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Major development proposed for Foxfire



New Chief — Mike Campbell was appointed Foxfire's new Chief of Police at Tuesday Night's Council Meeting. He's flanked here by Councilman Carl Munro and Mayor George Erickson.

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

A proposed 100+ home multi-family residential development in Foxfire Village was presented at the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 10.

Describing the project as "a great addition to the community," developer Robert Bryant and his father Paul noted that while the plan was still in the early conceptual phase, they felt it was time to bring their vision before the Village Council and the community for feedback and to answer questions.

The proposed units would be two-story structures with brick and stone, mixed medium exteriors, and interior total square footage ranging 1,800 to 2,100. In addition to the 109 multi-family townhouse units, the plan includes 11 single-family dwellings. Bryant said the architectural style of all the homes would be similar to those at Lamplighter and the new homes at Longleaf Country Club.

"The units will have an association maintenance fee attached as they are designed to be maintenance-free," said Bryant. If approved, he said the homes would be constructed sixteen at a time, some in duplex and triplex units and others in blocks of up to six adjacent units.

Green areas and walking trails would connect the development to retail and office space areas included in the proposal, as well as a Village Chapel.

The walking trails and chapel would be open to all Foxfire residents. A proposed community center, Claire's Cabin, might be confined to use for residents only, but no specific decision has been made at this time.

The development would not be a gated neighborhood and, since Foxfire Village is not a part of the Moore County's Small Planning Area A, it would not be restricted by any potential building moratorium.

Bryant noted that one section
(See "Foxfire," p. 2)

Haggard to lead West Side

Newly-elected board member Jim Haggard was elected President of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] in a Board organizational retreat held on Monday, April 2. Two other newcomers to the Board, Ed Tuton and Kathy Kirst, were elected Secretary

and Treasurer.

Mary Anne Fewkes, who is beginning her second year on the SLWLA Board, was elected Vice President. Fewkes will continue to handle Lake and Environment issues for the Board.

Jo Nicholas, who served as Secretary last year, will take

over responsibility for Recreation. Other committee assignments will remain unchanged, with Ray MacKay in charge of Infrastructure, Blaine Rowland serving as Security Director, Hugh Beckwith on Legal, and Bill Mamel heading up the Architectural Review Committee.

SLLA apologizes to Shaw

The Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] has issued an apology to Southside resident Alan Shaw, apparently as part of the settlement reached last month in a lawsuit that Shaw brought against the Association, Community Manager Dalton Fulcher, and former Seven Lakes Company Police Chief

Dennis Lombard.

"The Seven Lakes Landowners Association would like to announce that the lawsuit brought by David Alan Shaw has been resolved," the statement, marked "Exhibit A" and addressed to Greg Hankins, Editor, reads.

"The Seven Lakes Landown-

ers Association would like to express to David Alan Shaw our regrets for any inconvenience this incident might have caused him personally or professionally."

The statement is signed by Don Truesdell as President of the SLLA Board of Directors.

(See "Apology," p. 34)



Easter Smiles were seen on the faces of both young and old at the Seven Lakes Landowners Association's Egg Hunt.

Foxfire

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of the undeveloped acreage has "a drastic elevation change, so we included a natural amphitheater in the proposal. It would be fairly rustic, seating approximately 2,000 to 3,000 people on a grassy slope. This would be a last piece of the development, but it could be an exciting amenity not only for Foxfire but for the Sandhills," said Bryant. He acknowledged that noise restrictions and rules would need to be written and followed.

"This development is designed with people in mind. It is important when considering the village center and that there be something for everybody," concluded Bryant.

Steiner-Stempel Awards

Mayor George Erickson presented the 2007 Steiner-Stempel Award to Pat Ogren and Rhea Boelter, commending both for contributing greatly to the community over the past year.

The first Steiner-Stempel Awards were made in conjunction with the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Foxfire Village in honor of S. Joseph Steiner and Phil Stempel. Steiner served as Mayor from 1993 to 1997, and on the Foxfire Council from 1998 to

2001. Stempel served as Zoning Administrator and Long Range Planning chair for several years and contributed greatly to the Village GIS program.

Public Safety

Councilman Carl Munro presented a motion to approve Mike Campbell as the new Foxfire Village Police Chief. The motion was unanimously approved with a rousing ovation from the assembled crowd.

"I'd like to thank the council and the citizens of Foxfire for their support and letters," said Chief Campbell.

Noting that the original pool of five candidates was quickly reduced to two, Councilman Munro said, "The final two were both strong candidates but we thought the future of the village would be better off with Campbell in place."

A second resolution moved

by Munro was also passed honoring former Police Chief Rick Rhyne. Citing his twenty-five year service to the village, the Mayor and Council voted to retire his badge and service sidearm.

In Moore County news, Councilman Munro reminded residents that Foxfire Village is within one of the test case areas for the 2020 Census. Also, the Land Transfer Tax will probably be approved at the state level but will require local voting before implementation.

Community Emergency Rescue Training [CERT] will begin on April 17. Fifteen or sixteen Foxfire residents are expected to participate in this program, which requires twenty-one hours of training.

Assuring residents that the proposed rate increase for fire coverage does not apply to Foxfire, Munro stated the village has a contract with West End Fire Department which will not expire for several more years.

Concluding the Public Safety report, Munro said that EMS coverage of the upcoming Foxfire Festival had been arranged and that West End Fire Department would be on-site to assist with traffic.

(See "Foxfire," p. 36)



Steiner-Stempel Award — Pat Ogren and Rhea Bolter were awarded Foxfire's Steiner-Stempel Community Service Award during Tuesday night's Village Council meeting.

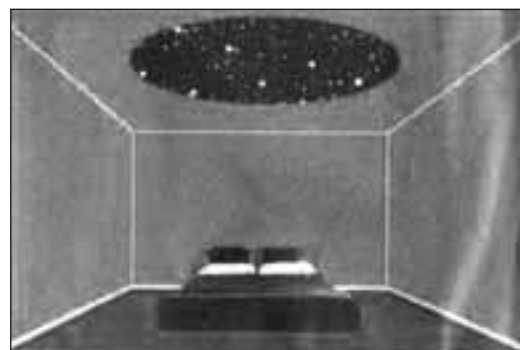
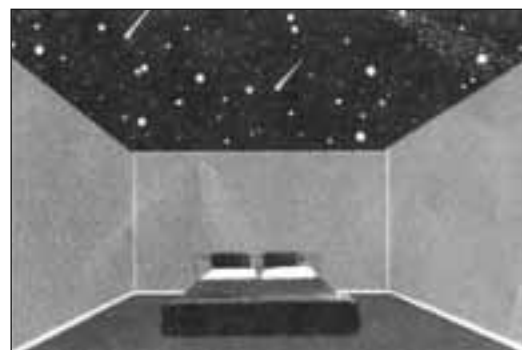
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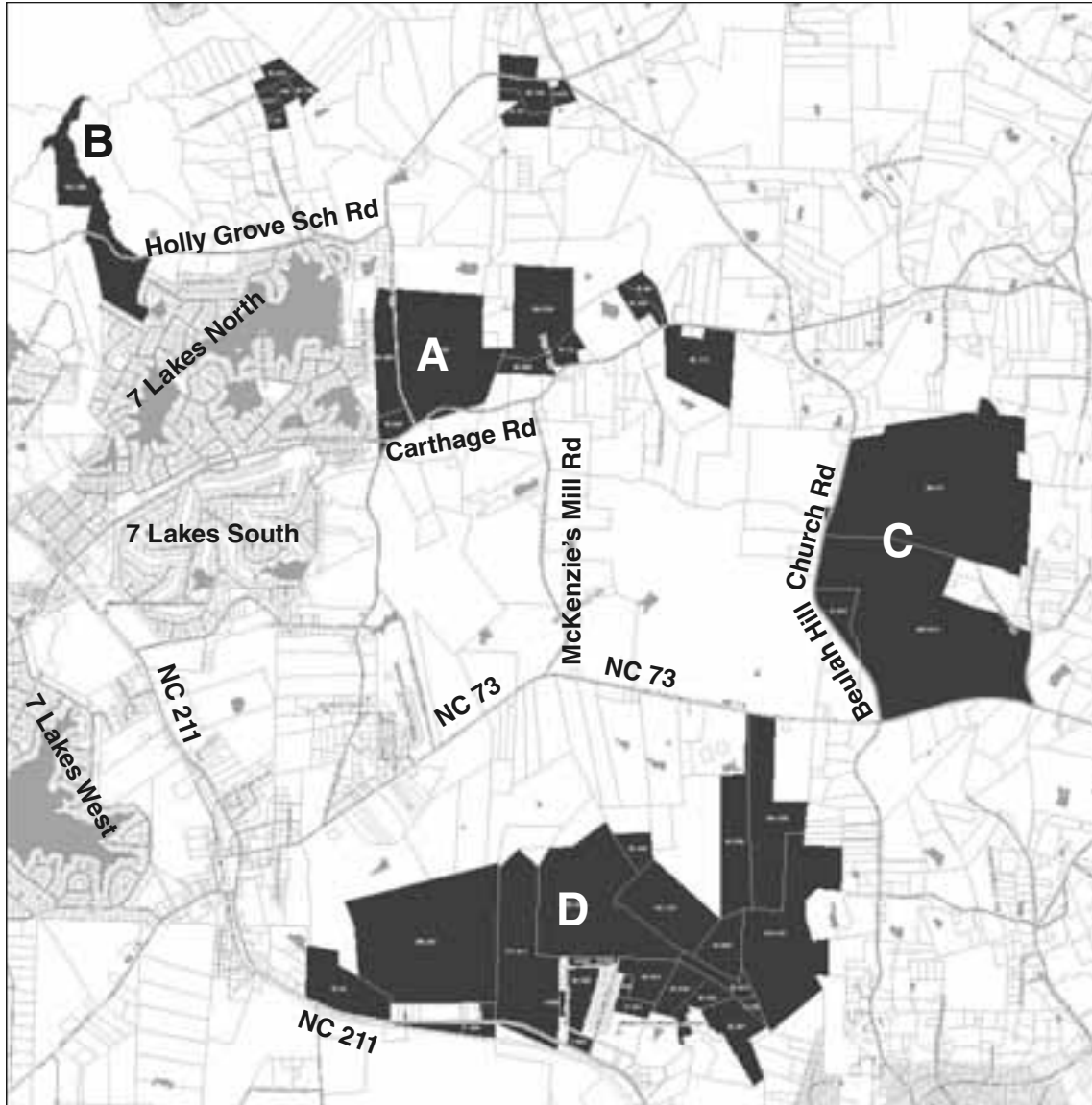


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Developers have Area A in their sights



Proposed Developments — Four major subdivisions planned for Area A include: A. 350-acre, 300 home Seven Lakes East; B. 135-acres and 320 homes and townhouses on either side of Holly Grove School Road; C. 1,100 acre, 248 home golf course development on the Brenner tract; and D. A 1,700 acre, two golf-course development on the Monroe-Johnson property. Several other developments, large and small, may be in the works for the area.

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Moore County planners and other officials got a window in to what the developers are planning in a meeting on Tuesday, April 10.

Three developers representing four separate Area A projects shared their plans in a meeting that included the county planning staff, Planning Board member and Area A Steering Committee Chairman Dave Kinney, County Manager Cary McSwain,

and representatives of Moore County Public Schools and the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

The projects presented included more than 3,000 acres and the potential for more than 1,000 new homes.

All are still in the conceptual stage, with plans under development and details still being worked out.

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Seven Lakes East

The project nearest Seven Lakes — Seven Lakes East — is still in the earliest stages of development. MacRay Smith and Basil Babaa own more than 350 acres just east of Seven Lakes North. The bulk of the tract lies northeast of the intersection of Dowd Road and Carthage Road, with significant frontage along both roadways. They also own 20 acres on the northwest corner of that intersection and are attempting to purchase another 80 acres that runs along the west side of Dowd Road, lying between it and Seven Lakes North.

Smith said he anticipates a development of 300 to 350 single-family homes on the property, a plan that, he indicated, could be forwarded under existing Moore County zoning and subdivision regulations without any need for variances or conditional use permits.

Smith said he expects to request the rezoning of two 20-acre parcels that lie on the northeast and northwest corners of Dowd and Carthage Roads, so

that they could be reserved for future commercial use, likely for small retail or office centers. He suggested that the VB-Village Business zoning that applies to the existing Seven Lakes Business Village would be appropriate for those parcels.

Ideally, Seven Lakes East would establish an amenity-sharing agreement with the existing Seven Lakes Communities, Smith said, noting that he and BaBaa had met with Seven Lakes Landowners Association President Don Truesdell and Community Manager Dalton Fulcher to explore ways in which the communities could work together.

Noting the existing agreement that allows members of the Seven Lakes and Seven Lakes West Landowners Associations to use the amenities of both communities, Smith said he envisions creating amenities in "Seven Lakes East" that the other communities lack, and then working out an amenity-sharing arrangement. He added that any golfers among the residents of Seven Lakes East could help boost membership at Seven

Lakes and Beacon Ridge Country Clubs.

Smith described the planned development as an upscale, gated community in keeping with Seven Lakes North, South, and West. He said he is considering architectural design standards that would make Seven Lakes East a "masonry community," whose homes would be finished with brick, stone, stucco, and Hardi-Plank but no vinyl.

The parcel that Smith and Babaa are developing includes a significant amount of wetlands, which means homes will naturally cluster in several small pods.

As a result, he said he expects two entrances on Carthage Road and two on Dowd Road. Smith said he would expect the development to draw on the Moore County water system and use septic systems for wastewater.

Smith and Babaa have assembled several other smaller tracts in Area A that they hope to develop, including approximately 100 acres further east on Carthage Road, near its intersection with Thomas Place, a tract to the west of Harris Crossroads, and another in the back of Wild Oak Estates. There are apparently no firm plans for the development of these tracts at present.

Southwick & Northmoor

Seven Lakes North resident Bill Beardslee participated in the meeting by speakerphone and described a 135 acre development he is planning for an irregularly shaped tract that lies on either side of Holly Grove School Road, north of Seven Lakes North.

Beardslee's plans are to develop the tract into two separate communities on either side of Holly Grove School Road, with 175 homes on the south side and 145 homes on the north side. Both communities would include a mix of single-family

(See "Developments," p. 24)

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Board may favor 'modified' moratorium

A "modified" moratorium, anyone? Discussion during a marathon special work session of the Moore County Board of Commissioners Wednesday afternoon, April 11, seemed to be headed in that direction.

The Commissioners called the meeting on order to explore the rationale for a six-month development moratorium proposed for Small Area Planning Area A by Planning Director Andrea Surratt and Area A Steering Committee Chairman Dave Kinney.

Surratt provided the commissioners with the details on several new Area A subdivisions that are currently in the conceptual stage, and Interim Public Works Director Dennis Brob-

st briefed them on the ability of the county's water and wastewater treatment systems.

During their last regular meeting on April 2, the Commissioners issued a call to public hearing on the proposed moratorium for the April 16 Commissioners' meeting. The measure would put a hold on any new major subdivisions in the 100-square mile Area A; it would not apply to the remainder of the county.

Surratt presented the Board with three courses of action that they could pursue:

1. Proceed with the public hearing on the proposed moratorium on April 16 and decide at that time or at a subsequent meeting whether to enact the

moratorium.

2. Adopt a modified version of the moratorium that would apply only to developments that would require rezoning. At least one major development currently on the drawing board — and perhaps two or three — could be done without any rezoning.

3. Forego the moratorium altogether, because a current lack of water and sewer infrastructure has created a "natural, market-driven moratorium."

In their conversation, commissioners seemed interested in Option 2, although this would require rescheduling a public hearing for their May 21 regular meeting.

Kinney told Commissioners that the Steering Committee would not complete their work developing a small area land-use plan for Area A before November at the earliest. He said a pause in development is necessary in order to allow the committee space to "produce the best plan that we can."

Both Surratt and individual Commissioners spoke highly of one proposed development in particular: a 1,100 golf course cluster development on the "Brenner" property that would involve only 248 units and would leave as much as 60 percent of the land in open space. [See the story that begins on page 4 for a description of this development.]

Surratt said this type of cluster development with a large amount of open space "is what we have been looking for." The plan also appears to be doable under existing zoning and the current subdivision ordinance.

Commissioner Jimmy Melton said he felt Surratt's Option 2 would allow development like the Brenner plan to proceed without undermining the small area planning process.

"It's no secret; I don't like moratoriums," Commissioner Larry Caddell said, noting that, "It's important to have good developments, great ideas, and for things to be well planned out." Approval of a community like that described in the Brenner

(See "Moratorium" p. 7)

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GOLF FRONT

Lot 6190	TBD Banbridge Dr	\$69,000
Lot 412	On #9 — National Golf Club	\$89,000
Lot 9	TBD Paula Ct., The Commons	\$79,900
Lot 6118	284 Longleaf Dr	\$61,500

SLLA Board get committee assignments

Meeting in their first full work session, members of the newly-constituted Board of Directors of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association moved swiftly through a full agenda, referring eight items to be voted on during the the end of the month General Session.

President Don Truesdell announced the following committee assignments: Architectural Review, Donna Stephan; Community Standards, Randy Zielsdorf; Lakes and Maintenance, Ed Nuti; Recreation,

Laura Douglass; and Security, Michael Florence.

Nuti will continue to chair the ad hoc committee that is working on a revision to the Rules and Regulations. During the board's organizational meeting late last month, Steve Hudson was elected Treasurer, Michael Florence, Secretary; Truesdell, President; and Donna Stephan, Vice President.

Architectural Review. Donna Stephan asked for and received Board approval of Architectural Review Board [ARB] members

L.G. Bowling, Joanne Guy, Jane Leach, and Mark Widman. Noting that Bowling is an architect, Truesdell said the board will benefit from being able to draw on his professional training and experience.

Later in the meeting, Stephan suggested a revision to the Architectural Standards proposed by the existing ARB committee — namely that all new homes, spec or custom, will have all brick foundations. The Board will vote on the proposal during this month's General Meeting.

Judicial Committee. Truesdell reported that Southsider Dave Kinney has agreed to serve another year as chairman of the Judicial Committee, but Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane said he had not yet been able to confirm the willingness of other members to serve. Appointments are likely to be made during the end-of-month General Session.

Finance. Treasurer Steve Hudson provided board members with a draft policy that will allow

landowners to pay their dues in installments, provided they sign a promissory note. Previously, installment arrangements were not formalized in writing.

He asked for board input on several details, including the interest rate, late fees, whether landowners making payments would be given stickers or barcodes, and whether renters should be allowed to make payments.

Discussion among board members led to agreement that the interest rate should be set at twelve percent, renters should be allowed to pay in installments, late

fees will be imposed, and landowners paying in installments will be required to purchase barcodes, because of the month-to-month control that would give the association over their access through the gates.

That general agreement will be formalized in a vote at the General Meeting.

Employee benefits. Truesdell said he and Directors Ed Nuti and Randy Zielsdorf would be meeting with insurance company representatives to attempt to find a better health plan for SLLA employees. Truesdell said

(See "SLLA," p. 22)

Moratorium

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plan "will send a strong signal" to the development community about the type of project we are looking for, Caddell added.

When it comes to development, Surratt told the Commissioners, "good design is important. And to get good design, we need good ordinances."

With that in mind, the com-

missioners scheduled a Monday, April 30 workshop with noted consultant Randall Arendt, focusing on on conservation and subdivision design.

Commissioners will make their decision about which of Surratt's options to pursue in their regular meeting on Monday, April 16.



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Planning Board approves VB spot zoning

A Seven Lakes company has the blessing of Moore County's Planning Board to continue to use a farmstead on Holly Grove School Road as the headquarters for its software business. The Board of Commissioners is expected to consider the company's request for a conditional use rezoning during one of their regular May meetings.

Accelerated Technologies Laboratories, Inc., [ATL] owned by Northsiders Donald Kolva and Christine Paszko, writes software that helps laboratories track samples. Their more than one-dozen employees operate out of the old First Savings Bank building in Seven Lakes Business Village and a 3,090 square foot farm house home on the 21 acre parcel on Holly Grove School Road. The business also has offices in Nevada and New Jersey.

Kolva told the planning board that he and Paszko moved their home and their business — which was much smaller at the time — the the farmhouse in 1998, which was before most of Moore County was zoned. Their four employees used a room on the ends of the building.

As the business grew they added onto the home and then eventually moved their household to Seven Lakes, letting the business take over the entire farmhouse. In 2002, they expanded into the bank building.

The business needs to grow again, Kolva explained, and the lack of adequate septic means the company can't expand the old bank building. Consequently, they want to build a new office building at the Holly Grove School Road site, projecting a maximum of 28 employees over the next several years.

As ATL's business grew, their farmhouse property was zoned RA-Rural Agricultural, which does not fit the existing business use. Kolva said he and Paszko were busy expanding their business and not terribly aware of the County's new venture into land-use planning and zoning.

Last June, the County Planning Department received an inquiry asking whether ATL's business use of the property corresponded to county zoning; until that time, the county had been unaware of the business use of the property.

County Planners, ATL, and Moore County Partners in Progress Economic Development Executive Director Ray Ogden began working on a solution that would preserve ATL as a Moore County business while bringing their business into compliance with county regulations. At Ogden's suggestion, the Planning Board and County Board of Commissioners added "Research and Development Facility" as a conditional use in the VB-Village Business zoning classification — the zoning district that applies to the Seven Lakes Village commercial area.

During the April 5 regular meeting of the Planning Board, ATL asked to have five of their 21 acres on Holly Grove School Road rezoned to VB-CUD, so that their business can continue to operate, and, in fact, expand, at that location.

Kolva said ATL has been careful to maintain the rural look of the property, and plans to continue to do so. The new building they have proposed for the site

will be designed to look like a tobacco barn, he noted.

The one exception, Kolva said, was the recent installation of a chain link fence around the perimeter of the entire twenty-one acres — a move that was out of keeping with the rural character of the area, and met with the disapproval of some neighbors. Though the objective was to allay employee concerns about aggressive dogs in the area, Kolva said he wished he had not erected the fence and is exploring ways to have it painted in shade that will minimize its visibility.

Portions of Seven Lakes North lie across Holly Grove School Road from the ATL property. Seven Lakes Landowners Association President Don Truesdell told the Planning Board that he had spoken with Lakers in the adjacent area as well as several board members and found no objection to ATL's plans.

Kolva said ATL had canvassed their neighbors as well as hosted and open house to increase

awareness of their plans. Most neighbors offered no objection.

Two owners of neighboring land spoke during the meeting; one landowners said her only concern is that the ATL rezoning would set a precedent for additional commercial development along Holly Grove School Road. Kolva said that ATL shares the concern and would not want to see "non-rural development" in the area. "We have strived to preserve the rural look of our

(See "Zoning," p. 35)


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In memory of . . .

Dr. Thomas Joseph McEntee, 83, of Foxfire Village, died Monday, March 26, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

Born in Boston Massachusetts, he was a son of the late Thomas and Helen Donlon McEntee. He was a former member of the Mass. Dental Society, the American Dental Society, a former member and president of the 125 club, the Tufts Alumni Association, the disabled American Veterans, and he was a former commissioner of the Westwood Over-30 softball league. He graduated from Brookline High School in the class of 1941. He attended Boston College and was in the graduating class of 1945. He maintained a dental practice for over forty-five years in Brookline and Westwood, Mass.

Dr. McEntee was preceded in death by his wife of fifty-nine years, Jean Weir McEntee.

Dr. McEntee is survived by two daughters, Emily McEntee of Foxfire Village, and Linda Swallow of Mansfield, MA; a sister, Eleanor Sherman of Boca Raton, FL; a sister-in-law, Genevieve McEntee of Walpole, MA; and two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, March 28, at the Foxfire Village Country Club.

Memorial donations be made in his name to the Given Memorial Library; PO Box 159, Pinehurst, NC 28370.

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Call Johanna Moran at 673-3855. The 2007 Seven Lakes Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, June 9.

William Straughn Walbeck, 89, of Williamsburg, Virginia, died on Wednesday, March 28.

He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, the son of the late Howard Otis and Bertha Straughn Walbeck. Mr. Walbeck was a veteran of the U.S. Army


serving actively in WWII and was a recipient of a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He worked thirty-five years in the insurance industry.

After retiring he was very active in the Kiwanis of Seven Lakes. He is survived by his wife of

sixty-four years, Mary Louise Walbeck; daughter, Anita L. Edmunds of Chester, VA; son, Philip S. Walbeck of Dallas, TX; two sisters, Virginia Safranek of Baltimore, MD and Irene Johnson of Elkridge, MD; and four grandchildren.

A graveside memorial service will be held in his honor at a later date. Arrangements are being conducted through the J.T. Morris & Son Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Chester, VA, where condolences may be registered at www.jtmorris.com

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'Smart Computing' at Lakes Computer Club

by Betsy Oliver Mikula

Jen Clausen, User Group Representative from Smart Computing Magazine, spoke to the Seven Lakes Computer Club at the March 13 meeting. She spoke on behalf of Sandhills Publishing Company, not to be confused with our Sandhills, this company is from Nebraska.

Clausen's presentation was professional, very informative, and delivered in a most enthusiastic style. She walked the audience through an issue of Smart Computing, and introduced Smart Computing's sis-

ter publications - PC Today, Computer Power User, and the Reference Series.

Attendees learned about Sandhills Publishing's magazines, the Smart Computing User Group Program, and each received a packet of Smart Computing goodies, including the April issue and a mouse pad with the 2007 calendar on it.

Smart Computing, formerly PC Novice, is a monthly computer magazine that is written for users of all skill levels and is written in plain English, so it is very understandable. Whether

you're a novice or an advanced computer user, Smart Computing has timely information to help improve your computer-related productivity. Each issue provides software and hardware reviews, how-to's, tutorials, and easy-to-understand explanations of current technologies, with a strong emphasis on tech support.

Clausen conveyed the value of smartcomputing.com through a live demonstration. This website is available to subscribers. Actually, all can access the site but there are certain areas only subscribers can reach. She also demonstrated how to put the site's powerful tools to work. Most of the emphasis was on Search All Articles, My Personal Library, the Q & A Board, and the Tech Support Center.

The majority of members present signed up for a subscrip-

tion which provided the club with several free gift subscriptions. The Computer Club Board will decide how to disseminate them.

Starting in April, each meeting will begin with Tips: A member will introduce a computer tip to the audience, with a handout when needed.

Tips will not last more than five minutes, often much less, and questions will be taken on the tip

at the end of the meeting.

We invite anyone interested in expanding their computer knowledge to attend the Computer Club of Seven Lakes meetings. Guests are welcome and asked to join after attending two meetings.

The Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 3:00 pm in the Game Room adjacent to the SLLA office.



Jen Clausen of Smart Computing magazine.

7 Lakes EMS Chicken Dinner

Seven Lakes Emergency Medical Services will hold their annual chicken dinner fundraiser on Friday, April 20. Lunch will be served from 11:30 am through 2:00 pm, and dinner between 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm. The dinner will consist of a choice of chicken breast, or drumstick & thigh, and includes coleslaw or baked beans, roll, desert, and beverage. You may dine at the EMS building or purchase take-out dinners. The price is \$7.00. Anyone donating cakes, pies, or cookies for desert, please have them at the EMS Building by 11:00 am, if possible.

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The women of West End United Methodist Church are busy checking recipes in anticipation of the always popular Salad Supper scheduled for Friday, May 4 at 6:00 pm in the church Fellowship Hall.

Some of the popular salads available will be chicken, seafood, tossed, congealed, and ham along with a smorgasbord of

desserts. Tickets for the supper cost \$8.00 per person for adults, and \$4.00 for children twelve and under.

All proceeds go directly to support mission projects including the local Food Bank.

Get your tickets early by calling Trudi Vaughn at 255-6158. Tickets will not be available at the door.



Methodist Women are cooking up a storm getting ready for the one, the only, Salad Supper!

Pet responsibility celebration 4/14

A Pet Responsibility Celebration Day will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, April 14, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, in the heart of the Town of Robbins along Middleton Street.

A three-ring circus style flurry of activities related to pet care and responsibility with a spot of fun, food, and live music will keep the crowd entertained. Most activities will be located near the railroad tracks and depot, with indoor lectures at the Robbins Town Hall, outdoor booths, and sheepherding and pointing demonstrations, and dog frisbee games in a field within strolling distance.

The Celebration highlights a six months program of education in the public schools and among adults in the Robbins area. Low cost spay and neuter information and rabies vaccinations will be offered on-site, and concerted efforts at finding homes for homeless animals.

"The event is to celebrate the success of the pilot Robbins area campaign just concluded by the Committee, with county, municipal, and residents support. Celebration Day is sponsored with a \$3,000 grant made available by PetSmart," said Committee Chairperson Angela Zumwalt. "The support of the Moore County Commissioners, Robbins Town Council, the residents of Robbins are all essential."

Everyone is welcome. The Town of Robbins is in northern Moore County and is easily accessible by a thirty-minute drive from NC 22-24 North in Carthage, or from Rt. 211, using NC 705 North.

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School Board approves \$24 million budget

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

The ambitious \$24.2 million budget proposed by Dr. Susan Purser, Superintendent of Schools, was unanimously approved by the Moore County School [MCS] Board during their Business Meeting on Tuesday, April 3.

Two new initiatives inserted in the 2007-2008 budget were also approved: district support for academic competitions, and establishing guidelines for a supplement schedule for academic competition sponsors.

Funding for a grounds and fields maintenance program was not included, but Dr. Purser recognized this proposal as valuable and stated that it would be considered for a future budget.

"Within the taskforce framework, needs were identified and initiatives created to address them," said Purser. "The budget focuses on support to staff and students."

Dr. Purser and MCS Board Chairman Bruce Cunningham will present the budget to the County Commissioners for their approval on April 16.

Staff Development

A summer academy for teachers, designed by Beverlee Beale, Executive Director for Curriculum, "will allow teachers to update curricula, refine teaching skills, explore new research-based strategies, and dialogue with colleagues." The purpose of the academy is to protect instructional time and still provide for staff development.

"We want to keep the teachers in their classrooms during school hours," said Beale.

Staff training that is offered during the school year will be repeated in August, in two four-day sessions to be held at Pinecrest High School.

Teachers can earn .5 Continuing Education Credit [CEU] for each full-day session and will have the opportunity to earn up to four CEU reading credits. All summer academy courses are being offered on a voluntary basis and are also open to staff administrators.

"The summer academy will focus on content, method, and strategies of the best teaching practices," said Beale.

School Transfer Policy

The Board approved a revised version of the MCS Transfer of School Assignment policy.

In Moore County, students are expected to enroll in the school serving their area of residence.

However, exceptions and requests for transfer are permissible as long as space is available at the school of choice.

Concerns were raised that staff should be allowed to bring their own children to their

assigned teaching school.

The new policy includes an exception allowing this accommodation for permanent staff employed by the Board, only if space was available at that school.

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The dinner will consist of a choice of chicken breast, or drumstick & thigh, and includes coleslaw or baked beans, roll, desert, and beverage.

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Standing Watch

Robert L Haan

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The Gallery at Seven Lakes is hosting an Open House on Saturday, April 14, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Many local artists have prepared works of art in a variety of mediums featuring the theme, Wet and Dry.

Oceans, rivers, mountains, animals in humorous situations, and other works of art that fit the wet and dry theme will be exhibited.

Refreshments will be served. Come and meet the artists and

enjoy an afternoon of stimulating conversation with friends.

The Gallery at Seven Lakes is located at 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church.

Regular Gallery hours are

Wednesday and Saturday afternoons for browsing in a quiet, contemplative atmosphere.

One or more artists will be available to assist you in selecting a purchase for yourself or as a gift.

A recent Westside newsletter

published that we are open on Mondays, but this is incorrect, please continue to visit on Wednesday and Saturdays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

A colorful Open flag welcomes you during Gallery hours.

Bridge Awards Luncheon



Carolyn Follansbee & Dodie Mulready

The Women of Seven Lakes Bridge Awards Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 10, at 12:00 Noon at the Seven Lakes Country Club. Please bring your own cards and scoresheets.

The cost for the luncheon is \$14.99, and reservations may be made beginning Thursday, April 5 through Friday, May 4, by calling Carolyn Follansbee at 673-5913, or Dodie Mulready at 673-5044.

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Sarah Davidson is queen of teddy bears



Little Miss Uwharrie Queen Sarah Davidson

Little Miss Uwharrie Overall Most Beautiful 2007 Queen Sarah Davidson, daughter of Scott and Vicki Davidson of Seven Lakes North, recently participated in the Lillie Bear project, winning the contest by collecting the most teddy bears. The bears will be given to police departments for frightened children, to shelters for abused women and children, and to Ronald McDonald Houses. Sarah hopes that someday West End will have a police department and she can collect stuffed animals for local children in need.

Annual Chicken Dinner
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Program puts books in schoolkids' hands

"Reading Takes You Places" was the theme when children at two local schools were allowed to choose a free new book to take home.

On February 5, the students at Aberdeen Elementary School

completed a "passport" with designs and information giving the title and author of their favorite book and the place where that book carried them.

On February 8, the pupils at Robbins Elementary School

completed their passports telling where they would like to travel and the book they would take along to read.

These passports were added to a large bulletin board in the library, which featured a world

map. This theme also gave the classroom teachers at both schools an opportunity to teach about passports, geography, and travel.

The media specialists at each school, Sandra Florell at Aberdeen and Jane Rogers and Tanya Garner at Robbins, were actively involved in the preparation for this special day. Helen Barry, Ann Chase, Leonor Aviles P, and Nancy Wehr assisted Chairman Lucille Leeman in greeting the children and collecting the passports.

The Gamma Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and the Women of Seven Lakes sponsored these distributions through a program

called Reading is Fundamental [RIF], funded by the Federal government to serve literacy needs for at-risk school populations.

The group learned recently that the RIF grant has been renewed for another year

Gamma Sigma unites women educators, active and retired, in educational endeavors. Gamma Sigma has adopted the RIF program as its literacy project. It is currently preparing to support the elementary schools in Moore County in the area of math.

If you would like to assist, especially as classroom volunteers, please contact Ms. Leeman at 673-1623.



Lucille Leeman and Ann Chase with Leonor Aviles P and Nancy Wehr.

Pinehurst Garden Club Plant Sale

Members of the Holly Branch of Pinehurst Garden Club are busy preparing for the annual plant sale to be held on April 21, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Plants will be available for purchase in the Village of Pinehurst parking lot next to the Givens Memorial Library.

Featured at the sale will be thirty-six plant flats of impatiens, begonias – both bronze and light green leafed, and vinca priced at \$11.00 a flat and geraniums in six and half inch pots for \$4.50.

Flowers can be pre-ordered by calling Alice Campbell at 295-2949, or Elizabeth Kimsey at 295-2956.

On the day of the sale, ferns, hanging baskets, mandevilla, herbs, sun coleus, and more will be available.

Proceeds from the sale benefit community projects including Givens Memorial Library, Village Arboretum, Village beautification projects, and a scholarship fund for students at Sandhills Community College.



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All of this is happening at the Foxfire Festival on April 14, at the Foxfire Village Green Park on South Shamrock from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Foxfire Village is located south of Route 211 on Hoffman Road between Pinehurst and West End. Activities actually start at 8:30 am, as Mayor George Erickson officially dedicates and open the new fifty-acre park that has been created using matching village and grant funds. Plan to come, enjoy the activities, and help Foxfire Village celebrate its park dedication and Thirtieth anniversary of incorporation.

Vietnam Vets elect officers



The new officers of Moore County Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 966 were recently elected and sworn in at the Chapter's Annual Meeting. Col. Walter Pullar (USMC retired) conducted the swearing-in ceremony. Chapter officers are Jim Schrum, Larry McCallum, Mike Shapiro, Bill McNeill, Paul Nicholas, and Joe Kristek.

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May Friendship Day

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Pinecrest teachers are England-bound

Two Pinecrest High School teachers will be studying in England this summer courtesy of the local Sandhills branch of The English-Speaking Union of the United States (ESU).

Seven Lakes resident Adam Faw has been selected to participate in the British Universities Summer Studies (BUSS) program and will attend Shakespeare's Globe in London. Faw is the Theatre Arts teacher at Pinecrest High School and has taught there since 2003.

He and his students have researched and studied Shakespeare, designed period sets and costumes in class, and even had the opportunity to produce a Shakespearian-based production that combined excerpts from multiple works of the Bard. Faw is also active in the community as an actor and director and is a strong advocate for the arts in education. He is also an active member of the North Carolina Theatre Art Educators.

The BUSS program enables teachers to study at the University of Edinburgh, Oxford University, and the prestigious International Shakespeare's Globe in London. This is a unique opportunity to study with others from around the world for three weeks. Daily lectures and small group meetings are complemented by special excursions to places of history and literary note. Faw said it is an "intensive study program that teaches Shakespeare through performance."

Faw admits to feeling some "weakness" as both a teacher and an actor when it comes to Shakespeare. "The obvious concern is the style of language which I often find difficult to overcome when teaching my students," he said. "We do some Shakespeare, but I'm not satisfied. I'm still yet to find an effective way to teach his works."

One of Faw's greatest concerns is that most students' first exposure to the playwright is "reading out of a book." He emphasized, "Like any other play, his works weren't meant to be read. They were meant to be seen."

"I want to develop an effective way to bring Shakespeare to the classroom on a day to day basis. There are modern day

links that can be found in Shakespeare, he said, and much about his works that is universal regardless of the time in which he

wrote. One of Faw's favorite activities is to show how themes from Shakespeare can be found in movies today. "My students are

amazed when I point out the influence of 'Hamlet' on a movie such as Walt Disney's 'The Lion King'."

Faw is excited about the trip for several reasons. He said he has never been out of the country but has always wanted to study abroad. Also, he has a great appreciation for the works of Shakespeare and is anxious to immerse himself in the study and then share what he has learned with his students.

"I'm very grateful to our local ESU branch," he said. "We are very fortunate to have such an active branch here. With the opportunities they provide both students and teachers, it's obvious they are very much focused on learning and how quality of

instruction affects the students' ability to learn."

Concerning his own opportunity to learn this summer, he said, "The more often we put ourselves in the role of students, the better we will be as teachers."

Elizabeth (Libby) Carter has qualified as a Walter Hines Page Scholar and will travel to England in June for two weeks of independent study in debating techniques. She teaches English at Pinecrest High School and said that it is "my love for the English language, especially the spoken language, that brought me to apply for the Walter Hines Page Fellowship."

Several years ago, Carter wrote a new curriculum for the

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- **Seven Lakes Country Club Oldie but Goodie Dinner & Party** – 5:30 pm, A delicious fried chicken and pork chops buffet dinner, games, prizes, and music of the 1940's, 1950's, 1960's, and 1970's provided by Mr. DJ. Cocktails 5:30 pm, dinner 6:30 pm, music and games at 7:00 pm. Members \$18.95, Non-members \$23.95. Reservations 673-1100. Hosts: Sue and Gordon Zeller.
- **Children's Spring Tennis Carnival** – 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm. SLCC Tennis Facility. Program free and open to students in grades 1-8. Children will receive pizza

- and soda pop, face painting, tennis lessons taught by area certified pros, playing fun tennis games. 673-1096.
- **Pet Responsibility Celebration** – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Town of Robbins. Celebration featuring pet related events and



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- tations, demonstrations of agility, Frisbee, sheep herding, and hounds pointing, contests, a pet-parade, attractions, and booths. Dogs and cats available for adoption from eight area shelters will be on hand. Musical groups and food vendors will add to the fun. For more information, please call 693-1228.
- **Weymouth Woods Bird Walk program** – 8:00 am, meet at Visitor Center parking area. A two-mile hike to look for newly arrived summer and transient

visitors from the tropics including the yellow-throated warbler, blue-gray gnat-catcher, northern parula, or summer tanager? Bring your binoculars and learn more about these winged wonders. Weymouth Woods

Sandhills Nature Preserve is located at 1024 Fort Bragg Road in Southern Pines. For

more information, please call 692-2167.

- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church in the Seven Lakes Business Village. An Open House of new works of art in a variety of mediums with the theme, "Wet and Dry." Refreshments will be served. Gallery hours continue on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.
- **Cooking with Carmela** – 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Carmela will present several fast and easy dishes that compliment your herb garden. Selections will

include a fish dish with fresh salsa, an orzo pasta salad, a mango flan and others. Marjorie Nurnberg of Seven Lakes Health & Fitness Center will offer advice on how to eat healthy. There will be a demonstration and tasting of all recipes. Cost is \$10.00. For information, and to register for the program call 673-1180.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

- **Weymouth Woods Discovery Walk program** – 3:00 pm, meet at Visitor Center parking area. We will look at any flowers, shrubs, bugs, birds, frogs, toads, lizards, snakes, turtles, and mammals that we encounter on this two-mile hike. Bring binoculars. Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve is located at 1024 Fort Bragg Road in Southern Pines. For more infor-

mation, call 692-2167.

- **Holocaust Remembrance Day** – 3:00 pm, Temple Beth Shalom, located at corner of Jackson Springs Road and Hoffman Road in Foxfire. The Sandhills Jewish Congregation invites the public to join them in observance of Holocaust Remembrance. The event will begin with a brief memorial service, followed by guest speakers Dr. Zohara Boyd and Dr. Peter Petschauer. Call 673-5224.

MONDAY, APRIL 16

- **Taste of the Town** – 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Sponsored by the Women of Seven Lakes the third annual Taste of the Town will benefit Moore Regional Hospital Foundation's Child Care Fund. Tickets are \$18.00 each and available

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TUESDAY, APRIL 17

• **Sandhills Quilters Guild Meeting** – 9:30 am, Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, 330 S. May Street in Southern Pines. Martine House will lecture on "Embroidery and Quilting." All are welcome to attend. The Sandhills Quilters Guild meets the third Tuesday of each month.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

• **Project Linus Workshop (Cancelled)** – The workshop has been cancelled due to the American Red Cross Blood Drive. The next workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2. For information, please call Pat Weber at 673-1457.

• **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Sponsored by the Seven Lakes Kiwanis. There is no longer

an upper age limit. Donors must be at least seventeen years of age and weigh at least 110 lbs. For an appointment, please call 673-4931.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

• **Seven Lakes Forum** – 9:00 am – 11:00 am, West Side Park Community Center. Ken Lewis, president of First CarolinaCare, Inc will present The Case for Universal Medical Coverage. All women and men from Seven Lakes, and their guests, are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Don Welch at 673-6701, or Bill Mamel at 673-8970.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

• **Seven Lakes EMS Chicken Dinner** – 11:30 am – 2:00 pm Lunch, 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm Dinner. Chicken Dinner will be served during lunch and dinner hours at the EMS Building, take out is available. The cost is \$7.00 per plate.

• **Temple Theatre presents A Dash of Rosemary!** – 8:00 pm, Temple Theatre is

located at 120 Carthage Street in downtown Sanford. A sentimental journey through the life of famed singer and actress Rosemary Clooney, the revue will follow her six decades in the entertainment industry. Tickets \$20/adults, \$10/students and children, \$16 for groups, \$16 for active military personnel, and \$16 for Lee County educators. Purchase Tickets at the Temple Theatre Box Office, Monday – Friday, 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm, or one hour prior to show times or by calling the box office at (919)774-4155 or www.templeshows.com.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

• **Highlights of Literature, Lectures & Luncheon** – 11:00 am, Weymouth Center for the Arts in Southern Pines. Sponsored by the Women of Weymouth, presentations include discussion of English literary works by Austen, Shakespeare, and Caedmon. Space is limited – tickets cost \$40. For reservations 692-6261.

• **FirstHealth Spring Event** – 7:00 pm, at The Blair House in Troy. Proceeds will benefit the FirstHealth Montgomery Foundation's Cancer CARE Fund. Music, live and silent auctions, cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres provided by Il Fools in the Kitchen. Cost of admission is \$50 per person. For information or reservations, call Jamie Lariviere at FirstHealth Montgomery Memorial Hospital at (910) 571-5024.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

• **Weymouth Woods program Frogs and Toads** – 3:00 pm, Weymouth Woods auditorium. The program will focus on some of the more than twenty species, from the tiny grass frog to the great bullfrog that inhabit the region. Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve, 1024 Fort Bragg Road in Southern Pines. Call 692-2167.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

• **Seven Lakes Garden Club Bus Trip** – 8:15 am, North Clubhouse. The Club will

travel by bus to the J.C. Raulston Arboretum on the campus of NC State University in Raleigh. Tickets \$28.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

• **Bookshop by the Lakes** – 7:00 pm. Join Bookgroup by the Lakes for a discussion of *The Space Between Us* by Thrity Umrigar. The meeting will be held in the Coffee Scene.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

• **St. Mary Magdalene Church Yard Sale** – 8:00 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church in the Seven Lakes Business Village. Rummage sale of household items, books, clothes, crafts. Hot dogs and baked goods available.



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16 Potato Cheddar Soup Salisbury Steak Dinner	17 Beef Vegetable Soup ♥ Chicken Enchilada Dinner	18 Crab & Shrimp Bisque Sausage & Cheese Manicotti Dinner	19 Cauliflower Soup ♥ Dijon Crusted Tilapia Dinner	20 Manhattan Clam Chowder ♥ Smothered Pork Chop Dinner
23 Lentil Soup ♥ Shepherd's Pie Dinner	24 White Bean Chicken Chili Chicken Tetrassini Dinner	25 Mushroom & Wild Rice Soup ♥ Peachy Pork Tenderloin Dinner ♥	26 Asparagus Vichyssoise Crab Cakes Dinner ♥	27 Broccoli Spinach Soup ♥ Beef Stroganoff Dinner
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the current plan has a deductible that is so high as to be punitive to the employees.

Noting that finding alternatives is complicated because the employee group is small and contains many older employ-

ees, Truesdell said the Board is determined to find a better plan.

Bylaws. Nuti reported that some minor changes to the bylaws are needed in order to allow the Board to vote on urgent matters during a special meeting

without following the normal practice of bringing the matter up first in a work session.

For example, Truesdell, said, the Board might need to act quickly if the North Clubhouse heat pump failed.

Nuti said the committee cur-

rently working on revision to the Rules and Regulations will hold regular meetings to gather input on changes needed. The first such meeting will be held on Monday, April 16 and will focus on Sections 2 & 3, which deal with entry to the community and

the use of community roads.

Recreation. Director Laura Douglass said the Women of Seven Lakes have asked to make a donation of \$2,500 worth of playground fixtures or equipment. Douglass has provided

(See "SLLA," p. 23)

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If you think your area of the lake requires more than the nor-

mal application or you have other concerns about your lake then please call the office at 673-4931 and speak to Dalton.

On another note, the elections are over and your new board is in place. It is healthy for our community to debate the issues.

It is not healthy for our community when the debate amounts to a personal attack. Please refer to *The Seven Lakes Times*

September 16, 2005, edition, page 24.

The editor, Greg Hankins, published an editorial entitled "Ad Hominem Has No Place In This Debate." In this editorial . Hankins says "Ad Hominem means that instead of debating the issue you were attacking your opponent in the debate, on a more or less personal level."

When the level of politics sinks to the level it did in the last election it has a detrimental affect on our community. The Board of Directors are not paid employees.

We are residents who are willing

to devote our time and energy to make sure that the needs of our residents are met. I sincerely hope that in future elections opposing sides will remember . Hankins' "Ad Hominem" and stick to the issues and not attack the candidates.

The Seven Lakes Times maintains a website. The address is: www.sevenlakesimes.net. On the home page there is a list of the back issues that have been posted. You may find this editorial valuable reading.

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them with several options from which to choose.

Spring-Summer Recreation calendars are now available at the landowners office.

The Annual Easter Egg hunt attracted 100 children and featured 1,000 eggs.

The Seven Lakes 7K and May Follies will be held Sunday, May 6, and will feature fun for the whole family.

Registration for summer horse camps opened on April 11; prospective campers should register soon.

Public comment. During SLLA work sessions, public comment is reserved for those members who have signed up a day or two in advance and have had their names placed on the agenda.

Charlie Oliver asked several specific questions about lake and dam management issues. Noting that the lakes are the "crown jewels" of the Seven Lakes community, he urged the board to establish a separate committee specifically focused on lake and dam management.

Gates. Director Florence asked the Board to move forward with imposing fines on motorists who lack barcode stickers but tail-gate others through the barcode entry gates. Offenders would be identified using the gate security cameras.

The item was placed on the agenda for a vote at the General Meeting.

Florence also said he plans to develop a policy regarding parking commercial vehicles, including tractor-trailers and panel trucks, in the neighborhood overnight.



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Developments

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homes, townhouses, and one-floor townhouses. The community to the south of the road, nearest Seven Lakes, would be an age-restricted community targeted at adults age 55 and older. The community to the north of the road would be open to all ages, priced at an entry level, and targeted to young families.

Beardslee said Seven Lakes North offers housing priced in the moderate to upper range, but the area has a shortage of entry-level housing affordable for blue-collar workers and others at moderate income levels. In addition, there is a shortage of options for older residents who would like to downsize. Beardslee said that he had been involved in a similar project in a rural New Jersey County very similar to Moore County.

Neither of the communities would be gated, Beardslee said. The area that adjoins Seven Lakes North would be developed in single-family homes rather than condos.

Both sides would include recreation areas, including an extensive set of walking trails on both sides, as well as a clubhouse, swimming pool, and tennis courts. The non-aged restricted side would include a playground for children.

The project would include major buffering and major setbacks, Beardslee said. It would cover less than 20% of the total land mass with impervious sur-

face and involve disturbance of less than 50% of the soil overall.

Because the property will sit near the end of the Moore County water system supplying Seven Lakes, there could be water-pressure problems. So the developer is planning to include a water tower, which could be turned over to the county.

The community would have its own on-site wastewater-treatment facility, utilizing a system that produces an effluent clean enough to be used for irrigation — which in turn could cut back on the use of county water for irrigation purposes. The plant would be maintained by the homeowners association, Beardslee said, noting that, in New Jersey, it would have to be turned over to the county.

He said he was still working with county planners to determine the best manner in which to approach the zoning of the property, which may need to be submitted under the Planned Unit Development [PUD] sections of the ordinance — which would give the county considerable input into the details of the development plan.

Brenner Property

In terms of acreage, both the Smith and Beardslee projects are dwarfed by two projects that were presented by developer Robert Hanson, one of which will cover nearly 1,100 acres and the other, nearly 1,700.

The smaller of these, which

Hanson called the "Brenner" property — the name of a former owner of the land — lies north of NC Highway 73 and east of Beulah Hill Church Road. County zoning would permit as many as 1,000 homes on the property, Hanson said, but his company plans an upscale golf course community of 248 units.

The 18-hole golf course will consume 360 acres, Hanson told the planning staff, which is about 100 acres more than is actually needed to build a course. The extra acreage will allow the course architect to avoid wetlands on the property, he explained.

Current plans call for 130 large building lots for single family homes with the balance of the homes in clustered golf cottages. Even those cottages will have lots of nearly one acre; the large building lots will be roughly five acres. Fifty-five to sixty percent of the acreage will be left in open space, with the golf course included in that total.

Hanson said the community would enforce very strict archi-

tectural standards, including placing a size limit on homes. "There will be no McMansions," Hanson said, noting that home size would be capped at 7,000 square feet.

New Haven, CT, based architect Mark Finely will design the clubhouse, entryway, and other features, using the architectural of the Reynolda House at Reynolds Plantation as a departure point.

Hanson said the property as a whole is not heavily treed, and a portion was sown in Bermuda hay and used as a parking lot when the US Open was played at Pinehurst. However, there is a substantial treed buffer along both NC 73 and Beulah Hill Church Road, and these will be left in place.

When the development opens, it will add \$70 million to the county's assessed property values, Hanson said. At full build out, it could add \$320-\$350 million.

Impact on the Moore County School system should be modest, he said, as these sorts of properties attract "pre-boomers

and boomers" — grandparents, rather than parents.

Hanson has already been working with Moore County Public Utilities on plans to bring water — and, possibly, even sewer — to the property. County plans for the East Moore Water District will bring county water to NC 15/501, and Hanson is apparently willing to pay to upsize that line and bring it to the Brenner property. The county is planning a six-inch water line and Hanson's development would need an eight-inch line, he said. But his discussions with the county have focused on upsizing to twelve or even sixteen inches to serve other anticipated growth in the area. The East Moore Water District is supplied with treated water purchased from Harnett County.

The property already has two small springfed ponds that will provide ample irrigation water for the golf course, Hanson said. A historic mill and other historic buildings on the property will be preserved if possible.

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Though Homes built on the Brenner tract will initially be furnished with septic systems, Hanson said he hopes that his company may ultimately be able to connect the community with the County's wastewater treatment system. Unlike Beardslee, Hanson said he would prefer not to do a private wastewater treatment plant.

Hanson cautioned the planning staff and others at the meeting that, while there is a lot of development on the table for Area A, it will take quite some time for that development to be built out. Using another Moore County development — Forest Creek — as an example, Hanson said that community was started in 1996 and has thus far sold 28 homes and 61 cottages. "Development on these projects does not go fast," he said, adding that he expected it would take twelve years in a good economy to sell sixty to seventy percent of the units in the Brenner tract community.

The development his company is proposing for the Brenner tract is all doable within existing county zoning and subdivision regulations, Hanson said. No variances or rezonings would be necessary.

Monroe/Johnson Property

Though he apparently plans to develop the Brenner property first, the larger project on Hanson's plate is nearly 1700 acres that wraps around West Pine Middle School and extends north of NC Highway 211 to, at one spot, touch NC Highway 73.

The property was assembled from several smaller parcels including acreage purchased from the Ann and John Monroe and the Billy Johnson families. Most is zoned either RA-5

or RA-20; Hanson said the tract could be developed to hold as many as 1,380 homes.

However, his company is proposing a PUD that would include two golf courses and a variety of housing types that would result in an overall density of one unit per ever 2.4 acres. Development would be denser near Highway 211 and more open in the rear of the tract.

Fifty-five to sixty percent of the property will be preserved as open space, Hanson said. And buffering will be sufficient that traffic traveling on NC 211 will see very little change in the current appearance of the tract.

A portion of the Johnson Property along NC Highway 211 is zoned B-2, probably for retail. The 55 mile per hour speed limits along 211 at that spot is less than ideal for retail, Hanson said. Instead, if some neighborhood retail is desirable in the PUD, he suggested a 16 acre parcel near Mary Road could be reserved for that use.

Hanson said he would plan to tap into county water, relying on either the water currently being carried down NC Highway 211 to Seven Lakes, or East Moore Water from the Brenner Property development discussed earlier. This property is close to a planned extension of the county wastewater treatment system, and Hanson's company is interested in extending that line to potentially serve both its developments.

Hanson said no decision had been reached, thus far, about whether portions of the community will be gated.

In response to a question from the staff about affordable housing, Hanson said the Monroe-Johnson property includes a 240-acre parcel that could readily be used for that purpose.



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All Seven Lakes landowners are eligible to join. Annual family membership is available for \$20. For an application, call or email Paul Kirst at 673-8998 or boathouse@nc.rr.com.

Inhaling deeply the joys of Spring . . . Achoo!

With all due respect to Shakespeare, I say, "Beware the Ides of March." No, not in reference to political assassination, or in the case of the recent Seven Lakes Board elections, character assassinations incurred by those races. Instead, I speak of Spring and her dreaded companion, pollen.

I'm all for the procreation of our oxygen-producing plants but do they have to be so obvious about it?

Why can't trees just find a nice quiet corner of the forest? Light a few candles, put on some soft music, you know, add some romance to the union? But, no, there they go again every year generating suffocating clouds of spores, encrusting everything in sticky green fuzz; a little memento of their reproductive frenzy.

And what was up with the pine cones this year? Forget Biblical plagues of frogs and toads dropping from the sky, the pine cones were like SCUD missiles wreaking havoc on my



Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

yard. I sent the children out to the sandbox with hard hats for protection and would cringe whenever I heard that tell-tale cracking of branches overhead. Those monster ten-inch pine cones would land on the ground and cause localized tremors. For a

few weeks, even the squirrels appeared jumpier than usual and would scurry away at the first hint of an incoming cone-bomb.

Nor can we ignore the seasonal assault upon the lakes.

While usually a refreshing sight that lifts my spirit, in Spring the shorelines are lapped with thickened water in a color I

can only describe as Reject Paint. You know the one, there are always several gallons of it at the hardware store piled up in a corner under a Super Clearance Sale sign. It's that lovely shade of yellow that looked so cheerful on a paint chip but

when you spread it over your kitchen wall it took on a life of its own.

Perhaps I should send Sherman Williams my resume and get a job thinking up clever names for paint colors. I could label this particular shade, Pollinated Lake Slurry.

Speaking of novelty paint names, have you ever found that they will actually influence your normally good taste? After our wedding, my husband and I settled in our first home and I chose the shade "Cookie Dough" for our home office – Jim is especially fond of Cookie Dough ice cream – and Honeymoon for our bedroom.

Dessert splashed on the walls wasn't altogether bad, however, looking back I can tell you that Honeymoon closely resembled

Pollinated Lake Slurry. After living with it for a few years, we moved, leaving the new homeowners to make their own poor color choices.

Now after five years in our Northside home, Builders Beige is still the predominate hue. I keep waiting for a moment of tint-inspiration or at the very least for the kids to embellish the living room with a Crayola mural, forcing me to make a decision.

Luckily Spring's hallmark, the annual emergence and overabundance of pollen, is followed by the much more tolerable and colorfully-diverse symphony of flower blossoms. When I'm ready to paint over that beige, this time I'll look to my garden for inspiration and not to the state-ly trees.

Many ways to deal with a terminal illness

Every so often, I either read or hear an opinion to which I differ so strongly that I feel compelled to state my reasons for my inability to conform to another's point of view.

On the other hand, I heartily accept that others surely need not reason as I do.

I take issue with with Dr. Gerard Catapano's statement concerning his opinion that John Edwards is depriving his wife,

Elizabeth, of the pampered existence that he could well afford to provide to her for the rest of her life. I am very sure that it is she who refuses to give up on the belief that they can provide a good and effective administration for our ailing country.

I base my assumptions on the behaviors of the closest members of my own family.

After my brother, John, was diagnosed with ALS (the Lou

Gherig disease). He first offered himself to be used for research at Walter Reed Hospital. The testing processes he submitted to were immensely painful, and he knew that they could never be helpful to the progress of his own illness. He spent the rest of his life cooperating with National Institutes of Health research clinic in Gainesville, FL.

John could have retired to his posh apartment and taken it

easy for the rest of his shortened life, instead when he could no longer work away from home, he had a portion of one of his warehouses turned in to an office and an apartment. Since the

Scout. He early showed the perseverance that could not allow him to give up. I believe that John Edwards was also a member of that admirable group.

My mother, Grace, was renamed Gracious

by the physician for whom she worked. Her name was the result of the kindness and care she demonstrated. Mother's

Nona's Notes

Nona Wiley



warehouse was in a commercial section of the city he was able to meet with clients in a place of easier access.

John did try to escort his wife on a worldwide tour but they could get only as far as India, when he had to return to the U.S. because of his health.

The last time I saw him, he could not even speak, but he had The Wall Street Journal held where he could see it and he maintained control of his portfolio.

John was a former Eagle

first bout with cancer resulted from the breast lump which is feared by so many women. Some years later, she died because of colon cancer.

All three of us daughters begged her to spend the rest of her time with one of us. She preferred to stay in her own house and to care for her own needs. It was difficult for us to assent, but we had to respect her desires.

There was no hospice at that time, so Mother had to spend her
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Overpaid or underpaid – Which is it?

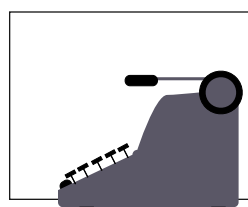
At an earlier Seven Lakes Landowners Association meeting a graph was presented inferring that our Association's employees were highly overpaid.

The Foundation for Community Association Research published a Compensation and Salary Survey compiled by an independent research firm with national and regional breakdowns for the year 2003.

The following information extracted from that survey is for the Southern Region only. For those who have an interest in reviewing this survey it is available in the SLLA office.

Compensation for Community Managers average \$67,084. Our Community Manager makes 8.3 percent less. Compensation

for Community Finance Controllers average \$52,796. Our Finance Controller makes 22.8 percent less. Our Association's Assistant Manager also wears a number of other hats



Your Turn

*Bud Shaver
Seven Lakes North*

as General Maintenance Manager and Recreation Program Coordinator. The average compensation for an Assistant Community Manager is \$40,354, for a General Maintenance Manager \$46,996, and for a Recreation Program Coordinator

\$37,831. Combining the average compensation for these three functions would be an average compensation of \$41,727. Our Assistant Community Manager makes 7.3 percent more.

Compensation for Security personnel averages \$27,558, whereas, compensation for our Security personnel is 18.8 percent less. Compensation for a Streets and Ground Maintenance Supervisor averages \$40,088, whereas, our Maintenance Supervisor's compensation is 27.4 percent less. Compensation for a Maintenance

Mechanic averages \$28,613 while our Association Mechanic's compensation is 4.3 percent less. The average compensation for a Landscape Maintenance Supervisor is \$42,515, whereas, our Clubhouse and Grounds Supervisor's compensation is 24.2 percent less.

Not included in the above is the approximate 10 percent inflation increase that has occurred since year 2003.

Experience is another extremely important factor. Our Association is fortunate in that it has extremely experienced personnel as noted below:

Community Manager: average 11 years – ours 21 years.

Assistant Community Manager: average 7 years – ours 13 years.

General Maintenance Manager: average 13 years – ours 13 years.

Controller/Finance: average 11 years – ours 20 years.

Recreation Program Coordinator: average 8 years – our 13 years.

Streets & Grounds Supervisor: average 11 years – ours 22 years

Clubhouse & Grounds Supervisor: average 9 years – ours 9 years.

Are our Association's employees overpaid or underpaid? You decide!

Keep dogs off golf course

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed the letter to the editor from Gloria Williams of Seven Lakes West. I agree with her completely but feel I must add to it concerning dog pollution. I have for years watched people walk their dogs on the golf course.

First of all, they should not

be walking them there, but they also do not pick up the leavings of their animals.

I feel very strongly that dogs should not be walked on the course, even in the adjacent woods. To me this shows complete disregard for others.

There is nothing worse than coming across your golf ball in

a pile left by a dog or having to stand in a pile, let alone having to pick up the ball to clean it off.

Come on folks, show some care for golfers and get your dogs off the course.

*Jimmie E. Hurd
Seven Lakes West*

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SLCC leadership needs more imagination

Dear Editor:

Seven Lakes Country Club [SLCC] has a marvelous opportunity to correct an unfortunate situation which came about due to their bankruptcy approximately twenty years ago. At that time, the club acquired the six tennis courts on the Northside. The physical separation of the Tennis Facility from the actual country club has contributed to strained relations between proponents of golf and tennis.

Tennis players feel like unwanted stepchildren and have little allegiance to the club. Many golfers have no idea how many people support tennis and are dedicated to keeping the courts. Many SLCC board members think of tennis as an unnecessary financial burden to the club.

Now the SLCC wants to sell the existing driving range in order to pay for a new driving range. The plan is to build sixteen patio homes on that site. Obviously, a developer will pay more for land if he can build sixteen homes instead of the five homes that would sit nicely on that land.

There are many reasons to disagree with this kind of land use:

1. It will not provide a pleasing curbside appeal to the

entrance of Seven Lakes South; it will certainly not contribute to the value of Southside property.

2. It will add to the already congested intersection of the North and South side.
3. Selling of this property sets a risky precedent. If this property is sold to a developer, how long will it be before the club sells the tennis courts to a developer?

This last thought brings us to the crux of this letter. Why not sell the tennis courts to the same developer who is interested in buying the driving range property and put the patio homes on the North Side?

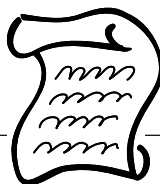
There is a great need for new, smaller homes on both sides of the street — we just don't think they should be at the entrance. The club owns almost as much land there (most of the parking between the fitness center and the tennis center belongs to the club) as the present driving range.

If the club could get almost as much money — say \$200,000 instead of the \$225,000 they expect to get for the driving range — they could build four nice tennis courts on the Southside, close to the club and use

the rest for the new driving range.

The naysayers will say that tennis courts cost too much money to build, but no one has gotten any real estimates. Some

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of the tennis players may object to having only four courts instead of six, but we say it's better than none and more could be built at a later date. Also, we realize the SLCC may come up a little short for their driving range. That could be taken care of by using contingency fund monies or having a fundraising drive.

The SLCC has consistently refused to seriously entertain any other ideas concerning the disposition of the present driving

range, including putting up nets to contain errant balls (although they are going to use nets for the new driving range).

Their plan, if the sale of the present driving range falls through, is to use contingency funds. This is a bad idea, for obvious reasons, and almost forces the club members to vote for the sale. These major changes to the club and to

Seven Lakes North and South are too critical and irreversible to be made in a forced or hurried fashion.

The club should look at this issue again with its new board directors before committing to it. All ideas and options should be weighed before a decision is made.

Dick and Sally Kindsvatter
Seven Lakes South

Seven Lakes Forum

Ken Lewis, president of First CarolinaCare, Inc will present The Case for Universal Medical Coverage at the next Seven Lakes Forum, scheduled for Thursday, April 19, on the upper level of the West Side Park Community Center.

Lewis provided the leadership in the development of the proposal for medical coverage entitled the CoverMoore Health

Coverage Initiative.

Refreshments will be available at 9:00 am, with the formal session beginning at 9:15 am. Participants should plan for about a two-hour session. Women and men from Seven Lakes, and their guests, are invited to attend.

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

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State pulls a fast one on retroactive taxation

Dear Editor:

Do you know . . . although for 139 years the NC Constitution has said citizens are not to be subjected to retroactive taxes last June the NC Supreme Court ruled any new tax law increasing the rate of personal and corporate income tax can be enacted in December or earlier and made in effect retroactively back to January 1 of that year?

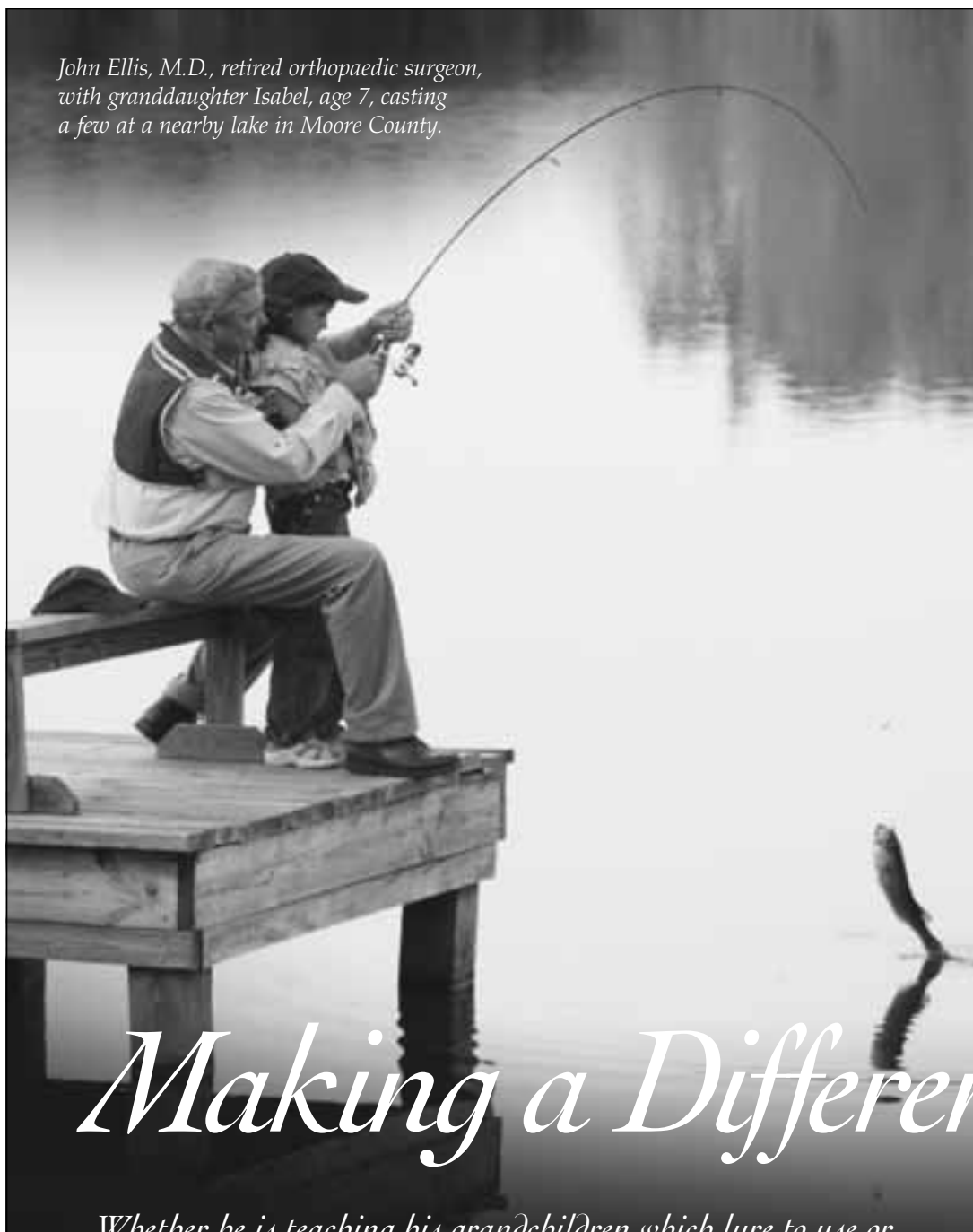
Writing for the majority Justice Bob Edmunds says our tax liability and tax rate of payment can be changed "anytime" by either retrospective or prospective Legislative enactment since our income tax is not "deemed paid" until April 15 of the following year! Justice Ed Brady alone disagreed. He sided with Judge Calabria of the Court of Appeals saying the majority decision of the Supreme Court "defies logic."

How did this come about? In September 2001 the Legislature imposed a new tax rate of 8.25 percent on 85,000 taxpayers prospectively to be paid for tax years 2002 and 2003 but imposed the tax nine months retrospectively back to January 1, 2001. Several taxpayers filed a lawsuit — *Coley, et al. v. North Carolina*. During the court argument, the Attorney General told the NC Supreme Court that not only was it O.K. but it would even be fair and legal to increase your income tax rate back even to the whole year before — back to January 1st of 2000! This back-taxing law was labeled by the 2001 General Assembly as a "temporary tax" who then extended it to a six year tax and it is now imposed beginning in 2007 at the rate of 8% (temporarily?).

Previous NC Supreme Court Justices have twice said "no to retrospective tax laws." In an 1877 case the Town of Henderson passed a tax ordinance in May attempting to levy a new tax back to the previous May. By a unanimous court ruling that law was held "unconstitutional retrospective taxation." In a 1939 case the State tried to levy unemployment compensation taxes late in December, 1936, but to be paid back to January 1 of that year. Again, a unanimous NC Supreme Court said, "No, No, No."

(See "Taxes," p. 32)

John Ellis, M.D., retired orthopaedic surgeon, with granddaughter Isabel, age 7, casting a few at a nearby lake in Moore County.



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Keeping FirstHealth First

Speeding on Lake Auman dam is no joke

Dear Editor:

Recently, members of the Westside community participated in a survey of the current speeding conditions on our roads. Radar stations were set up on each of five selected places within the community for twelve continuous hours each. A total of 2,800 vehicles were counted and their speed recorded. Of that total, 140 were clocked at speeds in excess of 15 mph over the posted speed limit. The survey was conducted to define the problem, not solve it.

About five years ago, our Lake Auman Dam engineer strongly advised us to limit speeds on the dam to 25 mph since vibrations caused by vehicles traveling the roadway at higher speeds were detrimental to the internal integrity of the dam. As Co-Chair of the Lake Auman Management Committee, I asked to have the dam roadway included in the survey of the speed on our Lake Auman Dam roadway. It isn't easy to maintain 25 mph on the dam as we all know. But it isn't impos-

sible and excessive speed equals future problems and significant costs.

You should find it to be quite disturbing to hear that only forty-four, out of 529 vehicles counted that day, actually traveled across the dam at, or below, the posted speed limit while 230 exceeded 35 mph and thirty

vehicles were traveling at 45 mph or better. Then there were the four jerks at 50 mph, one at 51 mph, and the head idiot was clocked at 55 mph.

It was disturbing to note that vehicles headed toward the dam actually tended to increase their speed, once they were on the dam, by about 20-25%. This

was almost universal. When three or four readings of a vehicle that passed the end of the dam doing 30 mph were taken, it was noted that by the time the vehicle was out of range on the dam it was traveling at 35-40 mph.

Now, it would be easy to laugh these numbers off but, if given the choice between the integrity of the dam and the personal convenience of those using, or abusing, the roadway across it, I believe most members of the community would vote for the dam.

Lake Auman is our crown jewel, after all. This assumption gives us three options:

1. If you travel across the dam

you can voluntarily observe the 25 mph speed limit, or involuntarily if we can convince the sheriff to vigorously enforce the limit.

2. You can vote for about a \$1 million assessment, about \$600 per lot, to reroute the roadway below the dam.

3. You can take the long way around after we are forced to recommend that the roadway be closed to all vehicular traffic.

You might think about these options each time you drive across the dam. . . Drop your speed to 25 mph, set your cruise control and enjoy the view.

Bud Sales

Seven Lakes West

April greetings

In your joy, sweet April, you dance in on teeter-totter footings, only to leave with steadfast balance.

Already, you know that April holds so many secrets, they are often called "Holy Week," as Easter is nigh.

Blooms are everywhere; on dining room tables and

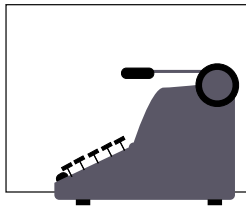
outdoors, with honeybees, and some with bumbles too. Couldn't you just hug them?

Children off from school can barely contain themselves. They scamper and tumble and run and tease, but mostly, they laugh: Such a wonderful sound to hear.

We know that you, like all of us, hold Easter Sunday close to your heart. Love you, dear April.

Your Turn

Betty Stemmer
SLCC Member
Seven Lakes North



April Red Cross Blood Drives

The American Red Cross Moore County Chapter advises the following locations will be scheduled for Blood Drives in April.

Monday, April 16, 1:30 pm – 6:00 pm, Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1507 Luther Way in Southern Pines. For appointment, call 692-8571.

Wednesday, April 18, 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Seven Lakes Kiwanis at North Clubhouse. For appointment, call 673-4931.

Thursday, April 19, 1:30 pm – 6:00 pm, The Village Chapel in Pinehurst. For appointment, call 692-8571.

Wednesday, April 25, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, First Health Moore Regional Hospital in Conference Center. For appointment, call 715-1478.

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Speed limits, speed traps, & appeasement

Dear Editor:

Lately there has been a lot of talk and complaints about "speeding" in Seven Lakes North & South. Quite a bit more since we dismissed the company police. Like many of us, I would like to see the 50 + MPH'ers curtailed also, but having the sheriff's deputies write "appeasement" citations to us senior citizens in our "hot rod" Lincoln Town cars "speeding" along at 35 MPH will never halt any of the 50 + MPH'ers.

That's exactly what happened to me on a bright sunny Wednesday morning at 9:45 AM. Not one soul was walking or even out on Shenandoah Dr., not one car in front or in back of me as I returned home from the dentist on my way to take my wife to the doctor, when due to a lack in judgment, while driving up the little incline toward the Tennis courts, there sat Mr. Deputy!

Since I was traveling at such "breakneck speed" — 35 MPH, I didn't even hit the brakes when I saw him, I just took my foot off the gas pedal, but alas! I was too late! Mr. Deputy blue-lighted me, turned around with a hard u-turn and got me! Ticketed for 35 MPH!

When I asked if I could get a warning for this one time violation, I was told that the Association Board had issued a "mandate" to the sheriff's department, so he had to write me the ticket.

Just for anyone's information, the fine for this outrageous speed of 35 MPH is \$125.00. Anyone familiar with the term excessive!

I point this out, because now, after a good deal of research and discussion with attorney's, two of the attorney's said being cited for 35 MPH was absolute "Chicken - blank," and the only reason the deputy was sitting there at that time of morning was to "appease" the board and

complainers. This presence at this time of day will never curb or stop the 50+MPH'ers. It was also at the end of the month and that brings the "quota" into play but I'll save that for another



time. A number of property owners also expressed the opinion that it was ridiculous, [one told me he had lived here since the late 80s and his car couldn't run under 40 MPH].

I have found out how tight the blindfold of justice in Moore county is tied. If I paid an attorney anywhere from \$75 to \$125, he would go to court for me and lo and behold, my "speeding" ticket would be reduced to "faulty equipment"! I would still have to pay the \$125 (Moore County needs the money) but I wouldn't have anything show up on my driving record or more importantly my insurance rates would not go up! Now that's Justice! Also, had I been a board member or "been a good ole boy known" by Mr. Deputy, the "mandate" would have been lifted and I would have gotten off with a "warning"! More Justice! Keep that blindfold tight here in our gated paradise.

Of all the people I've talked with that live here in Seven Lakes North, everyone has expressed a view that 35 MPH is a perfectly safe speed for our roads. It's safe enough for the West End School area at the times the children are being released from school and parents are driving in and out of the yard. 35 MPH is

safe enough along Seven Lakes Drive where we have a number of small business parks, a grocery store, two drug stores, a pizza shop and cross streets with traffic. But in Seven Lakes North & South, 35 MPH is just too darn fast. I guess that at least 80% of the population in here doesn't consistently drive at 25 MPH. It means you have to drive with your foot on the brake at every downhill incline.

But hey, if they're going to ticket at 35 mph, then lets tick-

et at 28 mph or 30 mph, after all it's over 25 MPH and think how many tickets the sheriff's department can "appease" the board with at the end of each month! Will it control or stop the 50+ MPH'ers, absolutely not, but by dang it all, it'll put a stop to all us senior citizens flying around at 35 MPH in our "souped up" Lincolns, Caddys, Lexuses and Buicks! This is my first speeding ticket in 16 years and it's not luck, it's due to driving at a "safe and reasonable" speed.

I certainly thought I was driving at a safe and reasonable speed on that Wednesday morning, and a warning would have served the purpose. Would I have thought it was "safe and reasonable" at 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm when the kids are out walking home from school? NO. Would I believe 25 MPH is "safe and reasonable" on a rainy day with the road covered in ice? NO.

I drive safely and responsibly in Seven Lakes North, I don't (See "Ticket," p. 31)



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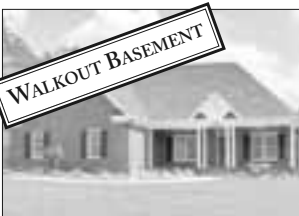


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by Mason Gould

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At Springtime, love of life is boosted. The freshness of the morning reaches clear inside you. It's rebirth. It's almost as though that's when New Year's Day should be. And what of the sky that looks us over each day but some of us seemingly don't take — or have — the time to unhurriedly examine closely.

Are there many of us who

sometimes stand outside our homes shortly after sunrise and almost unknowingly raise our arms skyward in silent appreciation as we see a hawk soaring gracefully, silhouetted against

the rising, slightly cloud-flicked orb? Yes, only a few instants' worth of beauty created by circumstances. Yet, it's a good thing to realize that we can all benefit from at least some inter-

mittent touches of refreshment like this to appreciate, even more, the creation that made it possible.



Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

Taxes

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Income taxes are "deemed paid" when the April 15 Tax Return is filed. The sole purpose of this legal fiction is to have a specific date for starting the three-year statute of limitations for taxpayers to claim overpayment or for the state to claim underpayment regardless of the date of actual payment. When the tax is "deemed paid" has nothing to do with the constitutionality of a retrospective law. We pay as we go — all year long. Ignoring two previously established past

precedents, the present Supreme Court ruling applies to all 2.1 million or more NC taxpayers. Another new law imposing retrospective taxes can now be imposed on taxpayers in any of the income tax brackets.

However, there is hope for us. An effort by Senators Goodall, Apodaca, and Berger to get a Constitutional Amendment on the November 2008 ballot with the goal for the People — who always have the last say — to

correct this huge mistake by the NC Supreme Court. Senate Bill 1417 is entitled "An Act to amend the North Carolina Constitution to clarify the prohibition against retrospective income taxation." The amendment can be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at a statewide election to be held on the same date as the general election in November of 2008. Tell your Legislators to support it if you think back-taxing is wrong.

Every NC taxpaying citizen has natural right, a legal right and a constitutional right to reasonably expect in advance what our tax liability is and will be for at least the current tax year rather than to be imposed upon and suffer an increase in our income tax by retrospective laws. Government has its budget; the People have theirs.

Manila G. 'Bud' Shaver
Major General Ret. AUS
Seven Lakes North

Ticket

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tailgate and always slow down when I see someone walking alone or with their dogs and I don't do "rolling stops" at the stop signs. I did not hire an attorney and I had every intention of going to court, plead not guilty and challenge the "mandate" issued to the sheriff's department. Was the paperwork done properly, or is the "mandate" just more of the "good ole boy" network.

When was the last time Mr. Deputy's radar equipment had

been calibrated? Those were going to be just two of my questions, but fortunately for me and the work I do, I have bookings for my court date (they'll help with the fine) so I'm mailing in the fine.

In the meantime, if you don't believe "appeasement" is being applied in Seven Lakes by the sheriff's department or that "good ole boy" favoritism is alive and well in Seven Lakes North, then I've got some ocean front property in Arizona I'd love to sell you.

Jordan Rhodes
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Nona

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last three months in a hospital. Although she did not live near me, and had been treated in both Buffalo and Syracuse, we decided that a small local hospital near my home would be the place where she would receive the most personal care. It was not long before she became known throughout that hospital as a result of her gen-

tle concern for others and for the loving and spiritual counseling that simply came naturally to her. The pastor who visited her claimed that he went there to render to her, and invariably left with the topic for his next sermon. Staff members said that it was their intention to aid her on her road to death, instead it was she who taught them the truth about death and

dying. While I was grocery shopping, an extremely well known and highly respected local woman said to me "You must be very proud of your mother." I agreed but told her "I didn't know that you'd met her." She replied "I haven't, but I have heard about her."

My physician brother-in-law, Bill, is approaching 90 years of age. He starts his day with a

visit to the nursing home where he is medical director. He leaves there and proceeds to his office where he continues his personal medical practice. When asked why he refuses to retire, his response is simple "I love what I do."

I am proud of my sister, Micki, her path through the difficulties of breast cancer, was not an easy one. After her recovery,

she became determined to spend the rest of her highly productive life in aiding breast cancer suffers. Because she had spent her professional years in the field of health education, she was a natural for the job.

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(See "Nona,"p. 34)

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Truesdell provided The Times with a copy of the apology and asked that we print the scan at right.

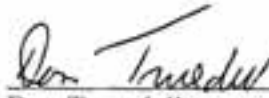
Shaw's suit alleged that he had been maliciously prosecuted by the defendants when he was arrested on felony larceny charges in connection with a dispute between Shaw and workman hired to paint his Southside home.

Financial terms of the settlement were not released and the terms of the settlement agreement preclude either side from commenting on it.

EXHIBIT A

To: Greg Hankins, Editor

The Seven Lakes Landowners Association would like to announce that the lawsuit brought by David Alan Shaw has been resolved. The Seven Lakes Landowners Association would like to express to David Alan Shaw our regrets for any inconvenience this incident might have caused to him personally or professionally.



Don Truesdell,
President
Board of Directors
7 Lakes Landowners Association

Apology — A scan of the SLLA's apology to Alan Shaw.

Nona

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information, support and concern to others who have to face the dreaded illness. She developed the initial Central New York chapter of the Susan G. Komen Foundation, for some time she served as President in charge of education and new programs. After that she became a liaison between local chapters and the national office in Texas.

She, with the help of others, organized fund raisers, and at one time designed and carried out a research program which endeavored to determine why breast cancer is more prevalent in Onondaga county than in

other areas of New York State.

Physicians frequently asked her to consult with their patients.

Today she spends half of the year in Florida, where she spends one day a week taking blood pressure readings because she no longer feels she should ride ambulance for the local all volunteer EMS.

I believe anyone in my family would agree that it is more sat-

isfying to live a full life than to sit back and wait for death. We also know that with a strong belief in God we can accept death as a normal conclusion to this life.

Though I began by talking about John and Elizabeth Edwards, this column should not be considered a political statement. I am still an independent with an open mind.



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The entry deadline is May 4. If you are interested, contact Joan Neal at 947-3478.

Teachers

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current events class and developed an introductory course in debate. She also designed a program that would allow students to compete in forensics events. This program has grown so significantly that she now teaches six classes of speech and debate each year. Recently

she was featured as "National Coach of the Month" in The Rostrum, the monthly magazine of the National Forensic League.

"I applied for the Walter Hines Pages Scholarship because it's one that I map out so that the experience suits my individual needs better," she said. "I wanted to incorporate my interest in

debate with English."

While in London, Carter will also visit two schools that have International Baccalaureate programs and debate programs. "I'm looking forward to talking with the students and teachers and possibly setting up an online debate program or a student exchange program for next year"

Carter said she is excited about the trip and feels confident it will provide her with experiences that will not only benefit her, but her students, as well. "I know this experience will help me present a more worldly aspect to my instruction."

The Walter Hines Page Fellowship, which is unique to the

Sandhills ESU chapter, was developed to promote the exchange of knowledge between British and American educators. The American Page Scholarship is designed to support independent research in the humanities by secondary school teachers.

Zoning

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property," he said.

When granting a conditional use permit, the planning board must make certain "findings of fact," one of which deals with whether the use is a public necessity.

Kolva said, in one respect, ATL is a "public necessity," because "both the County and the State are spending big dollars trying to attract clean companies" like ATL. With the loss of traditional furniture and textile manufacturing jobs, Kolva said, "we need a different type of manufacturing company."

Planning Board discussion of ATL's rezoning request focused on the problem of spot zoning. The nearest VB zoned parcel is 5.3 miles from the ATL property, which is surrounded by rural land and residential uses. New Planning Board Chairman Nancy Fiorillo said the rezoning would inevitably establish a precedent that would make it harder to refuse similar requests in this area in the future.

Planning Director Andrea Surratt suggested that the precedent-setting nature of the case was mitigated somewhat by the conditional nature of the rezoning. A conditional use rezoning allows the planning board to consider the particulars of the application, she said, and approve or deny requests based on the quality of the plan the applicant submits.

After considerable discussion, the planning board approved ATL's request with only one member, Paul Hodges, in opposition. The conditional use permit will allow ATL to develop the site according to submitted plans, within restrictions on building height, screening, driveway access, and lighting.

Should ATL's employee count on the site grow beyond 28, they will have to return to the

planning board to seek and upgrade to the conditional use permit. And should ATL sell the property or stop using it for its current business purpose, it will

revert to its former RA zoning. The Planning Board's approval is only one step in the process. The request must now be heard by the Moore County Board of

Commissioners. Planner Debra Ensminger told *The Times* she expects the Commissioners will be asked to issue a call to public hearing on the request during

their May 7 meeting and hold that public hearing and a vote on the request during their May 21 meeting.

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Foxfire



Sanctuary Park — Robert and Paul Bryant's plan for a townhome development near the Foxfire Village Hall includes a chapel, ampitheatre, and two separate areas reserved for businesses.

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Water

Councilman Ed Lauer said that he was engaged in a study of future water needs and is considering a moratorium on wells. The moratorium, which would not affect approved well permits, would place a three-to six-month temporary ban on new wells in the village.

"This would not create a hardship," said Lauer, noting that most wells in Foxfire are used for irrigation and not drinking water.

"All of our wells drill into a single aquifer. We don't have a water shortage, I am considering this measure to stop what I call Convenience Wells," continued Lauer. "At our growth rate, we have forty to sixty wells going in each year."

Lauer said that he is not trying to limit growth. "We can't make a permanent moratorium."

During the Public Comment portion of the meeting, a resident asked if a resolution could be written banning any future wells from being drilled in the village. "Yes," responded Lauer, "but that would be an extreme measure."

Lauer said he is also researching the option of hooking into water lines from Richmond or Montgomery Counties for future water needs.

Finance

Village Clerk Janice Thomas presented the financial report. The General Fund balance is \$291,358; Water Fund is \$67,929; Water Capital Reserve Fund is \$106,140; and Police Supplemental Fund balance is \$17,785.

Streets

Mowing bids are in and will be reviewed shortly, Councilman Gene Petrie reported. The current mowing contract expires at the end of June and a new three-year contract will be awarded. Road repair bids are also out this week, through Hudson Paving.

Petrie announced that the Village Green park was complete. Mayor Erickson said the dedication ceremony for the new park was scheduled for 8:30 am, on Saturday, April 14, as part of the Foxfire Festival. Events and activities are scheduled all day from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, including the Golf Capital Chorus, Sophisticated Ladies, and demonstrations of gymnastics and martial arts. The Thirtieth Anniversary of the incorporation of Foxfire Village will be celebrated with an evening social hour at the Foxfire Country Club beginning at 6:00 pm. The cost to attend is \$5.00 per person, payable at the village offices.

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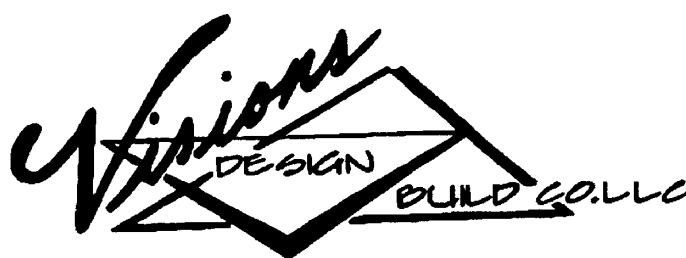
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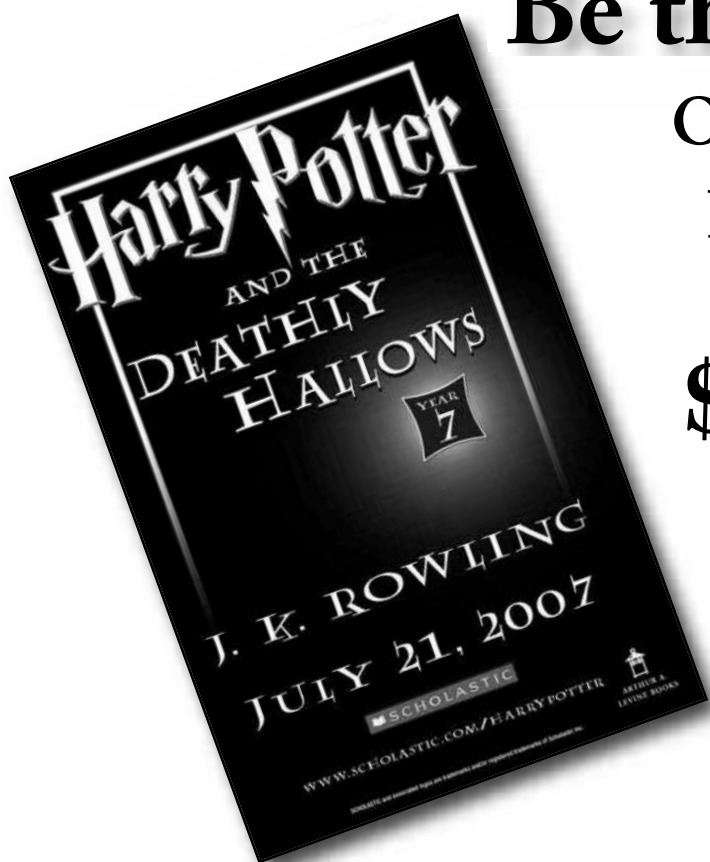
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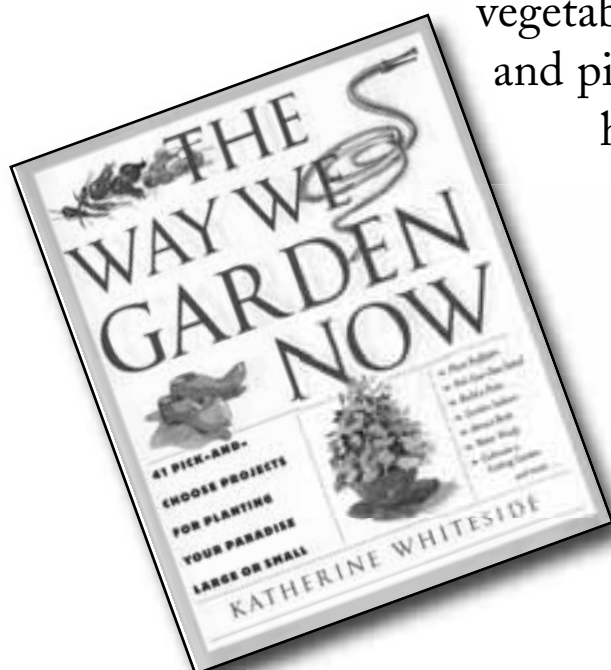
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