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Milligan bows out, Zielsdorf drops in

Westside Board member Betty Milligan has taken her name out of the running in the upcoming elections for Seven Lakes West Landowners Association



Randy Zielsdorf

[SLWLA] Board of Directors.

On the other side of town, Randy Zielsdorf has collected the fifty signatures he needs to have his name placed on the ballot in the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] race.

Milligan provided *The Times* with the following statement regarding her decision not to run for the board.

"It is with deep regret that I withdraw my name from the list of candidates for our next Seven Lakes West Board of Directors," Milligan wrote.

"I will continue to support our community in any way possible and my hopes are that future boards will reflect a strong moral character, fiscal responsibility,

(See "Candidate," p. 32)

New well passes test for radium

Residents of Seven Lakes and Pinehurst may have an additional half million gallons of water at their disposal — the product of a new well on Pinehurst Resort's storied Number 2 golf course.

A test well on the site — dubbed "5A" has produced water free of contaminants, Marcus Jones, Moore County's Director of Public Utilities, told members of the county Board of Commissioners during their January 16 work session in the historic court house in Carthage.

Well 5A was drilled after high radium concentrations forced the county to close Well 5 nearby — costing the water system that serves Pinehurst and Seven Lakes 500,000 gallons of sup-

ply per day. Well 5 was pulled out of service in February 2005.

Water from the new well has tested at one picoCurie per liter, well below the five picoCurie per liter recommended maximum, Jones told Commissioners.

After the meeting, Jones told *The Times* that the plan is to drill a production well on the site and bring it online before next summer's dry season.

The radium contaminating wells throughout the county system occurs naturally in soil layers, and is dissolved when it comes into contact with the well water. Newer well construction technology can minimize this problem, Jones told *The Times*.

(See "Commissioners," p. 30)

Lions' Pride



Past Presidents of the Seven Lakes Lions Club were honored at a dinner on January 4. Presidents present included: (in back) Ray Lambert '98, '05, '06; Bob Hett '89; Len Pierce '92; Bill Judge '02; Joe Horney '77, '78; and (in front) Gene Hoganson '99; Bob Darr '04; Webb Arceneaux '00; Billy Johnson '54. (Please see story on page 4.)

Harsany resigns from Foxfire Village Council

Veteran Foxfire Village Councilman Joe Harsany surprised both members of the public and his fellow council members when he resigned his post at the conclusion of the Tuesday, January 9 Council meeting.

Harsany asked early to reserve time at its conclusion to speak. He used that time to announce that he would be leaving the council, effective immediately, citing personal reasons.

It's a longstanding tradition that Harsany brings each Foxfire Council meeting to an end with motion to adjourn — and Mayor George Erickson apparently thought that was just what Harsany had done on Tuesday night.

Erickson gavelled the meeting to a close without realizing that

Harsany had resigned, but Village Clerk Janice Thomas caught the import of Harsany's con-

cluding remarks.

"He just resigned," she told Erickson. Then she asked Harsany to clarify that he had indeed resigned.

Harsany has served on the panel for nine years and has focused considerable time and effort on improving the Village's water system — effort that is bearing fruit during the current Village construction boom.

The standard practice in the Village is for the remaining council members to appoint someone to fill out the term of a member who leaves the board.

Parks grant. The Council meeting began a half-hour early to allow time for a public meeting on a proposed application for a grant from the North Carolina

(See "Foxfire," p. 30)



Joe Harsany enjoys last year's Foxfire Village Festival.

Sheriff reports larcenies, drug bust

Employee arrested for theft of hand tools

Sheriff Lane Carter reports that on January 2, the Moore County Sheriff's Office received a report of a Burglary at Stackhouse Plumbing, located at 211



Christopher Lee McInnis

Grant Drive in the Seven Lakes Business Village.

The business owner, Jimmy Stackhouse advised that someone entered his business and took hand tools and a gas can.

During the investigation, Investigators with the Moore County Sheriff's Office charged Christopher Lee McInnis, 23, of 324 McInnis Lane, Jackson Springs. McInnis was charged with larceny by employee and possession of stolen goods.

His bond was set at \$5,000.00 secured and his first court date was set for Tuesday, January 17.

to real property.

Gwyn and Thomas' bond was set at \$5,000.00 unsecured each, and their first court date was set for Tuesday, January 17.

Eagle Springs bust results in felony drug charges

Sheriff Lane Carter reported on January 11, the Moore County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit executed a search warrant at

171 Lingaygin Road in Eagle Springs.

Officers located and seized approximately eighteen grams of powder cocaine, one firearm, \$133 in US currency, and items of drug paraphernalia. Estimated street value of the drugs seized is \$1,500.

Arrested was Miguel Berropse Hernandez, 44, of same address. Hernandez was charged with possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine, felony possession of cocaine, maintaining a dwelling to keep controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Hernandez received a \$25,000 secured bond and was placed in the Moore County Detention Center.

Women of Seven Lakes to host Candidate's Night

The Women of Seven Lakes are sponsoring a Candidate's Night forum on January 30, at 7:30 pm, at the West Side Park Community Center.

Peggy McCallum, President of the Women of Seven Lakes, will host the evening and Linda Tableman of the League of Women Voters will moderate. The five candidates for the Seven Lakes West Board of Directors; Dale Erickson, Jim Haggard, Kathy Kirst, Jim Meikle, and Ed Tuton, are vying for one of three positions available on the Board.

Ballots to vote for candidates are included with the annual meeting information that will be mailed to each Association members in early February. Candidate bios are posted on the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association website at www.sevenlakeswest.org.

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June 22	June 15
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July 20	July 13
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August 17	August 10
August 31	August 24
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Sept 28	Sept 21
Oct 12	Oct 5
Oct 26	Oct 19
Nov 9	Nov 2
Nov 21*	Nov 15*
Dec 7	Nov 30
Dec 21	Dec 14

**Early publication or deadline due to holiday.*


Theft of copper wire thwarted, two face charges

Sheriff Lane Carter reports that on December 29, the Moore County Sheriff's Office received a report of a Burglary at 759 Lucas Road, in West End. David King observed two white males coming from around his neighbor's vacant house carrying copper wire. The two males saw Mr. King and they ran to a black Ford Ranger truck and left.

During the investigation, Investigators with the Moore County Sheriff's Office charged Ronnie Shaie Gwyn, 18, of 748 Possum Holler Road in Eagle Springs, and Brandon Shane Thomas, 18, of 141 Brookview Lane in Eagle Springs. They were both charged with breaking and entering, larceny after breaking and entering, possession of stolen goods, and injury

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Area A panel drafts mission statement

by Dave Kinney, Chairman
Area A Steering Committee

Watts Auman; Judy Boroughs; strong, Planner.
Don Welch; and Chris Arm- Growth management —

Task: Identify, recommend and
prioritize the kinds of growth

desired in Area A, where it is
(See "Area A,"p. 33)

[The Times was unable to attend the January 9 meeting of the Area A Small Area Plan Steering Committee. The group's Chairman, Dave Kinney of Seven Lakes, kindly provided this report of the group's work.]

The Area "A" Small Area Plan Steering Committee held its third meeting Tuesday evening, January 9th.

Craven Hudson, the Director of Moore County Cooperative Extension, facilitated the writing of the committee's mission statement.

The idea was to develop a broad statement of purpose that captures what the group is doing. In previous meetings, committee members had suggested elements and wording that could be included in the final statement.

After some lively discussion on the best wording, the committee agreed on the following:

"Through community involvement, develop a dynamic twenty-year plan that values the past and manages growth while enhancing the essential character of the area."

Chairman Kinney then laid out the group's work plan for the next several months.

The first step was to outline and staff three subcommittees suggested by work done in the group's two earlier meetings.

At the committee's initial meeting members were asked to answer the question: "Why are you here, why did you want to serve in this endeavor?"

The answers included approximately forty separate items, which fell logically into one of three groups of issues: preservation, growth management, and infrastructure.

These issue groups became the basis for three subcommittees, each with a chairperson, a defined task, and a county planner to serve as a resource for the committee's work.

The committees, their assigned task, and members, are:

Preservation —

Task: Identify the hard assets (in contrast to intangible assets, characteristics) Area A has and values; recommend and prioritize those tangible assets to be preserved, and how to do it.

Members: John Monroe, Chair;



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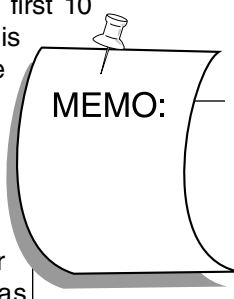
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SLLA Governance – A better way forward

I sincerely hope that this article will prompt an immediate reply from our community. I elicit your opinion on the Board's current practice of conducting "work sessions" on Thursday afternoons and "general meetings" on the following Wednesday evenings. I am concerned that we are excluding a significant population of those working folks who are the basis of our changing demographics. As elected representatives, we are obligated to conduct our business in an open and transparent manner. We cannot earn your confidence if we continue to meet and decide

issues at a time inconvenient to our membership and without public participation.

During my first 10 months on this Board, I have calculated the following. We have met on 10 Thursday work sessions and our audience has



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*Ed Nuti
Seven Lakes
Landowners Board*

averaged three members of the community; the "audience," however, was mostly the same three residents. At these sessions, the Board has taken about 70

votes on all kinds of issues, so our discussions and deliberations on spending and other issues were *not* heard by the

other 1200 members of our community. This is *not* openness.

On the other hand, each of the 10 general meetings on Wednes-

days averaged about thirty residents. At these meetings, the audience was "told" what the Board decided the week before! No discussion. No voting. No public input on the issues.

We have traditionally conducted business in this way and, in my opinion, this has to change. We are a not-for-profit corporation functioning as a private government. We are using the governance model for for-profit corporations where many decisions are taken behind closed doors. Although our work sessions are technically "open" to the public, we effectively discourage attendance by meeting at an inconvenient time. I would like to see us move more toward a public model with all decisions (voting) taken only after two readings, one after the initial

motion and the final vote after the second reading.

What I am proposing is the following. All Board meetings, the work sessions and the general sessions, will be held on Wednesday evenings. Voting on issues will take place after the second reading on the last Wednesday of each month. This will allow more member input. Public comments should also precede board discussion at all meetings.

As with any change, opposition is expected. Only *you*, the public, can make this possible. Let me know if you agree with what I am proposing by dropping me a line at cenuti@nc.rr.com or call me at 673-7565. Then come out to our January 31st general meeting and make your comments heard.

Lions honor presidents

The Seven Lakes Lions honored their past Presidents at a social dinner and meeting held at the Northside Clubhouse on Thursday, January 4.

Almost fifty Lions, their wives, and guests enjoyed the activities and live entertainment from the keyboard of local musician Arnold Lambert. Dinner was provided by Jordan's Catering. The attendees included nine past Presidents going back as far as Billy Johnson, who was the Club President in 1954.

All of the past presidents who were in attendance were asked to comment on memorable events within their term in office. Some of the observations were quite entertaining. Ray Lambert, the current President, proposed that an ad hoc committee be formed of all surviving past presidents to meet quarterly with the current club board to provide advice, insure continuity, and maintain the traditions of the original Lions Club.

The Seven Lakes Lions Club was chartered in 1945, with its first president being J. F. Sinclair. Other charter members included such well-known local

names as T. Clyde Auman, M. C. McDonald, and Les Gordon.

A poster depicting other past Presidents was presented to those who attended.

Past presidents who were

present included: Ray Lambert '98, '05, '06; Bob Hett '89; Len Pierce '92; Bill Judge '02; Joe Horney '77, '78; ene Hoganson '99; Bob Darr '04; Webb Arceneaux '00; Billy Johnson '54.

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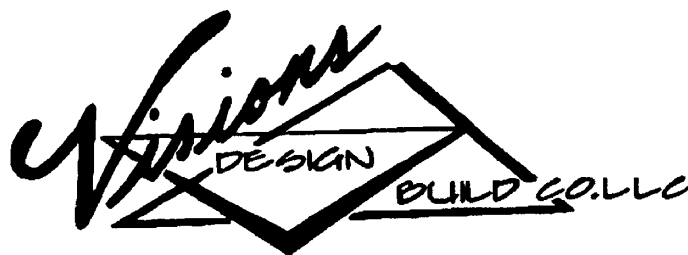


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Roads, village plan top Guild's 2007 agenda

Planning for the future of Seven Lakes Business Village and, specifically, the future of its roads, are at the top of the agenda for the Seven Lakes Business Guild as it looks forward in the New Year.

The Guild's new President, Les Murray of Big Sky Construction, and former President Phil Cook of Carolina Car Care, who now serves as the Chairman of the Guild Board, told *The Times* that the Guild's "Village Tomorrow" project and the attempt to turn village streets over to the North Carolina Department of Transportation are the most important items on the Guild's to-do list for 2007.

"Village Tomorrow" is a planning process the Guild began last year. The goal is to develop a vision of what the Business Village should look in the future — how, ideally, it should develop as new businesses move in. This "micro-planning" process will ultimately feed into Moore County's Small Area Planning process for the area surrounding Seven Lakes and West End, Murray told *The Times*.

Village Tomorrow committees were formed last year to study three key areas — Architectural Standards & Landscaping; Signage; and Land Use. Murray said that it is now time to get those committees moving forward with their work.

The Business Guild last year

acquired title to most of the streets in the village, which had previously be owned by a moribund corporation that was part of the fallout from the original development company's bankruptcy. The Guild has been maintaining the roads — filling potholes and repaving sections — for more than a decade, even though it did not own the roads.

With the ownership issue resolved, the Guild had the roads tested to see whether they were constructed to the state standards in place at the time they were built.

Cook told *The Times* that the results of those tests are expected. (See "Business," p. 31)



Seven Lakes Business Guild Chairman Phil Cook and President Les Murray show off the new four-way stop at the intersection of Grant and McDougall streets.



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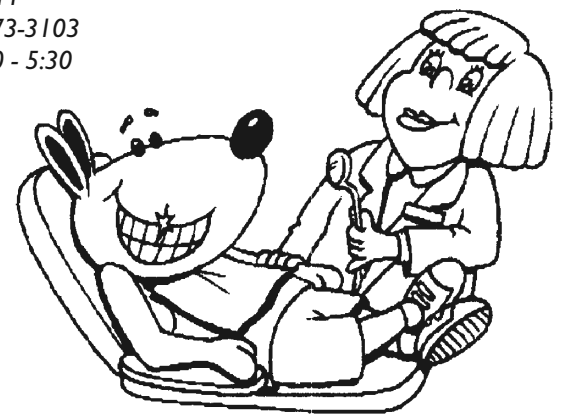
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The intersection, near Carolina Car Care and Stackhouse Plumbing, is now a four-way stop.

Westsider Ray McKay helped design the installation; Ricky Horton of Horton Landscaping did the work, and Cliff Baldwin of Welding Enterprises created the sign pole extensions to bring the signs up to the correct height.

Traffic study finds few, but serious, speeders

We have completed our first traffic study. The purpose of this study and all future studies is to identify areas when speeding is a consistent problem and to justify corrective action that may need to be taken.

The first study began on December 13 at 3:00 pm and ended on December 14 at 11:00 pm. The survey recorded traffic in both directions.

As a result of our first study we learned several important facts. The study needs to last for a longer period of time than two days. In order to confirm traffic patterns we will have to go back to each location to see if we can establish any trends.

The information we collected

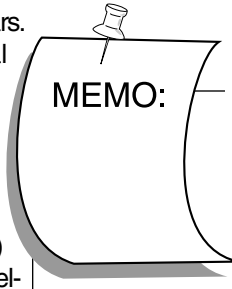
however was very encouraging. There were a 291 cars traveling eastbound and 389 cars traveling westbound — a total of 680 cars.

Of this total there were only 7 (2.4%) motorists traveling eastbound and 19 (4.8%) motorists traveling westbound where law enforcement action would have been required. This represents a total of 26 vehicles or 3.8% of the total number of cars. This is the good news.

The bad news we had four motorists traveling at speeds in

excess of 50 miles per hour. This is unacceptable.

We have almost 600 hundred children living in Seven Lakes.



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*Don Truesdell
Seven Lakes
Landowners Board*

One car traveling at an excessive speed can cause a lifetime of tragedy. Please respect our 25 miles per hour posted speed limit. Any resident is welcome to visit the office to inspect this study. Please ask to see Study 1.

The second study is underway and will be reported in the February 2 issue of *The Seven Lakes Times*.

If you would like to request a traffic study please contact Don Truesdell at dtruesdell@nc.rr.com or call me at 673-1509.

We have had several reports of someone entering unlocked cars. Please remember to lock your car when it is not being used and your home when you are not there.

New internet provider

We are changing our internet provider. The effective date for the changeover is estimated to be January 19, 2007.

The only thing that will change will be the name of the provider in the e-mail address, for exam-

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While in Orlando, the group will stay at the Best Western at Universal Studios.

The Atlanta Braves will play the New York Yankees on Thursday, Pittsburgh Pirates of Friday, and the Toronto Blue Jays on Saturday.

Cost of the trip for a single is \$649.99, a double is \$488.00, a triple is \$435.00, and quad room occupancy is \$412.00.

The trip cost includes transportation by motor coach from Seven Lakes, game tickets, four night hotel stay, and full breakfast each morning.

To reserve your tickets, a \$100.00 deposit is due by February 1, and the balance is due on February 28. Please contact Tony Ingram at (336) 475-4280, or (336) 475-4287, or at (336) 431-3063.



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Seven Lakes North	64 Homes	\$112,000 - \$415,000	\$170,250
Seven Lakes South	24 Homes	\$157,000 - \$253,500	\$188,500
Seven Lakes West	74 Homes	\$125,000 - \$1,250,000	\$325,000

LOTS SOLD IN 2006

Neighborhood	Sold	Sale Price Range	Median Price
Seven Lakes North	9 Lots	\$10,000 - \$45,000	\$28,000
Seven Lakes South	33 Lots	\$3,000 - \$63,000	\$18,500
(interior & golf)			
Seven Lakes West	70 Lots	\$25,000 - \$112,500	\$53,900
(interior & golf)			
Seven Lakes West	9 Lots	\$175,000 - \$450,000	\$342,500
(lakefront)			
Morganwood	11 Lots	\$72,000 - \$145,000	\$104,000

HOMES FOR SALE

Neighborhood	Active	Price Range	Median Price
Seven Lakes North	21	\$152,500 - \$365,000	\$209,900
Seven Lakes South	17	\$154,500 - \$264,000	\$225,000
Seven Lakes West	72	\$139,000 - \$1,400,000	\$378,750

LOTS FOR SALE

Neighborhood	Active	Price Range	Median Price
Seven Lakes North	3	\$29,000 - \$39,950	\$ 30,000
Seven Lakes South	19	\$15,000 - \$48,500	\$ 25,000
Seven Lakes West	46	\$45,000 - \$105,000	\$ 59,950
(interior & golf)			
Seven Lakes West	18	\$114,000 - \$525,000	\$294,750
(lakefront)			
Morganwood	4	\$127,900 - \$324,415	\$255,000
Stonesthrow (West End)	18	\$16,250 - \$35,000	
(2 lakefront)			

*Pinehurst Southern Pines Association of Realtors MLS data as of 1/12/07.
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Ellison takes Computer Club on Skype hunt

Featured speaker Bob Elliott explained and demonstrated Skype during the first meeting of 2007 for the Computer Club of Seven Lakes on Tuesday, January 9.

Skype is a computer program that can be used to make free voice calls over the Internet to anyone else who is also using Skype. It's free and considered easy to download and use, and works with most computers.

The only hardware you really need is a microphone to plug into the computer. Once you download, register, and install the software, you set up personal contacts. Skype makes it easy to do this. You may speak to any of these contacts no matter where they are in the world...as long as they also have the Skype program on their computer.

One Computer Club member present told us that a friend has

a daughter in school in Europe and they speak frequently using this system.

When asked how the program could be free, Bob explained that Skype sells many other products and profits come from these sales.

Several members present

already use Skype programs. Don Shereda explained that SkypeOut is a separate download which enables users to call regular telephones. These calls are charged to a prepaid account.

When using Skype and speaking to someone who uses a webcam, you can see that per-

son live... Bob Elliott used a webcam in his demonstration, but this is not a necessary component of Skype.

Betsy Oliver Mikula said that after the meeting she went home and downloaded Skype, "It took less than five minutes to download, I found some contacts, and called Al Daniels at home.

We spoke via computer to computer for about five minutes...yes it does work!"

Computer Club meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month in the Game Room at the Landowners Office Building on the North side. All visitors are welcome to attend and all members are urged to attend.



Bob Elliott demonstrates Skype to the Seven Lakes Computer Club.

O'Neal offers Scholarships

Rising ninth graders who have an interest in attending The O'Neal School for their high school years are encouraged to apply for three scholarships that are offered.

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Garden Club news

The Seven Lakes Garden Club leadership changed hands at the club's annual dinner meeting held at the West Side Park Community Center on December 14.

Magda Sonderfan took over as President from Al Geiger. Other club officers for 2007 are: Johanna Moran, Vice President; Mary Snead, Secretary; Carmela Chase and Leslie Hight, ; Programs; Nancy Wehr, Treasurer; Alice McPheeters, Records; Dale and Andrea Schmidt, Publicity; and Marge Lambert, Trips and Projects.

Pat McDonnell and Kim Shadomy of McDonnell Horticulture Inc. informed the more than thirty attendees at the January 11 Seven Lakes Garden Club meeting about tips for growing

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Pat McDonnell (Owner of McDonnell Horticulture, Inc), Wayne Basak, Seven Lakes Resident Kim Shadomy (Horticulturist), and Garden Club President Magda Sonderfan

Scholarships

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and is renewable each year through grade twelve as long as the student's cumulative grade point average remains at 3.5 (B+) or greater.

The Nuzzo Family Foundation Scholarship is given by Mr. and Mrs. Sal Nuzzo in honor of the Rev. John Nicola, a retired priest who was for many years O'Neal's Latin instructor. The Nuzzo family recognizes the importance of a strong educational background.

A full four-year O'Neal Upper School scholarship, the award is given to a rising ninth grader who is not currently an O'Neal student and whose family demonstrates financial need.

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The school offers a variety of other scholarships; full information is available on the O'Neal website.

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Ann Hahne Darwin, 76, of Seven Lakes, died on Wednesday, January 3, at St. Joseph Healthcare Center in Southern Pines.

Mrs. Darwin was born in Orange, NJ to the late Dr. Richard Hahne and Dr. Eddy Belle Farthing Hahne. She was a member of St. George's Episcopal Church in Maplewood, NJ, and also attended St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church in Seven Lakes and was actively involved at both churches with the altar guild.

Mrs. Darwin lived in many places spending fifty years in Maplewood, New Jersey, two years in Huntington, WV, and four years in Littleton, Colorado. She and her husband retired to Seven Lakes in 1997.

Survivors include her husband of forty-nine years, Edward O. Darwin of Seven Lakes, NC; two sons, Stephen H. Darwin of Morris Township, NJ, and Mark E. Darwin of Monkton, MD; two daughters, Elizabeth A. Lantos of Ellicott City, MD, and Kathryn R. Davis of Raleigh; one sister, Rev. Ruth O. Hahne of Ocala, FL; and ten grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Monday, January 8, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church in Seven Lakes. Father Fred Thompson presided.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 456, West End, NC 27376; or to the Seven Lakes E.M.S. 969 Seven Lakes North, West End, NC 27376.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes served the family.

Mary Jane Blue Harris, 88, of Jackson Springs, died Sunday, January 7, at Pinelake Health and Rehab in Carthage.

Mrs. Harris was born in Montgomery County to Malcolm Colon Blue and Maggie Bennett Blue.

She was a retired employee of Moore Regional Hospital and later worked with Montgomery County Department of Social Services Department of Transportation.

She was a member of Marcus United Methodist Church and was married to Roy Thomas Harris who died December 1976.

Mrs. Harris is survived by her

daughters, Carolyn Hakola of Sanford, and Kay O'Neill of Charleston, SC; her sons, Maurice Harris of Southern Pines, Johnnie Harris of Asheboro, Robert Harris of Rockingham, Ricky Harris of West End, and Pat Harris of Jackson Springs; her sisters, Edith Fraizer of Hendersonville and Willie Mae Blackwell, both of Charlotte, and Lillie Schopieray of Mount Morris, MI; her brother, Leroy Blue of Hendersonville; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday, January 10, at Marcus United Methodist Church. The Rev. Don Burns officiated. Interment was at the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the organization of the donor's choice.

George Shelton Williams, 90, of Eagle Springs, died Tuesday, January 9, at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Mr. Williams was a native of Moore County, and a member of Pleasant View Friends Church. He was a World War II Army

veteran and retired from the NC Department of Transportation after many years of service. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Delilah Williams.

Mr. Williams is survived by his wife, Helen Burns Williams; two sisters, Edna W. Morgan and Hazel W. Brown, both of Eagle Springs; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held at Friday, January 12, at Pleasant View Friends Church. The Rev. Don Luellen officiated.

Burial followed in the church cemetery with military honors by the Randolph County Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to Pleasant View Friends Church, 13942 N.C. 24/27 West, Eagle Springs, NC 27242.

Garland Kenneth Fulcher, 84, of West End, died on Wednesday, January 10, at the Inn at Quail Haven.

Mr. Fulcher was born in Shuff, Patrick County, VA. He worked and retired from Stanley Furniture in Stanleytown, VA, and

West End, NC., with forty-four years of service. Mr. Fulcher was a Mason with the Elberta Masonic Lodge of West End, NC. He served with the Masons in the capacity of Chaplain, Tyler, and was a 32nd degree. He was a charter member and the first president of the Seven Lakes Yellow Rockers and Square danced for many years. Mr. Fulcher helped to initiate the food bank at West End United Methodist Church.

He was generous within his capacity to volunteer for many civic and church activities. He created the fire brigade for Stanley Furniture in Stanleytown and West End. He retired as the fire chief of West End Volunteer Fire and Rescue, which he served for over thirty-nine years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ellis and Gertie Fulcher. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Carolyn

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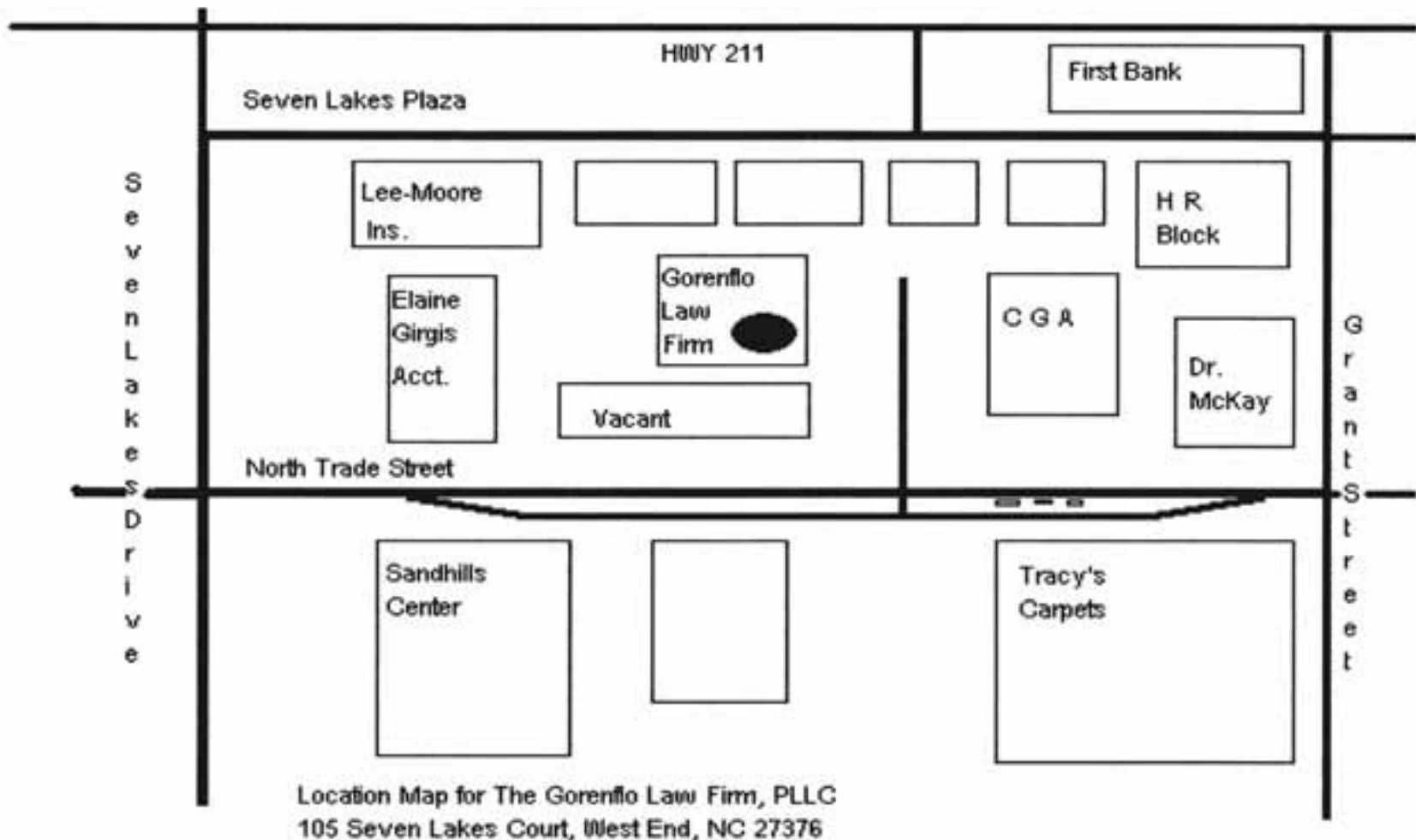
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Eggleston, and a grandson, Tyler Darnell.

Survivors include his wife Lula Turner Fulcher of sixty-four years; sons, Robert Fulcher of Bassett, VA; Larry Fulcher of West End, NC; and a daughter, Sandra Shufford of Ocean Isle.

A visitation was held on Thursday, January 11, at Boles Funeral Home in Seven Lakes.

Funeral services with Masonic rights were held on Friday, January 12, at Roseland United Methodist Church. The Rev. Nancy Willard officiated. A graveside service was held on Saturday, January 13, at Roselawn Burial Park in Martinsville, VA.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Roseland United Methodist, 181 Rose Ridge Rd., Pinebluff, NC 28373 or to the charity of one's choice.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Eleanor Edith Fox Hugg, 87, of Pinehurst, died on Friday, January 12, at her home in Pinehurst.

Mrs. Hugg was born in New York City, NY to the late Louis and Sarah Ross Fox. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth M. Hugg of Pinehurst; one son, David R. Hugg of Chicago, Ill; two daughters; Janet Landis of Tampa, FL, and Carolyn James of Seven Lakes; one brother, Louis W. Fox of Plymouth, MA; a sister, Dorothy Ruffner of Seaford, NY. Four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews also survive.

A memorial mass will be held on Friday, January 19, at 11:00 am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pinehurst with Father James Labosky as Celebrant.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorial contributions please be made to

FirstHealthHospice, 150 Applecross Rd, Pinehurst, NC 28374 or to the Charity of One's Choice.

Boles Funeral Home of Pinehurst is serving the family.

Judy W. Kucho, 85, of Southern Pines, died on Saturday, January 13, at FirstHealthMoore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst following a short illness.

Mrs. Kucho was born in Ladoonia, TX.

Mrs. Kucho had been active in real estate sales in New Jersey prior to retiring in 1982 and relocating to Seven Lakes. She was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing bridge, gardening, and various

social activities at Seven Lakes.

Survivors include her husband Frank Kucho; her nieces; Judy Addelman of Burnsville, MN; Marcia Stranski of Lisle, IL; Vicki Pierkarski of Gilber, AZ; and one nephew Bert Austin of Riverside, IL.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, January 16, at Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines. The Rev. Cecil Callis officiated. Inurnment was at the Memorial Gardens of the Chapel in the Pines columbarium.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Chapel in the Pines, 2125 Seven Lakes South,

West End, NC 27376 or FirstHealth Hospice, 150 Applecross Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes served the family.

Ruth C. Young, 88, of Seven Lakes, died Sunday, January 14, at her home.

Mrs. Young was born in Niagara Falls, NY to John and Catherine Canavan.

She is survived by her husband of sixty-five years J. Nelson Young of Elm Croft in Southern Pines; her daughters, Sandra Hess of West End; Catherine Brown of Morango, California; Laura Resciniti of West End,

and son John Young of Fayetteville.

Eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren also survive.

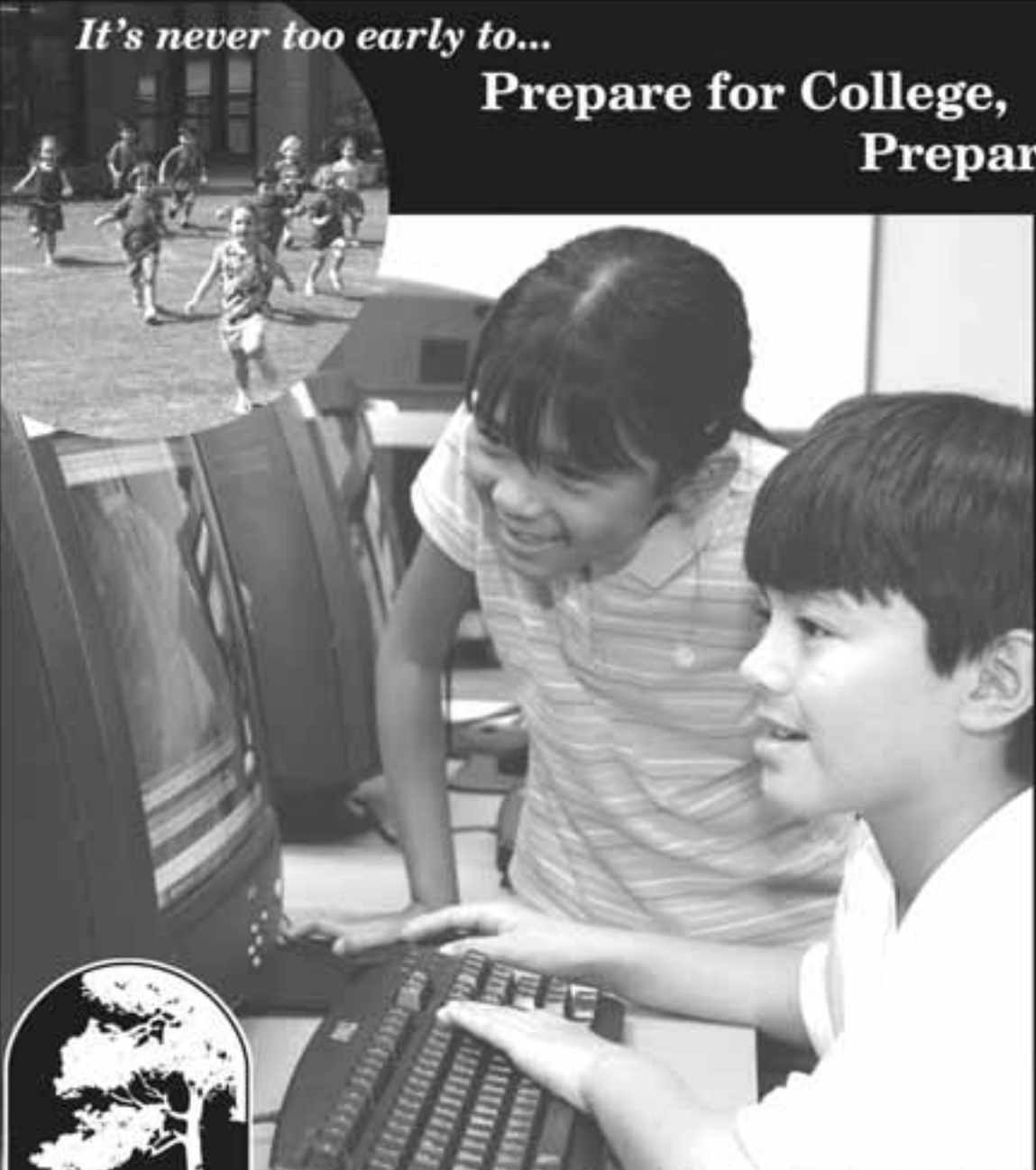
Services will be held at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Pinehurst on Wednesday January 24, at 1:00 pm. Internment will follow at Seven Lakes Cemetery.

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Historic Carthage Legion Post gets a facelift

Moore County's oldest American Legion post is getting a complete makeover, with hopes that it can become a resource for Legionnaires countywide.

Elmer Hall, Adjutant Treasurer of the Legion's Joseph G. Hinson Post 12 in Carthage, and longtime post member Paul Greene recently gave *The Times* a tour of the construction site, and provided a little history of the Post, as well.

The Legion Building sits just south of downtown Carthage, at the intersection of Legion Hut Road and Shady Lane Road. It was moved there in 1960, after Post 12's leaders acquired it from Fort Bragg, cut it into three pieces, and moved it by truck to Carthage. Built during World War I, it served as an administrative office for the military installation.

After the move to Carthage, it hosted not only Legion meetings, but a wide range of community events, including barbecue dinners cooked in the big barbecue pit out back, built by WWI and WWII vets who were the stalwarts of the post at the time.

The interior was paneled in cypress and yellow pine, as were many buildings built in the South in '10s and '20s.

Unfortunately, nearly a century later, those boards had become too brittle to salvage in the current renovation, which includes both insulating and rewiring the facility. A trophy case will preserve some of the original woodwork.

In addition to insulation, wiring, new windows, new sheetrock, new carpet, and refinishing the

original hardwood floors, the Post's renovation includes a built-in state of the art public address system, which will make the room ideal for those who would like to rent it for weddings, parties, and community gatherings, Hall told *The Times*.

In addition, it is hoped that the centrally-located post can become a resource for Legion posts across the county.

Hall told *The Times* that membership in veterans' organizations — the American Legion included — is rapidly shrinking, as veterans from the WWII generation pass away and the organizations have trouble attracting younger vets.

He said a recent study conducted by a researcher at Fort Bragg predicted that, unless the trend is reversed, there may be no veterans' organizations by 2020.

The Carthage post already attracts members from across the county, and Hall said there is some interest in consolidating the half-dozen Moore County Legion Posts into a single unit — perhaps using the newly-remodeled Carthage facility as its home.

Post 12 currently has 80 members, including six who were recently recognized for 60 years of continuous service.

Though the current remodeling project has put a hiatus on general meetings, the Post traditionally meets at 7:00 pm on the

second Thursday of the month. In addition to the business meeting, a potluck supper is often on the agenda, featuring food prepared by the Legion Auxiliary.

"And we have got some good cooks," Hall told *The Times*. "These ladies are southern cooks and they bring in some good food!"

In addition to reviving those potlucks, Hall said the Post hopes to provide a meeting place

and support for a scout troop and, hopefully, raise enough funds to support a Legion youth baseball team.

Like many Legion Posts, Post 12 is named for a fallen vet. Joseph G. Hinson was the first Moore Countian to give his life for his country in World War I.

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Eberly joined the local chapter of Stonecroft – the Sandhills Christian Womens Club – soon after retiring to Seven Lakes sixteen years ago. Since then, she

has been an active and dedicated member whom particularly enjoys guiding and participating in the Stonecroft Friendship Bible Coffee studies. The introductory trio of studies for new Christians and those seeking discussion or

an understanding of the faith, What is God like?, Who is Jesus?, and Where is the Holy Spirit? are favorites of hers to lead.

“Since all participants use the same New Testament version for the classes, the Good News, it makes the study very easy and eliminates any chance of feeling intimidated by the material or other attendees who perhaps have more Biblical familiarity,” said Eberly. “Each verse is given with a page number and the language used in the Good News is modern and comfortable to read.”

Friendship Bible Studies are conducted by women for women in relaxed environments, usually the home of either the guide or a hostess. The classes, which last for a period of several weeks, are completed in about an hour each week with some reading and “homework” to enhance the learning experience.

An eight-week study of the Book of James titled The Christian Faith will be led by Eberly beginning on Monday, January 29, at 9:30 am. The study will be hosted at a home in Pinewild and is open to any interested

students.

“I thrive on close relationships with Godly women, and I get that from Stonecroft,” says Eberly. “I look forward to sharing my faith with others and can’t conceive of ever leaving Stonecroft and the Sandhills Christian Womens Club because of the wonderful people who are part of it.”

Eberly has also served the Club for many years as a Reservations Coordinator for the group’s

monthly luncheons. The luncheons held on the third Thursday of each month at National Country Club in Southern Pines feature musical guests, and professional and inspirational speakers. The luncheon cost is thirteen dollars inclusive

with dessert and coffee. Stonecroft provides a free children’s nursery during the luncheon so that young mothers may participate.

“We frequently have enough attendees from this community that we set up a reserved table just for Seven Lakes women. This provides a unique opportunity to meet new neighbors and socialize in a fun place over terrific food. The new chef at National Country Club is outstanding.”

Eberly continued, “As a non-denominational women’s group, Sandhills Christian Womens Club brings together women from many different area churches but the organization is especially interested in reaching out to women who are not active church-goers.” Stonecroft Ministries encourages all women to connect to each other and their communities, “just one woman can be a profound influence on everyone around her and Stonecroft recognizes this,” said Eberly.

To join the upcoming Friendship Bible Study or in the monthly luncheon at National Country Club, please call Eberly at 673-5146.



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Can you believe it, it's January 2007. . . beautiful warm weather and cool nights with little or no signs of winter. In fact, some plants and trees are beginning to bud and indicate breaking dormancy.

Don't be surprised if the first green tips of daffodil bulbs emerge. The earlier planted ones are on schedule. The weather is unpredictable. It can change suddenly. At this time of year, there still is a chance we might or can have a late winter. These beautiful days give many of us the urge to go outside and begin the gardening year.

A number of inquiries have been made since Christmas concerning the planting and transplanting of shrubs. Now is an ideal time for planning and moving plants because weather conditions have perhaps never been more favorable.

Soil moisture and temperatures are excellent and plants are fully dormant; therefore, go ahead and plant many deciduous and evergreen shrubs and trees.

Plant when the soil isn't frozen and be sure to water all plantings well at planting. Plant each specimen according to its desired growing area. Some require shade, some are adapted to partial sun, and Crape myrtles should be planted in full sun for proper growth and flowering. Also a sunny planting location will help control powdery mildew and aphid infestations.

Let's review a few shrub planting procedures. First, well prepare the soil in the growing area where the plant will be planted. Spade out or till up a large enough root zone planting area to accommodate the plant size. Larger plants and transplants may require a four to five foot growing space outside the root-ball.

During the planting process, add dried, processed cow manure, organic matter, peat moss, compost, phosphorous, or any other organic fertilizer amendment and incorporate it in and around the planting hole site. Water all plantings well and weekly thereafter.

Prune all transplants, cutting about half of the top to bring down the above ground top in line with the root and stem systems and fertilize the fresh transplants



Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

when new growth begins.

It is important to go through the detailed process of planting and transplanting because more plants are lost due to improper planting than any other reason.

spring flowering plants, now is a good time to do it. Also, start pruning summer blooming plants.

Winter weeds such as chickweed, dandelions, henbit, wild

Here are a few timely suggested tasks which hopefully will be helpful for January.

If you have failed to prune those non-blooming

onions, garlic, etc, are beginning to become a problem. Control them by cutting them.

Join and support your local community garden club. It's a good method for receiving gardening information. Also, the tips contribute to the overall beauty of the Sandhills.

If you haven't done it, winterize your shrubs and other cold-susceptible plants with two, but not more than three, inches of pine straw, pine bark, or other mulch.

Fertilize your pansies now

and again when needed with a premium liquid or granular slow release fertilizer.

Don't forget to service and sharpen your lawn mower blades and clean up all your garden tools.

Now that deciduous leaf shedding is essentially completed, one can finish cutting down those unwanted hardwoods and other trees.

January is a good time to outline new flower beds and plan for the coming season.

(See "Gardening," p. 17)

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Cancun to relax; Mazatlan for fishing

I know, we usually talk about fishing, but I have no recent fishing experiences to relate. I can, however, tell you of my most recent trip to Mexico. This time with my family, all fourteen of us.

On our trip to Cancun we experienced terminated flights due to Christmas sick-outs by disgruntled Northwest Airline employees, air routes through the northern and western parts of the good ole' USA, and an overnight in Minneapolis. It was a great time?!

Upon reaching Cancun we were housed in the Oasis Cancun complex, a first class soup-to-nuts facility, which has been ninety-nine percent restored

since their latest hurricane. The whole town is being rebuilt and the locals are doing a great job to accommodate the tourists. We had our choice of several restaurants, swimming pools, watering holes, and the like.

One day while the family was lounging around our closest swimming pool, a young man walked towards me and passed out at my feet. No, it was not hero worship. My daughter, with twenty-seven years experience with Duke Medical Center, tended to his pulse, respiration, and that stuff. And the day went on.

The next day, at a restaurant, a similar occurrence was depicted; different man, but at my same feet. This time, as daughter

Susan was administering first aid, someone bent over her and asked, "Are you a doctor?" Without looking up or stopping her procedure she replied, "No, but I stayed last night at a Holiday Inn Express." Afterwards, Susan and I determined that both men were suffering from acute attacks of Ceveza withdrawal.

For a family vacation, I highly recommend an outing to Cancun at one of the many first

class hotels on the strip. My trip was great, and I shall never forget that family gathering. But,

should you want to go fishing ask me about the accommodations in Mazatlan on the west coast of Mexico. There, you will find larger Dorado, Sails, Marlin and great boats and crew. Let me know if you want more information on either Cancun or Mazatlan.



Gardening

(Continued from page 16)

This month is also the time some of us plan to rotate or change the location of our vegetable garden. For many years, I have planted my garden in the same location; however, I have relocated the vegetable areas within it. Over the past several years, nematodes, diseases, and insect numbers have increased noticeably annually.

Vegetable planting recommendations are rather limited for January but here are a few: asparagus crown, edible sugar pod peas, regular garden peas,

onion sets, seeds, and plants, and rhubarb plants.

Also some may want to plant hard to find plant species seed in cell packs and flats, if available.

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- **Contra Dance with Kenny Greer and The Carolina Cut-Ups** – 7:30 pm lessons, 8:00 - 11:00 pm dance, Old West End Gym, West End. Admission is \$8 for adult non-members, \$6 for teen non-members, \$1 for twelve years and under. Sponsored by the Sandhills Contra Dance Society. For more info call 947-2086.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

- **Sandhills Natural History Society Meeting** – 7:00 pm, Penick Village North Building, Southern Pines. Todd Pusser will present highlights of his recent trip to Antarctica, focusing on the birds and marine mammals of that area. Visitors are welcome! Call 692-2167 for more info or visit the www.sandhillsnature.org

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

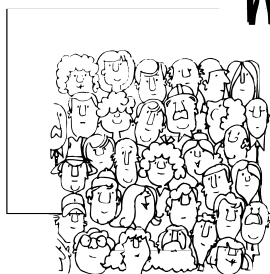
- **West Side Landowner's General meeting** – 7:30 pm, in the West Side Park Community Building. Open to all landowners.

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 Boardroom. Open to public.



What's When Calendar

- **Bookshop by the Lakes** – 7:00 pm, join Bookgroup by the Lakes for a lively discussion of Paul Auster's novel "Brooklyn Follies." The group is open to everyone in the community and held in the Coffee Scene. Join your friends for a great book discussion.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

- **'The Fantasticks' Opening Night** – Temple Theatre, 120 Carthage Street in downtown Sanford. The

Fantasticks will be presented January 25 – February 11. The audience is invited to meet the performers and designers after the Opening

Night show while enjoying a complimentary champagne toast. Tickets are on

sale now, \$20 adults, \$10 students and children, \$16 for groups, \$16 for active military personnel, \$16 for Lee County Educators. Purchase tickets from the Temple Theatre Box Office located at 120 Carthage Street in downtown Sanford. Box Office hours are Monday - Friday 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and one hour prior to show times. Tickets may also be purchased by calling the box office at (919) 774-4155.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

- **American Boychoir Benefit Concert** – 7:30 pm, Owens Auditorium, Sandhills Community College. This performance by world-renowned American Boychoir benefits the new Pope John Paul II Catholic School in Southern Pines. Tickets are by donation and are available by calling (910) 692-6241. If the concert is not sold out, tickets will be available at the door the

night of the concert.

- **Family Open House at The O'Neal School** – 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, in Southern Pines. Meet at Bradshaw Hall and guides will provide a tour of the campus. Teachers, staff members, and volunteer parents will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, or enrollment questions, please call Alice Droppers, Director of Admissions at (910) 692-6920, or log onto www.onealschool.org.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 29

- **Stonecroft Friendship Bible Study** – 9:30 am, Pinewild. An eight-week study of the Book of James titled The Christian Faith will be led by Joan Eberly beginning on Monday, January 29, in the community of Pinewild. New students are welcome. For more information or to register, please call Joan at 673-5146.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Candidates Night** – 7:30 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Sponsored by the Women of Seven Lakes. Association members are invited to hear the candidates for the Board of Directors speak on topics of interest to the community. Peggy McCallum, President of Women of Seven Lakes, will host the evening and Linda Tableman of the League of Women Voters will moderate.

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. Special request of Friend to Friend is batteries(all sizes), laundry detergent and room air freshners.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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Eyecare is topic for Seven Lakes Women

by Sondra Schroeder

The Women of Seven Lakes gathered on Thursday, January 4, for their first meeting of the New Year. Dr. Jeffrey J. White of Carolina Eye Associates spoke to the group about diseases of the eye, their causes, and possible treatments.

Cataracts, a condition which causes a clouding of the lens which, in turn, blocks light from going through to the retina can produce blindness. Surgery is the only treatment.

Glaucoma, another serious condition which can also pro-



Dr. Jeffrey J. White and Peggy McCallum.

duce blindness, is caused by an increased pressure in the eye. This deprives one's peripheral vision.

Also discussed during the meeting was Macular Degeneration, which affects the center of the retina and, therefore, the center of your vision, although peripheral vision remains. There is no known cure for this condition.

Dr. White also touched upon eye problems connected to diabetes and surgical procedures available for far less serious conditions such as cosmetic or vision improvement.

Dr. White attended the University of Wisconsin Medical

School and performed his residencies in Queensland, Australia, La Crosse, Wisconsin, and Chapel Hill. Deanna Black, a team leader from Carolina Eye Associates accompanied Dr. White and fielded questions from the group after the session.

The next meeting of the Women of Seven Lakes will be held on Thursday, February 1. Featured speaker Cindy Ellison will discuss the Creative Retirement courses offered through Sandhills Community College. Donations of household or school supplies will be accepted on behalf of Friend to Friend organization.

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The current Gallery show fea-

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Female Photographers exhibiting at the Village Gallery this month.

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Seven Lakes residents

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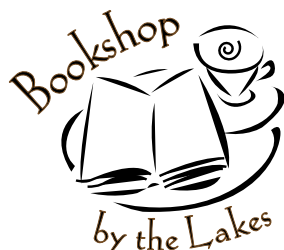
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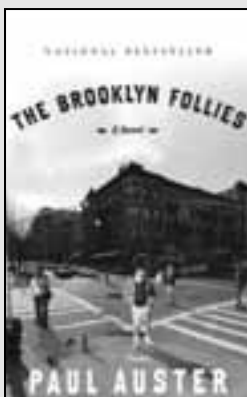
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Warm up with Rosalyn's Broccoli Soup

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use 1 teaspoon chopped garlic
1 tablespoon oil
1 bay leaf
1 lb. fresh broccoli, chopped
1 small potato, chopped

2 1/2 cups vegetable or chicken stock
Salt and pepper to taste
Juice of 1/2 lemon
Lowfat plain yogurt

the bay leaf and let cool. Puree in a blender (not totally smooth). Season to taste. Add lemon juice and return to pan to reheat. Add a dollop of yogurt just before serving.

So much for Rosalyn's recipe, here's some changes I make sometimes.

You may add several more potatoes. If you do, you may wish to add several more cups of stock.

You may also add several cups of milk along with some thickening. This will make it more of a cream soup.

You can also add one half pound of some type of shredded cheese.



from Lucy's Kitchen

*Lucy Ingram
Seven Lakes South*

Rosalyn Carter's Cream of Broccoli Soup, with No Cream

1 medium onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, crushed or you can

Sauté onion and garlic in oil until soft. Add bay leaf, broccoli, potato, and stock. Simmer gently, covered, for about ten minutes. Remove

Family Open House at O'Neal

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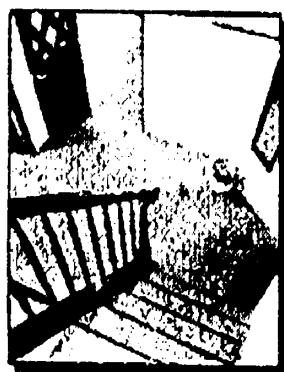
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OPINION

How's your memory?

How many memories do you have? And what was the first incident or happening in your life that you can remember?

I have a theory that each year of your life is like a penny, a penny of remembrance, that you save in some kind of memory bank. And so when you are, oh, let's say, ten or eleven years old, your memory bank is rather light.

I just celebrated my eighty-fourth birthday, and so I will admit that my memory bank is pretty full and heavy.



Ollie's Thoughts
Oliver Gossard

The first thing in my life that I can remember is when I was four and fell on the sidewalk in Maywood, Illinois. I landed on my head, raised a big bump, and, man, did I cry.

My mother and a neighbor came to inspect the big bump on my forehead.

The neighbor lady was calm. She told my mother to get a big, cold kitchen knife to press on the swelling. I missed that pressing on the swelling part.

I thought that the kitchen knife was to cut off the bump on my head. I think that the echo of

the howl I set up must still be resounding in and around suburban Chicago.

There are a lot of memories that I have that are enjoyable like the winter day when I was maybe ten years old and sat on my Flexible Flyer in a light snow and watched the WPA forest workers cut down a huge tree in the woods behind our home in Cincinnati.

The thrill of seeing that huge tree fall among all the saplings with squirrels and birds flying and scrambling to get out of the way was exciting. A strong memory.

But not all memories are pleasant, of course. We all have to deal with the unpleasant, the loss of some family and friends.

No one escapes the big moments of sadness that come into all of our lives. Some people seem to be able to erase the unpleasant from their bank. Not many of us I would imagine.

Sometimes, when I sit quietly and think back over the memories I have, I shudder a bit. I remember the really dumb, mean, and silly things that I have said or done. Oh, for instance when I was a teenager trying to negotiate my way with girls.

Good grief! I wish that I could leap back in time and change what I said or did. There's no way.

But then I stop remembering and laugh at myself. Hey, I'm eighty-four and have a right to at least a few embarrassing memories. Right?

Now how about you? What are your earliest memories? You tell me, but we won't discuss all of the dumb things that we regret.

Boat size limits should be fair

Dear Editor:

I can not believe how a board representing all of the people on the Westside could come up with a new set of rules for the lake

power outboard engine is capable of speeds in excess of fifty miles per hour and is also designed for outboard or inboard/outboard power.

If you put a four or six cylinder engine inboard/outboard in a twenty-four foot deck boat, the boat will not perform properly and in most cases will not plane off.

If the board wants to change boat use on Lake Auman, I would strongly suggest they make all sizes of boats uniform and horsepower limits sensible so that boaters can continue to use the lake for tubing, water skiing, wake boarding, and the like.

A twenty-four foot sailboat takes up the same space as a twenty-four foot runabout and in some cases if not operated properly, can also be a safety hazard to other boaters.

Everyone should be allowed to enjoy and use Lake Auman as it was meant to be, fun for everyone.

Ron Weber
Seven Lakes West



with such a one-sided viewpoint.

This board wants maximum lengths of twenty-four foot sailboats, twenty-four foot pontoon boats, twenty-four foot deck boats, but only twenty foot runabouts. They also want to eliminate all ski boats and runabouts with V-8 engines.

These recommendations are clearly brought without facts or knowledge of boating for everyone's enjoyment.

A twenty-one foot or twenty-two foot deck boat with a 150 horse-

Seven Lakes Democracy – Work in Progress...

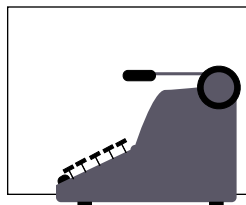
Where do we stand with one of my pet projects: Open meetings of our Seven Lakes West Landowners Association?

The Board of Directors meetings and the meetings of the association's various committees were open under our "founding father," Joe Fellingham, and several presidents after him. Nowadays, our Board's work sessions are closed.

The Bylaws are mute on the subject. The monthly General Meeting is an open information session of the full Board with opportunity for member input, often leading into productive dialogue with the Board. In the past, these sessions were not run as formal Board meetings, and never was Board business done

in these meetings.

The recent amendment to the NC Planned Community Act [NC-PCA] requires a regular opportunity for members to speak to their Board. So our Board reclassified the Gen-



Your Turn

Gerhard Hergenbahn
Seven Lakes West

eral Meeting as an official Board meeting and so amply satisfied the amended NC-PCA. But the Board continues to do all business and voting in closed "work sessions."

I submit that the time is over

for this exclusive style. A quick Google search shows at least seven states which have already laws requiring homeowner associations to open all meetings to their members. Included are the meetings of the

committees (recreation, lake, long range planning etc.). Our northern neighbors Virginia and Maryland

live already in this new world. In some other states, laws are pending.

Why should the SLWLA wait till North Carolina law forces the change?

In matters of file access for

members we were perfect from the start: Our bylaws allow all members full access to the Association's files and records. Let's do the next step: access to all meetings of our quasi-government.

It will improve communication and the flow of ideas. It even may improve decisions, the minutes and the civility of Board meetings. And there may be a bonus: Seven Lakes North experienced a shortening of the Board sessions when they opened them some years ago. Members interested in cooperation or with special skills would be welcome to quietly sit-in. They could, as I experienced in government meetings, even be invited to comment on an agenda item.

They could get a feel whether they could help the Association by joining the respective group. Members of our committees could now see how their recommendations are handled by the Board and hopefully understand and support the decisions, or have reason to later try to correct a misunderstanding or misrepresentation.

All this interaction can only help on the way to good government.

It is self-understood that not only the Board, but even some committees will have to protect certain matters by going into closed "executive session" without public minutes: personnel, litigation risk, purchasing/pricing,

(See "Open," p. 27)

Haggard, Tuton recommended for board

Dear Editor:

As Spring approaches, we must prepare to cast an intelligent vote for our favorite Seven Lakes West Landowner's Board candidate.

I have seldom voiced an opinion when it comes to recommending a candidate for any public office but this year I'm making an exception to that practice given the results of the last Landowners Association General Meeting that I attended. I felt the way that certain Board members treated their constituents from a verbal and/or body language perspective was deplorable. I said to myself some changes are necessary.

Although I'm a founder and currently a chairman of the Lake

Auman Sports Club, my per-



spective on candidates is my own and should not be construed as an endorsement by the Sports Club organization.

I've had the privilege of working with two of the candidates seeking election to the Board.

Ed Tuton has done an impeccable job as Treasurer for the Sports Club for the past three years. Additionally, he has demon-

strated strong leadership skills when working on projects with other Club members to serve the community. His leadership skills coupled with his positive attitude makes him an excellent candidate for the Board.

I've also had the opportunity to work closely with Jim Haggard as a co-chairman for the Sports Club and as part of the Program Committee for the Kiwanis Club. Jim's accomplishments over the past several years are too numerous to outline for this letter. However, as a result of his work he received awards from both the Sports Club and Kiwanis. Jim was voted Kiwanian of the year for 2006.

Both Jim and Ed have the necessary leadership, organi-

zational, planning, teamwork, and most important, interpersonal skills to be effective Board members.

They are the type of leaders

that would research the needs and desires of the community and act accordingly.

*Ron McGaughey
Seven Lakes West*

Open meetings

(Continued from page 26)

land acquisition. The state laws mentioned above provide good examples of how to define such exceptions.

Increasing participation of the citizen is a long term trend in government. More and more government decisions require hearings with outside experts and the public; freedom of information acts are providing access to government files; C-Span is transmitting 24/7 on two channels Washington's parliamentary proceedings, hearings and more, and is not shy of controversial subjects; the Moore County Board of Commissioners is contemplating to accept even the local TV's participation in its meetings.

I cannot attend our Board's work sessions, but Open Meeting laws provide that I can, and I did, participate in work sessions of the County Commissioners, the Pinehurst Village Council, the County Planning Department and the Subdivision Review Board.

Is it detrimental to the quality of these government activities? Certainly not.

Is it helping me to influence what is going on? In humble small steps, yes.

Our two Landowners Associations in Seven Lakes are what is commonly called "private governments." They fulfill govern-

ment-like functions, have the respective powers, and we elect our leadership. Our small neighbor Foxfire, being incorporated, performs its functions in its Village government under NC's open meeting rules.

Our large neighbor Seven Lakes North/South has opened its Board of Directors meetings to the public.

Let's join.

Valentine's Day Wine Tasting

Take your Valentine to the Second Annual Valentine's Day Wine Tasting on Friday, February 9 at 7:00 pm in the West Side Park Community Center.

Join Thaddeus Braun, Wine Shop and Restaurant Manager from Elliot's on Linden, as our presenter for our second annual Valentine's Day Wine Tasting event.

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Still Learning . . .

Yes, I'm still learning about life.

I thought I saw a jovial blink emerge from the eye of a squirrel the other day. Or was it just a minor irritation like we all get on occasion? It's hard to know whether an animal is smiling or not.

The point is not to require an answer but simply feel good about whatever ability we might have to sense the vulnerability of all creatures, great or small.

I saw a squirrel the other day

fall off a tree branch with a thud. It lay on the ground, stunned. Strangely, I felt alarmed as I awaited

the outcome. Suddenly the animal squirmed a bit, then arose and scampered away. I was relieved.

A feeling of "we're all in this together," overcame me. Travail and hurt in any living thing seems to encircle my sensitivity with rapidity these days.

Like the feelings of those who recognize the physical

and emotional stresses of others.

It's all a matter of inherent or acquired sensitivity – whether to

the ails of a tiny four-legged creature – or a relative, friend – or even a stranger – in a hospital bed.



Mason's Musings
Mason Gould

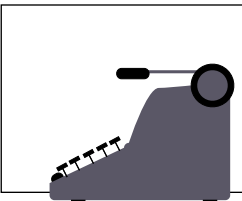
Hello, January

Hello, January 2007. You have come to us in the serenity of warm sunshine, days of longer daylight, and a pause from exciting and wonderful December; with all the mystery, and whispers, and hiding gifts, but mostly with love intertwined.

We seem to have more restful time to think and plan the balance of the year. If we have a snowfall, then most

everything seems to slow down, giving us the luxury to unwind. February has President's Day

Your Turn
*Betty Stemmer
Seven Lakes North*



ages. And so the months go by, and each of us has our own memories of them. Before we are aware of it all, it will be Thanksgiving, the most beautiful season for our country. And then, and only then, will be Christmas to celebrate the birth of the child Jesus, and to receive into our hearts, our families, our friends, and our neighbors.

Therefore we celebrate you, January, for all of the quiet rest and freedom that you gently bring with you.

Little Miss Seven Lakes

Little Miss Seven Lakes will reign again this year during the local St. Patrick's Day Parade which steps off on Saturday, March 17, at 11:00 am from the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Riding in a convertible automobile, the lucky winning girls always have lots of fun.

Girls must be between six and eleven years old to be eli-

gible for Little Miss Seven Lakes. Please submit the name of your favorite little miss! The Queen and her court of two are chosen at random from names of entrants submitted to collection boxes in Seven Lakes North, South, and West mail houses, as well as at Seven Lakes Health & Fitness Center. The selections will be drawn on February 20.



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Commissioners

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Though most of Seven Lakes' wells are also contaminated, it is unlikely the county will attempt to drill new ones to replace them, since wells in that part of the county are less productive — and therefore less economical — than wells drilled near Pinehurst.

Water study still under review.

The jury's still out on a comprehensive county-wide water study in the works since June 2005.

Jones provided additional background on the history of and planning for the study during Tuesday's work session. Commissioners listened attentively but made no comment.

A number of commissioners, including Larry Caddell, Jimmy Melton, and Colin McKenzie, expressed skepticism about the need for, cost of, and chosen supplier of the proposed study during their January 2 meeting.

The previous board of commissioners approved the selection of the engineering firm McGill and Associates as vendor for the study after a committee that brought together representatives of municipalities throughout the county unanimously recommended the firm.

Jones explained that the idea of a comprehensive study of county water needs, resources, and financing options was first approved by the board of commissioners in June of 2005. While the county was in the early stages of planning that study, the Moore County Summit made a comprehensive countywide water study one of its priorities. The Summit is an ad hoc group that promotes intergovernmental cooperation and planning.

The county study expanded in scope to include participation by the county's municipalities, which would help design, fund, and reap the results of the study.

Jones said all but two of the county's towns and cities had signed on to participate in the study — Foxfire and Taylortown

being the holdouts. He expressed confidence that those towns could be brought on board once they had a better understanding of the goals of the study.

The scope of the study has now been developed and a contract is in hand for approval by the Board of Commissioners, Jones said. He told The Times after the meeting that he hopes that approval can be placed on the agenda for the Commissioners' February 5 meeting.

Other items

Moving from their work session directly into their regular meeting, Commissioners received the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report from the independent audit firm Dixon Hughes.

The firm's Scott Brewer said an audit of the county's financial records for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 yielded "a clean opinion with no exceptions."

He praised the work of County Finance Officer Lisa Hughes and her staff for their work in remedying trouble spots pointed out in last year's audit — items like the control of access to county gasoline pumps and implementing a write-off policy for Health Department patient receivables.

The firm highlighted several opportunities for fine-tuning county financial controls in its new report; Hughes provided commissioners with an action plan addressing each of those items.

"We don't dread the time that the auditors come," Hughes told the Commissioners. "We look forward to their review . . . They are helping us make our county and our department much stronger."

In other business, the Board of Commissioners:

- Approved a new process for evaluating requests from municipalities that went to expand their extraterritorial zoning jurisdictions.
- Awarded a contract for digital orthophotography — commonly called "aerial photography" — of the county, as well

as contracts or contract modifications involving a wastewater lift station and an ATM on County property at the former Carriage Oaks Shopping Center.

- Granted \$20,000 to one company and \$5,000 to another to assist with relocations of the firms to Moore County.
- Agreed to host a January 24 Transportation Summit meeting aimed at gathering input from all county municipalities on the North Carolina Department of Transportation's long-term plan for road and highway improvements in the county.

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Foxfire

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Parks and Recreation Trust Fund
[PARTF].

[The Times was unable to attend this portion of the Council meeting and so has relied on draft minutes prepared by Clerk Thomas for portions of our report.]

The village received a PARTF grant two years ago to fund the construction of the Village Green municipal park and applied last year for a grant to help fund the overhaul of the swimming pool and tennis court complex. That second applicatoin was unsuccessful.

Tuesday night's public meeting was aimed at gathering public input before the council voted to submit an updated application for the pool and tennis court project to PARTF for this year's round of funding.

The project is expected to cost just under \$600,000; the village is asking that PARTF pay half of that cost.

After gathering input during the public meeting, the council later approved three resolutions necessary to put the new grant application in motion.

Zoning. There are currently 47 homes under construction in Foxfire — 38 in the village proper and 9 in the extraterritorial

jurisdiction, Zoning Administrator Frank Holloway reported.

Finance. Councilman Wally Peckitt reported that the Village has spent just under \$250,000 of its \$480,000 operating budget for the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year.

The village has \$334,000 on hand in the General Fund and \$45,500 on hand in the water fund. There is \$106,000 in a special capital fund for the Water Department.

Public Safety. The village has thus far had little luck in finding applicants interested in replacing Police Chief Rick Rhyne, who announced his retirement in December, Councilman Carl Munro reported.

Despite advertising for the position, no applications for the chief's position have been submitted — and a vacancy for a patrol officer attracted on three sub-par applications, he said.

Munro asked and received council approval to spend not more than \$1,250 to place additional advertisements in newspapers serving communities in the region.

Asked about the selection process, Munro explained that an eight-member committee — which has yet to meet — will evaluate applicants for both positions. Munro said the names of

committee members are being kept secret so that they will not be badgered by the public.

A number of residents expressed support for hiring current Village police officer Mike Campbell as Chief of Police.

Munro said Campbell had not yet applied for the position. Coun-

cil man Peckitt encouraged residents interested in seeing Campbell get the job write letters in support of that to the Council.

Village Green. Councilman Gene Petrie reported on construction progress at Village Green, noting that contributions will be sought to fund tables and bench-

es for the picnic shelters. The tables and benches cost approximately \$800 each.

Well site. Mayor Erickson asked for and received council approval to make two separate offers on property needed for a new well site, for a total cost of \$30,000.

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Business Guild

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ed in the next few weeks. If all goes according to plans, the Guild will be able to turn the streets over to NCDOT, which will

then be responsible for maintaining them.

In addition to these big projects, Murray and Cook said the Guild has several new initiatives in

the works — as well as some events that have become community traditions:

- **Guild Website.** Construction of a Seven Lakes Business Guild website is well underway with the finished product expected to debut in February. As well as providing information about the guild, the website will provide low-cost advertising to Guild members.

- **Brochure.** Harris Printing has a Guild brochure in the works that will help explain the benefits of Guild membership.

- **Community Events.** The Guild traditionally sponsors "Meet the Merchants" and a holiday tree-lighting that bring out large crowds of residents for a fun evening. The Guild has also sponsored a Service to Seven Lakes Expo in the Spring. In addition, the annual President's Cup golf tournament serves as a fund-raiser for Guild projects — like the recent testing of village roads.

Measured by the number of Guild members, 2006 was a very successful year for the organization, which saw its membership grow from 50 to 75 businesses.

Cook told *The Times* that businesses join the Guild because it offers a mutually-supportive community.

"You want to see your fellow businesses succeed," he said. "The Guild helps you network with other businesses. You can get referrals from fellow Guild members, and that can help grow your business."

Guild members contribute to the overall appearance of the Business Village, Murray pointed out. In addition to the roads, the Guild maintains the common areas and pays the electric bill for the village sign and the lights for the flagpole.

"It's all about helping each other and maintaining the quality and the looks of the business community," Murray said.

Murray moved his business to Seven Lakes two years ago. A native of Montana with construction experience in a number of states, he has been building homes in Moore County for twenty years.

Cook opened Carolina Car Car in the village in 1992, moving here from New Hampshire.

Businesses interested in joining the Guild can contact Murray at 673-2106 or Cook at 673-2277. Annual dues are \$150.

Big River

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Moore OnStage is proud to be able to bring this true American folk tale to life on the Sunrise Stage when it presents *Big River* — the Story of Huckleberry Finn, a musical adaptation of Mark Twain's masterpiece. The show opens on February 2 and will play for two weekends through February 11.

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Returning to the Sunrise stage will be Matthew Addison (Forev-

er Plaid), starring as Huck Finn, Chris Spalding (Forever Plaid) portraying Tom Sawyer, Michael Jones and Don Bridge both most recently seen in Sylvia, and Melvin Tunstall, III (Swing). Joining them will be Moore County's own David Frump, Randy Rime, Lisa Bridge, and Sarah Edwards.

Returning from New York to direct *Big River* is Tim Herman, last seen in *Forever Plaid* and Director of Sylvia. And Melvin will be performing double duty by being the choreographer.

And of course, what is a Moore OnStage production without Steve Menendez at the helm as Musical Director.

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Candidate

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Milligan was appointed to the board in August 2005 to complete the term of Linda Tableman, who resigned from the board. Milligan had been very active in community beautification efforts before joining the board and, as a board member, took on the task of developing recreational programming for the Westside Park facility.

She served as a member of the Fayetteville City Council before retiring to Seven Lakes.

Her withdrawal from the race leaves Dale Erickson, Jim Haggard, Kathy Kirst, Jim Meikle, and Ed Tuton in the running for one of the three open board seats.

Zielsdorf was mentioned as a possible candidate in at least one work session of the the SLLA Board, but, when Nominating Committee Chairman Steve Hudson announced the slate of board-nominated candidates in the SLLA's December 13 general meeting, Zielsdorf's name was not on the list.

Under SLLA by-laws, any resident member in good standing can have his or her named added to the ballot by submitting a petition signed by at least five percent of members in good standing. Zielsdorf told *The Times* that he expects to meet that standard. The petition must be submitted during the January general meeting of the association, scheduled for Wednesday evening, January 28.

Zielsdorf has lived in Seven Lakes North for almost seven years, he told *The Times*; his mother and father moved to the community more than 20 years ago and his mother continues to reside in Seven Lakes North.

The prospective candidate is

a math instructor at Montgomery Community College in nearby Troy. He holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Math education from Edinboro University in Pennsylvania and a Masters in Biomedical Engineering from UNC-Chapel Hill.

Zielsdorf worked nearly 20 years as an engineer; the last nine running his own firm.

He told *The Times* that he decided to run for the board for several reasons, chief among them a concern about how the board is spending member's money. Zielsdorf said that large expenditures on the horizon — the need for street repaving and the possibility of repairs to community dams — calls for an emphasis on saving for those long-range projects rather than spending on new bells and whistles.

"I believe Seven Lakes should have a better system of checks and balances on how membership money is spent," he told *The Times*. Among the ideas he favors is requiring membership approval of expenditures above a certain dollar amount and developing a "rainy day fund," that would be built up to help pay for major unanticipated expenses.

Zielsdorf said he sees at least three major groups of residents in Seven Lakes: the original retirees who have been here 20 years or so, younger retirees just moving in, and young families with full-time jobs and school-age children.

"To represent all these groups, it wouldn't hurt to have a slightly different mindset on the board," he told *The Times*, noting that he fit into the third, working-age group.

Zielsdorf said he understood that his name may have been dropped from the list of nominating committee candidates because his teaching schedule at Montgomery Community College conflicts with the once-a-month Thursday afternoon SLLA Board work sessions.

Zielsdorf told *The Times* that his teaching schedule is relatively flexible. Noting that the scheduling of the work session is a matter of tradition rather than anything prescribed in the by-laws, Zielsdorf said, "If the current board can't accommodate my schedule, then they probably can't accommodate anyone who still works for a living."

He said he was glad, in retrospect, that he had been forced to seek signatures for his petition. "It was definitely worth my time to go out and talk with the folks in Seven Lakes," Zielsdorf said. "I found it very beneficial." Lakers who would like to support Zielsdorf's attempt to win a spot on the ballot may telephone him

at 673-9333.

Assuming his petition is in order, Zielsdorf's name will join those of Laura Douglass, Frank McKenna, Donna Stephan, Loren Swearingen, and Don Truesdell on the ballot for the SLLA election, which will be decided at the annual meeting in late March.

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Area A

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desired, where it is not; recommend how to make it happen, how to manage it.

Members: Jesse Wimberley, Chair; Johnny Ingram; Leonard Tufts; Mike Wilson; and Kathy Liles, Planner.

Infrastructure —

Task: Identify, recommend and prioritize improvements necessary to support the desired growth in Area A with the least adverse effect on what is to be preserved; make first cut at estimating investment and on-going costs.

Members: Nancy Fiorillo, Chair; Elaine Girgis; Cindy Holland; and Ray Mackay.

The committees were challenged to dream — “If you can’t dream it, it can’t happen,” Kinney told the group — and, at the same time, to be realistic in developing recommendations.

They were asked to “think outside the box” and avoid “it’s never been done before.”

“You can’t move ahead without making waves,” Kinney said.

They were challenged to develop recommendations that are specific and actionable, avoiding generalities.

Integrated, consistent recommendations, supportive of one another, are absolutely essential to developing a plan that, without reservation, will permit the community to say “mission accomplished” when the committees work is done, Kinney said.

Each committee accepted its assigned task and agreed to meet frequently over the coming months to complete its work.

Each committee was given a list of data, information and maps needed in their work, as well as a list of experts and resources to provide their experience and special knowledge.

To provide a graphic illustration of the role of the committees within the overall planning process, the committees were first shown as three independent, isolated — a graphic which was quickly followed by a second display of the committees as three clearly overlapping circles.

This emphasized the critical future task of integrating committee recommendations and assuring that they can be combined into a coherent whole.

With the subcommittees’ march-

ing orders in place, the planning staff then demonstrated its new “Community VIZ” software. The software can graphically display the impact of, for example, a projected change in population on schools enrollment and water supply needs. It is expected to allow the committee to visualize the impact of any land-use recommendations it may consider.

Paul Hodges, the committee’s Vice-Chairman, then outlined the schedule for completing the process of developing and approving the Area A plan.

The meeting concluded with a

slide show of photographs of Area A, taken by steering committee members, highlighting points of interest such as landscape, historic buildings, things to preserve, and things to change.

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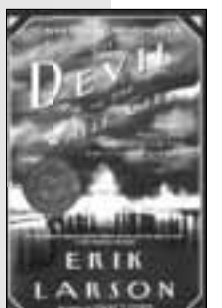
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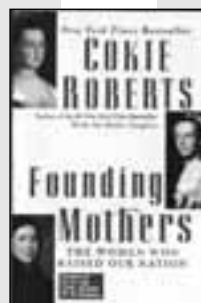


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