qualifications submitted by six engineering firms, including the Southern Pines firm Hobbs-Upchurch Associates.

State statutes require that engineering firms be evaluated on the basis of their qualifications first, before contract prices are negotiated, Jones explained. The committee unanimously agreed that McGill and Associates, another North Carolinabased firm, was the best-qualified to conduct the study. The previous county board of commissioners later voted to affirm that selection.

Since that approval, Jones explained, the committee of water system managers has met to determine the scope of the project so that McGill could price the project and a contract could be drawn up. Jones said he expected to bring the proposed contract to the commissioners for approval in their January 16 meeting.

Commissioner Larry Caddell said he would need more information about the selection process before making a decision on that contract. Caddell said he had met with Fred Hobbs, a principal in Hobbs-Upchurch and Associates, a Southern Pines firm, which sought but was not selected to conduct the

Noting that Hobbs-Upchurch has done engineering work on the water systems of the counties and its municipalities for decades, Caddell told his fellow commissioners, "Fred says he has all the information that this study is going to incorporate."

Noting that the study may cost the county \$100,000, Caddell added, "Fred says this information is readily available at no cost to the county."

Jones said that utilizing a local firm has both benefits and drawbacks. "If you look at the RFQs," he added, "you can see that McGill and Associates were the best qualified."

He noted that any data to which Hobbs-Upchurch had access based on work performed for the county or its municipalities in the past would be the property of the municipalities themselves.

"For past 20 years, Hobbs-Upchurch has every piece of information about what has been done for the town of Carthage," Caddell a former mayor of Carthage, responded.

"The information belongs to Carthage, but the work was done by Hobbs-Upchurch," Caddell added. "You can't tell me that anyone is going to come in here and have any better understanding of the system in Carthage than Hobbs-Upchurch."

Interim county Manager Cary McSwain said his observations in his brief time in the county indicate that the county must address water and sewer needs - and must include the municipalities in the planning process.

"If this county intends to make progress together, it is important for the county and municipalities to work together," he

McSwain said that the commissioners would be briefed on the process that led to the selection of McGill before being asked to make a decision on any contract for the study.

"One of the things that concerns me is that we keep doing studies and we don't do anything about it," Caddell said. "If we keep sitting on our hands, nothing is going to get done. Those

pump stations at Pinehurst are not going to fix themselves."

"I believe with all my heart there is a way to have countywide water and sewer," he continued. "We could have done so much, and we did so little, and now we need to act."

"A major output of the study will be an implementation plan," Jones said, noting that it would include specific recommended capital improvements, a timeline for implementation, and financing options.

"My main concern is that the

work has been done back in 1997 or 1999." Commissioner Jimmy Melton said, referring to an earlier Hobbs-Upchurch study. "You can study things to death. It's time to get something done. My main concern is the expenditure to keep studying things. Hobbs-Upchurch has already done this study. Why not let them come up with something to update their study and move the process along further and faster?"

Melton said his main concern (See "County," p. 25)

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2006 — Club approves new driving range

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December

Colin McKenzie was elected Chairman of the Moore County Board of Commissioners; Larry Caddell was elected Vice Chairman.

Work began on the new NC Highway 211 water main that is designed to improve the flow of water from Pinehurst to Seven Lakes.

Members of Seven Lakes Country Club approved spending up to \$125,000 to construct a new driving range by a 127 to 86 margin. The SLLA Board had sent a letter to Association members expressing their opposition not to the new range but to the development of the old range into building lots. The two boards met in closed session

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was making sure the cost of

the study was money well spent.

much had changed since the

1998 study. He now noted that

that study had not included a

detailed look at the impact of sys-

tem improvements on system

finances — including water rates.

Jones had noted earlier that

to discuss the matter.

Six candidates were nominated to run for three seats on the SLWLA Board; five to run for four seats on the SLLA Board.

The Moore County Sheriff's office announced a drug bust that recovered medications stolen from Seven Lakes Prescription Shoppe in November 2005.

Susan Terrell opened a new gift shop inside Seven Lakes Hard-

Eugenie Wing opened a Seven Lakes branch of her 9th of September paint-your-own-pottery studio in the Central Park building on Seven Lakes Drive.

Master Kleen celebrated its twentieth anniversary.

Southsider Ken Hale was named to the Rochester Institute of Technology Sports Hall of

Thomas Gerard Dusch, William

December deaths included: Blythe of Seven Lakes; Earle Edward Anderson of Foxfire Vil-

Dufrin, William Curran, and Don lage; and Bill Widman, formerly of Seven Lakes.

Mule man visits Bookshop

turer, Bernie Harberts, visited the Bookshop by the Lakes

Children's author and adven-recently. He brought along signed copies of his children's book, "Woody and Maggie Walk Across

America." In his book, Harbert recountes his 3,200 mile journey from Oriental, North Carolina to San Diego, California with trusty friends, Woody, the mule, and Maggie, the pony.

Also in his book, Harbert describes episodes such as traveling through the desert for three days and how he provided water for Woody and Maggie, and the challenges he faced trudging through several feet of snow in the Rockie Mountains.

Bernie Harberts traveled the world on a thirty-five foot steel sailboat from 1998-2003. Then he traveled across the nation with a mule and pony in 2004-2005.

He is planning a 2007 trip with a mule team and mule wagon, beginning in Mexico and ending in Canada.

Mr. Harberts resides in Southern Pines.

Harberts' book is available at Bookshop by the Lakes.



Children's Book Author Bernie Harberts

"There are significant reasons to revisit the study," Jones said. Asking rhetorically whether

some money could be saved by updating the existing Hobbs-Upchurch study, Jones answered, "Probably. Are they significant? No. They are negligible."

He said it is important to put complete the study.

the \$100,000 cost of the study in perspective. "You're looking at a planning document that can be the precursor to \$20 million — \$50 million — in expenditures."

"The people who are working every day where the rubber meets the road have selected a firm," Jones concluded, referring to the water system managers involved in the selection process.

The discussion ended with the commissioners asking Jones to set up a meeting in which he could brief them on the process that was used to select McGill and Associates as the firm to

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OPINION

Impressions of Seven Lakes

by Robin Gossard

You will notice that there is a different twist on Ollie's column this week. He was feeling a bit uninspired regarding a topic so I — Ollie's daughterin-law Robin, from Cincinnati thought that you might be interested in some of my perspectives.

vel at the beauty of my surroundings and ensure that I am always sitting in Ollie's living room to experience the magnificent sunsets that I never take for granted.

Certainly this time of year brings to mind the importance of family and friends. Each time we visit Seven Lakes my

husband, Jeff, and I also

marvel at

the love of

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friends

that enve-

lope Ollie

in their

Thoughts Oliver Gossard

Ollie's-

I began visiting Seven Lakes before there was a Lake Auman, before the road was paved, when Ollie and Jody's house was one of only a few on what was promised to be a parameters. lake. I was always a bit skeptical, but each year as I visited I saw the lake rise until it

Now each time I visit, I mar-

reached its present glory.

arms; Bill and Jean Schmidt, Watts Auman, Ruth Bondurant, Dudley and Peggy Crawford. Their friendships are not dictated by the Christmas season. It knows no such

So this holiday season we are thankful for having such wonderful people in our lives and can only further pray for peace in the world in the New Year.

Honoring the creators

I thoroughly enjoyed having friends here on Christmas Dav but by the evening after, having an achy head and a bit of a scratchy throat, it was pleasant to be alone. As I usually do, I watched the annual Kennedy Center Celebration of highly gifted members of the artistic community. Special as they all are, there are two who caused especially vivid memories for me.

I believe that I must have been blessed by opportunities to have seen all of Steven Spielberg's top films, starting with Jaws which literally raised me from my seat when the shark attacked the boat. The first time I saw, and was impressed by ET, I was visiting family members in Louisiana. I wonder how many people have seen that heart-wrencher on only one occasion (it has been shown on TV many times).

Living service men whom landed on Omaha Beach were there to thank Spielberg for telling their story with the powerful movie Saving Private Ryan. It was stand in deference to these men.

Today, when there are numerous people attempting to deny the reality of the Holocaust, it is a blessing that the intensely caring and talented Mr. Spielberg has left for us the highly moving and important film Schindler's List. I cannot conceive that anyone

could see that film without expe-

riencing tremendous emotional

response and prayers that no

such evil ever again destroy

sections of humanity. An elder-

ly lady, a survivor of Auschwitz

appeared on stage to speak of

Spielberg's gift to humanity.

seeing his popular rock opera, I was positively impressed. After all, has there ever been a greater superstar than Jesus. The music is very powerful. I saw a second stage production and then the movie. Eventually, I was delighted to see the 20th anniversary production starring the original cast.



Nona's Notes

Although I enjoyed the movie, I never did get to see a live production of Evita. Mrs. Peron was a very strong but devious

person. Weber's powerful music is most appropriate to her per-

Seeing The Phantom of the Opera in Toronto was a special treat. That theater was "gutted" and then redesigned especially for the production. That music is totally lovely and effective (I guess one could also say affec-

(See "Nona," p. 27)

The first few times I heard songs from Jesus Christ Superstar, I was appalled; however, after gratifying to see the audience

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Mason Gould

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tive). An interesting side note is

that the boat was maneuvered

by radio waves and when the

Canadian Prime Minister (I'm

afraid that I'd be wrong if I try to

remember which one) visited

the production, his security oper-

ated on the same radio waves

and caused the boat to almost

end up in the orchestra pit. Phan-

tom as a movie production

seemed long to me but maybe

Cats and Phantom have vied

for top honors. I may be wrong

about which is which, but I

believe that Cats is the longest running production on Broad-

way and that Phantom has the

honor of being "tops" for the

number of productions.

I was simply tired.

Nona

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teer-run tax counseling and preparation service. AARP Tax-Aide is administered through the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service. Volunteers will be comprehensively 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

When I saw Cats on stage I

had difficulty understanding both

the words and the theme but

enjoyed both the music and the

dancing. Later when I viewed

it on TV, I hoped to understand

the words better, but had little luck.

Even so, it is a really beautiful for

listening and the staging is great.

tribute much for our interest,

edification, and sheer beauty.

Speilberg and Weber are near the

top. Others on the program are

greatly talented persons but I

had to pick only two for a single

Do have a wonderful 2007

and don't make a lot of resolu-

tions that you know you can't

Happy, Happy New Year.

column.

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Temple offers theatre classes

Catrine McGregor Casting, CSA, & MySpotlight.net will offer several theater workshops for Spring 2007.

Theatre Games for Grades 3 -5 will be held January 15 through February 14 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. This fiveweek workshop is designed to help young people develop their creativity through the use of age appropriate improvisational games. The class is designed to focus on movement, voice, and acting skills.

Scene Study for Grades 6 - 8 will be held January 16 through February 15 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. This five-week workshop combines work on scenes, exercises, improvisation, and script analysis in an atmosphere of support and creativity.

Improvisation for Adults, for participants aged eighteen years and up, will be held February 19 through March 21 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. This six-week workshop will focus on improvisation techniques and theatre games. Whether you are a seasoned actor or a beginner, improvisation is a great way to improve your understanding of character relationships, objects, and working with others on stage. Your instructor for the course will be Tom Dalton, who spent four years as a member and co-director of a professional improve troupe based out of Columbia, South Carolina.

All classes are limited to no more than sixteen students per class to maximize the effectiveness of instruction.

Enrollment is \$150 for each course and covers all materials and maintenance expenses.

For more information and to register for classes contact the Temple Theatre Business Office at (919) 774-4512 or visit the Temple Theatre website at www.templeshows.com.



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Lake, Environment, & Dam Mary Anne Fewkes

Recommendation for Changes to Boating Rules:

The board met on December 12th and agreed to accept certain changes. They will be discussed at the January general meeting.

In October the Lake Management Team (coordinated by Bud Sales and Paul Kirst with Mary Anne Fewkes as Board Liaison) met to talk about the future of Lake Auman use and safety

Our current rules were developed at a time when there were fewer users of the lake. Many of our current problems can be dealt with by enacting some reasonable limitations on size, noise and horsepower.

Therefore, the following three changes are being recommended:

1. After January 1, 2007 the maximum allowed length over all (LOA) of boats operating on Lake Auman is as follows (current registered boats are exempt but no first time registration of boats exceeding these limits will be allowed):

Pontoon Boats

& Deck Boats 24 feet LOA **Bass Boats** 21 feet LOA Sailboats 24 feet LOA Runabout

20 feet LOA type boats (Including, but not limited to, bow riders, ski boats, Johnboats, cruisers, center console boats, etc.)

- 2. The maximum power of the boat is not to exceed the manufacturers recommended rating, 200 HP (inboard), 155 HP (outboard), whichever is less.
- 3. Boat Noise: 88 decibels is the legal limit for boat engines at minimum idle rpm (measured with a decibel meter, 39 inches behind the transom at a height of 39 to 57 inches above the water). In addition, a boat will be in violation if it is found to be making more than 75 decibels of noise when measured from the shoreline regardless of speed or distance.

Lake Quality

Paul Kirst

Update on the Lake Auman Dam

People often pass me at the mail house or wherever and ask how is the dam? I say fine because I don't have an hour to explain. I do believe it is OK, but let me explain.

The dam is made entirely of

clay, silt and sand. All sedi-

ment on slopes undergoes a very slow down slope movement due to the force of gravity. This is a universal geologic process called creep. This is normal and expected. Four years ago longitudinal cracks were found in the roadway pavement atop the dam. This suggested that either the dam was moving or that the road construction was inadequate. To find out which, we hired a surveyor to accurately survey fixed points along the dam periodically to see if any movement could be detected. According to an evaluation of these data by Gerhard Hergenhahn, a slight downstream movement of the dam's crown is taking place. The largest horizontal displacement is observed close to the midpoint of the dam. The value diminishes in a regular way toward both ends of the dam. One survey indicated a section could be moving as much as 1 inch per year. Other surveys indicated less movement. In contrast, the dam's elevation values seem to be so stable that no movement could be detected, in spite of the fact that elevations, by the nature of their measurement method, are of higher precision than the horizontal positions. To more accurately define the rate of movement it will be necessary to perform several years of repeat observations. Our dam engineer feels comfortable with these initial results and regards them as normal behavior. He is not alarmed. Therefore, I am not. He told us that the displacement certainly was higher in the early years of the dam, and should be expected to taper off as the dam ages.

Secondly, we have been monitoring a "wet spot" at the eastern base of the dam. Water seeps through earthen dams. That's too is normal and expected. About 67 gallons per minute seeps through the back side of the dam, which covers 10 acres. It always has and the rate has remained remarkably constant. But a wet spot means that too much is seeping through at a particular location. Accelerated seepage could lead to eroding a hole through he dam. Our dam engineer regularly analyses seepage data that we have been collecting quarterly since 2001. Actually, he thinks this is not water seeping through the dam, but under it. He may recommend installing a weighted membrane barrier like they just did on the Echo Lake dam on the Northside. He should have an answer for us by next summer. Meanwhile, the long range planning committee for the dam has recommended to the board that we build up our financial reserves for the dam. The Echo dam repair cost close to \$200K.

Our engineer is working on two other issues. He is developing an emergency disaster plan, as required by the state bureaucracy, whereby he will identify exactly who downstream would be affected by a dam failure and an action plan to quickly alert the appropriate authorities and all concerned if that should ever occur. This is not something we think will ever happen.

Core samples were drilled from the dam last summer and the engineer is now conducting a study to determine if significant erosion would occur if the emergency spillway were ever to activate. The emergency spillway is the dip in the road at the western end of the dam. If so, it will be necessary to hard surface part of the intended drainage route to prevent erosion and back cutting through the dam. Again, it has never overflowed, and probably never will, but these are precautions that prudent owners of a dam must take to exercise due diligence.

Our engineer says that a dam like ours can be expected to last 50 years, or 100 years if well maintained. The Lake Auman dam is already 20 years old. I have been told that there are still earthen dams built by the Romans, but they probably weren't this big. Like it or not, you and I are the owners of one of the largest earthen dams in the southeastern US. And as owners, we are responsible for it. It can not be insured, so we must to do our best to prevent problems. You can do your part to help protect the dam. Limit your vehicle weight to 5 tons and speed to 25 mph over the dam. Speeding causes vibrations which could weaken the internal structure of the dam. If you see any water pooling or flowing behind the dam where there is no creek, or if the water in the outflow creek is muddy, let me or the lake director or the community manager know immediately. The water in the retention pond is always clouded, so don't worry about that. Finally, don't lose sleep over anything you have read here. You will be informed as we learn more.

Infrastructure Director Ray MacKay

Lower Lakeway Pond:

Thanks to Atkinson Infrastructure, Inc. of Vass the leaking underground drainage piping was plugged on December 19th and "Mother Nature" has been supplying us with a little extra precipitation to assist the natural springs that supply the pond with water!

Christmas Tree Disposal:

A reminder that the site for disposal of real Christmas trees is again set up just outside the Boat & Trailer storage lot off Longleaf Drive. Your tree can be dropped off there any day of the week. All ornaments, plastic stands, etc. should be removed from the tree before placing it at the drop site. If you need help transporting your tree to the disposal site call Ray MacKay @ 673-1690 or the Landowners Association office, 673-5314 after January 1st and arrangement will be made to

pick up your tree Yard Waste Site:

Please note that on cold afternoons during January and February the Yard Waste transfer site will be closing at 4 P.M. so we don't lose Mike to illness! **Boat & Trailer Storage:**

There continues to be a number of unregistered units in the Longleaf yard area and nonsailboats units in the Sailboat area and Parking area at Johnson Point. If you still haven't gotten your Bay assignment for the Longleaf yard, please call me at 673-1690. Also, please put your new registration stickers on your trailer units. See the Rules & Regulations for storage requirements and disposition of units not properly stored!

Secretary Jo Nicholas

Summary of Board Actions Taken December 12

- Approved minutes of the November 8, 2006 Board Work Session.
- Approved minutes of the November 28, 2006 General Meeting.
- · Approved monthly check detail.
- Approved to have an audit at the end of the financial year.
- Approved to accept the bid of Williams Landscaping for Lakeway Mall Planting contract.
- Approved to authorize Ray MacKay to reduce hours of the Yard Waste from four to three hours during January and February.
- Approved to accept the recommendation of the slate of officers for elections from the Nominations Committee.
- Approved to accept the bid for Johnson Point Marina dock renovation.

Recreation Committee Betty Milligan

The Gingerbread House decorating was a huge success. It was "sold out," this year and hopefully next year a larger room will be available so the entire project can be expanded.

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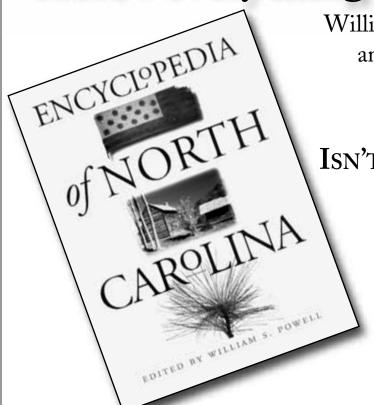
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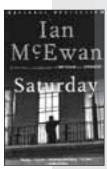
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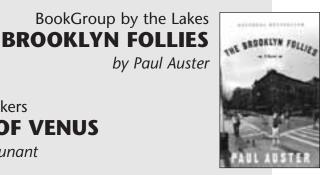
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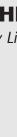
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