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Growth worries Foxfire residents

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Whether the proposed new housing developments in and around Foxfire Village will put too much pressure on the water

well as the huge number of homes proposed for Small Area Planning A added to the controversy.

Councilman Ed Lauer told residents, "There are concerns on the number of homes being planned. Is it too much, too fast?" Lauer continued, "Our government infrastructure is not in place to handle it but we can not, by law, place a hardship on a developer."

"The burden of proof that we are not creating a hardship would be ours." Stating that he had spent considerable time looking in to how these developments would affect future water availability, Lauer said, "We can

(See "Foxfire," p. 34)

Foxfire Council Meeting

5/8

supply and local infrastructure was a topic of much discussion during the Public Comment portion of the regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, May 8. Potential future annexations by both Foxfire and Pinehurst, as

Turnout light for open work session

Turnout was light for the Tuesday morning, May 8, work session of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors — the first the Board has held since deciding to open those meetings to landowners.

One Association member, Jan Patton, spoke during the public comment section early in the meeting. The only other members of the public in attendance were

Judy Pendleton, representing the board's new communications committee, and a reporter for *The Seven Lakes Times*.

West Side Landowners Meeting

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All directors were present with the exception of Hugh Beckwith; Community Manager Tony (See "Work session," p. 19)

Taste of the Town funds gift



Women of Seven Lakes President Peggy McCallum presents a check for \$4,000 for the "Kids in Crisis" program to **Dr. Sharon Harrel**, Director of FirstHealth Dental Care Center. The funds were raised at the Taste of the Town event on April 16.

Club has tried to negotiate

The Seven Lakes Country Club [SLCC] Board has done its best to negotiate with the Seven Lakes Landowners Association on the issues surrounding the construction of the Club's new driving range, but has found the Association's position a moving target.

That's according to a letter SLCC President Dick Weber sent to SLLA President Don

Truesdell on Wednesday. Weber provided *The Times* with a copy of his letter, which was written in answer to a letter from Truesdell to the Club that appeared in the April 27 edition of *The Times*. Weber's letter is printed in full below.

Weber says the Club did in fact present its plans for the range to the SLLA Architectural Review Board [ARB] in October of last

year. The SLLA has insisted that the ARB must approve the Club's plans for the range. Though the results of that meeting were inconclusive, the Club was later assured that the ARB would have no objection to the project once the orientation of the range was reversed so that golfers would be hitting uphill.

On the other hand, Weber (See "Weber," p. 23)

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Isn't it time you learned to sail?

Sign up for this year's sailing school conducted by the Seven Lakes Sailing Club is way behind normal and the club is wondering if there will be enough students to present the course this year.

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Seven Lakes West.

The dates are Monday– Friday the week of June 4th from 9 AM to Noon.

Call Paul if you have any questions 673-8998.

Septic system tips

As you know every house in Seven Lakes has its own septic system. Here are some do's and don'ts that will help to extend the useful life of your septic system and avoid costly repairs.

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Board Notes

Don Truesdell
Seven Lakes
Landowners Board

clog the septic tank and/or its pipes. Some examples are fats,

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See the box at left for our address, location, phone number, fax number, e-mail address, etc.

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7K & May Follies attracts large, happy crowd

The Seven Lakes 7K & May Follies, held on Sunday, May 6, was a huge success. Several hundred participants enjoyed the afternoon's activities at Seven Lakes' Northside Park.

Jim Jefferson of West End won the 7K race and the Top Male Runner trophy, completing the course in twenty-nine minutes and fifty-five seconds. Second place winner and Top Female Runner was Sallie Beth Johnson of Pinehurst, at thirty-

one minutes and twenty-four seconds. The Fastest Kid trophy went to Hannah Hensley of Seven Lakes North, finishing in thirty-eight minutes and fifty-seven seconds.

The day's events raised \$3,500 to purchase new playground equipment and improve the landscaping, sporting, and recreation areas in Seven Lakes.

"My committee has worked very hard alongside Assistant Community Manager Chad

Beane to make this event a success," said Recreation Director Laura Douglass. "We were thrilled to see Northside Park filled to capacity with children and would like to thank everyone who came out and made it such a great day – especially the sponsors, donors, and volunteers who made it possible."

May Follies was sponsored by Harris Printing Company, Seven Lakes Country Club, Boles Funeral Home, Bright Meadow Christian Preschool and Kool Kids, Community Home Care & Hospice, Tracy's Carpet, Dr. Barry Kavanaugh, Jr., Dr. Pete McKay, Whelan Realty, Moore Republican Women, Seven Lakes Prescription Shoppe, Godwin's Senior Advisor Service, Seven Lakes Chiropractic, Goshin Dojo Family Martial Arts, Dr. Jennifer Massey, Homechoice Network, Lakeview Construction, Bookshop by the Lakes, and Sandhills Academy of Gymnastics.

In-kind donations were received by Seven Lakes Times, Seven Lakes Health & Fitness, Seven Lakes Hardware, Hibbett Sports, Seven Lakes Friendly Mart, Chris Laton and Frito-Lay, Carolina Waste, and Seven Lakes Country Club.

Beane and Douglass said it took dozens of volunteers to make the event successful, including SLLA Recreation Committee members Amanda Keller, Tammi Smith, Nancy Wienstroth, and Sharon Bialer.

Additional hard-working volunteers were Vance Keller, Dave Quinlan, Toni and Amanda Felix, Bud and Do Shaver, Dennis Mueller, Michael and Deirdre Florence, Joe Rabstajnek, Bill Robins, Steve Thelen, Michele Dusch, Tonya Godwin, Tasha Jurusinski, Anna Troublefield, Tanner Craig, Mike McKutchen; and 7K water station volunteers included Jackie and Bill Wells, Blake McKutchen and Jesse, Lora and Brian Bounds, Dustin

Burrell and friends, the Douglass family, Cliff and Millie Elliott, and Sally and Bruce Shute.

Organizers also thanked Domenick Rondello and Bruce MacDonald for providing musical entertainment, to the Haan, Picerno, and Sawyer families for allowing water relief stations to be set-up at their homes, to the Bake Sale bakers Connie Gavala, Marie Garvey, Cynthia D'Andrea, Sharon Bialer, Lisa Quinlan, and Susan Credle, and to T-Ray Jackson and Bob Haan of Seven Lakes EMS.

"The 7K race and May Follies event was not only a great fundraiser but also a wonderful opportunity to showcase the beauty of Seven Lakes," said Douglass. "We had many runners, guests, sponsors, and visitors from Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Pinehurst, and other areas who came in our gates for the very first time and experienced Seven Lakes in a significant and positive way."



7K Trophy Winners were Jim Jefferson, Sallie Beth Johnson, and Hannah Hensley.

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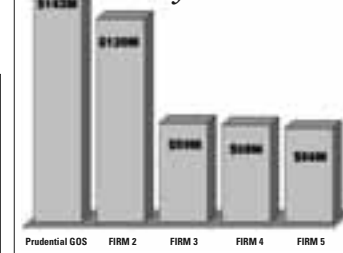


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by Sandi Burrell
Seven Lakes North

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Everyone is welcome to stop by and watch the games and have a snack. The schedule is available on the Moore County Parks and Recreation website at www.moorecountyparksandrec.com.

This year concessions will be provided by Heidi Rabstejnec and Wanda Gillispie and they look forward to seeing you this

season. The menu selections include hot dogs with chili, nachos, smoked sausage with cheese, peanuts, Cracker Jacks, assorted chips, cheese and crackers, powdered doughnuts, Airheads candy, bubble gum, ice pops, Go-Gurts, Slim Jims, sodas and bottled water.

Unfortunately, the new drinking fountain put in at the end of last summer won't be available

for use by players and spectators this season. Someone filled the drain with sand so that it no longer functions.

The purchase and installation of the fountain consumed over \$1,000 of the funds collected from advertisers at the park. Several volunteers spent hours installing the gravel, concrete, piping, and the fountain.

The large number of busi-

nesses advertising on signs at the field shows that the community wants to help keep the field in good shape and improve it. To do this we need every-

one's support and cooperation.

There is limited space left for advertising at the field — if your business is interested, call Sandi Burrell at 673-0901.



Heidi Rabstejnec and Wanda Gillispie are manning the concession stand at the WEE ballfield this season.

Longer hours for Day Camp!

The Seven Lakes Summer Day Camp programming begins on Monday, June 11, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

New this year is an extended afternoon hours option. The half-day program runs from 9:00 am to Noon and cost is \$6.00 per day. The full-day program will run from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, cost is \$12.00 per day, per child.

This year's programming will feature more crafts, more swimming, more games, and more sports for the Seven Lakes summer campers.

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113 Winsford, Seven Lakes South
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Optical Solutions moves to 7 Lakes Drive

Personal service, superior selection, and great prices — it's a simple, straightforward strategy that sounds like it should work for almost any business. But in business, the devil is always in the details, and it's the details of service, selection and pricing that are the day-to-day focus for Connie Granato of Optical Solutions.

Granato opened her Seven Lakes optical shop in 2004 and has just moved it from Seven Lakes Plaza shopping center to the new Seven Lakes Professional Park Building on Seven Lakes Drive. It's the last building on the left just before you get to the horse pasture and golf ball water tank.

With Murray & Co. and Seven Lakes Massage and Body as neighbors, Granato told *The Times* the new location offers her customers both convenience and a professional atmosphere.

Though Granato's location is

new, and her shop is only a few years old, she has over 18 years of experience helping people see better and look better in their glasses. She worked for years at Sandhills Optical — and even took over that shop's patient records when they closed.

It's Granato's years of experience that allow her to provide an exceptional level of service. Having helped hundreds of customers find the right frames for their face, their personality, and their prescription, Granato is no shrinking violet when it comes to advising clients.

"I'm very honest with my customers," she told *The Times*. "If they just love a frame that looks terrible on them, I'm going to tell them. I want them to be happy long-term."

Granato's experience allows her to guide customers to the sort of frames that best suit the prescription. For example, many of the frames that are currently

fashionable may not provide enough space to accommodate bifocal or trifocal prescriptions. Granato can guide customers to frames that both look good and fit their prescription needs.

Her experience in the business — and with customers in Moore County — also shape the selection at Optical Solutions. Granato carries frames by all the top designers: Vera Bradley, Kate Spade, Silhouette, Saks Fifth Avenue, and so on. But she also knows that some of her customers prefer the older, larger styles to the small, trendy ones. So she makes a point of stocking a good variety of those as well.

She told *The Times* that she is always happy to special order a special color or size if she doesn't have just the right frame in stock.

The third leg of the Optical Solutions business strategy is price. Granato says she is proud

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County investigates conservation design

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

The recently defeated subdivision moratorium proposed for Small Planning Area A and the large number of developments in the conceptual and planning stage for western part of the county has forced both the Planning Board and the Moore County Board of Commissioners to rethink current ordinances and the county's Comprehensive Plan.

At the suggestion of the Planning Board and Director Andrea Surratt, the County Commissioners hosted a workshop on Conservation Design with internationally-recognized author and expert Randall Arendt. Held on Monday, April 30, at Little River Resort in Cartahage, the workshop brought together planners, Commissioners, local home builders and developers, as well as representatives from area municipalities.

"The current issues are related to Area A but the solutions are county-wide," said Surratt. "Good subdivision planning, land stewardship and conservation are goals for all county planning."

Demonstrating the incompatibility between current ordinances and the county's Comprehensive Plan, Arendt ripped the plan in half and suggested that this was the effect each poorly designed subdivision had on it. He went on to acknowledge that Moore County is neither unique nor uncommon in this contradiction.

"The problem is not with the developers," said Arendt, "the problem is with the zoning codes that allow density sprawl." He continued, "Your County Commissioners are legally obligated to approve developments that meet code and current ordinances."

"Every time land is divided it is done conventionally, with streets, lawns, and cul-de-sacs," stated Arendt. "Conventional use is wall-to-wall house lots as opposed to Conservation Design with minimum requirements of thirty-three percent open space."

Unlike cluster development, where homes are grouped together on the best available land leaving the leftover poor drainage or wetland areas as the open space, Arendt distin-

guished Conservation Design as golf-course design without the golf course.

"As some point, golf courses become a saturated market," said Arendt. "The majority of people who live in golf course

communities are not golfers. They choose to live there for the open, green space that golf courses provide."

Using Conservation Design, Arendt suggests subdivisions should be designed just like a golf

course would – that is, set aside the prime green space first.

"You need to map out a green space infrastructure, a network of interconnected green spaces as well as the gray infrastructure of streets, water, and sewer."

Arendt said developers should catalog the very best site features, such as woodlands, natural water features, or quality farmland and set those areas aside. Once a developer knows where he will
(See "Arendt," p. 33)

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Holly Grove PUD has 320 homes, 133 acres

Of the half-dozen of so large developments being planned for Area A, the twin subdivisions Northmoor and Southwick are one of the closest to Seven Lakes, at least, as the crow flies.

The 132 acre development would lie on either side of Holly Grove School Road, a rural roadway, paved only a couple of years ago, that intersects with NC Highway 211 a couple of miles west of Seven Lakes Business Village.

Though Southwick would be a three or four mile drive from the gates of Seven Lakes North, it backs up to properties on Seminole Court, Cedar Lane, and Timber Drive.

Developer Bill Beardslee presented a preliminary design for the development to the Moore County Subdivision Review Board on Tuesday, May 1 — the first of many steps in what is a complex approval process the project must clear in order to move forward.

Beardslee, a New Jersey engineer who lives part-time in Seven Lakes North, is seeking PUD - Planned Unit Development Zoning for the project; the land is currently zoned RA-Rural Agricultural and RA-USB-Rural Agricultural Urban Services Boundary. When countywide zoning was implemented in Moore County, RA-USB zoning was applied to areas expected to be developed in the future.

The development Beardslee is proposing, however, may be a bit more intensive than what the county had in mind. Toward the end of the Subdivision Review Board's [SRB] consideration of the Southwick/Northmoor proposal, County Planning Director Andrea Surratt said she felt it would be "a challenge to get PUD zoning through the planning board," for the Holly Grove School Road site. "The density is going to be a real factor; it may be a bit too high."

Beardslee's plans propose a total of 320 dwelling units on the 132.5 acres, with structurally similar developments on either side of the road. He envisions Southwick as an age-restricted community aimed at seniors, while Northmoor homes will be "open market." Despite that key difference, both communities will offer a mix of single family

homes, attached townhomes, and single-story attached townhouses.

Both communities will have recreational amenities — a pool,

tennis courts, etc. — and both will have a clubhouse, Beardslee told SRB members. Neither community will be gated. Both include walking trails through the sub-

stantial acreage that is left open.

The plan for Southwick shows 26 single-family detached homes arrayed along the properties border with Seven Lakes North

— an intentional buffer between Seven Lakes and the higher density housing elsewhere in the development. Those single
(See "Subdivision," p. 33)

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Hearing called on Holly Grove rezoning

During their Monday, May 7 regular meeting Moore County's Board of Commissioners issued a call to public hearing for a conditional use district rezoning requested by Accelerated Technologies Laboratories for its business location on Holly Grove School Road. The company is seeking to have five acres of the 21 acre parcel rezoned from RA-Rural Agricultural to VB-Village Business.

The request was approved by the County Planning Board in April and now must be approved by the Board of Commissioners. Plans for the parcel include the construction of an 8,800 square foot office building on the site, which lies just north of Seven Lakes North. Residents will be able to speak for or against the proposed rezoning during the public hearing, which will be held during the May 21 Commissioners meeting.

Bond request expected

Interim County Manager Cary McSwain told Commissioners that their May 21 meeting would also likely include formal requests from Moore County Schools [MCS] and Sandhills Community College [SCC] that the Board authorize a referendum for the approval of bond issues to pay for school and college construction projects.

McSwain said MCS is likely to ask the voters for \$54 million; SCC, for \$15.5 million.

Eastmoore Water

The Commissioners convened as the Board of Directors for the East Moore Water District to accept \$2.7 million in additional loans from the US Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service in order to cover the rising cost of completing Phase II of the water extension. The total cost of the project is now projected to be just under \$12 million.

Also acting as the East Moore Water District Board, approved the awarding of just over \$5 million in three construction contracts for the East Moore Phase II project.

Wellness center

Commissioners approved the renewal of a contract with Sanford Medical Group to provide medical staffing for the county's employee wellness center.

McSwain shared data showing that the center attracted 2,090 visits from employees in 2006, as well as providing drug testing, pre-employment screening and other services.

Compared to the cost of using private practitioners, McSwain said, the center saved county employees \$41,800 last year; savings to the county were \$155,800.

Other business

During Monday's meeting, the Board of Commissioners:

- Heard in the public comment segment from Earl Williams, who questioned the values being placed on rural properties in the county's latest round of property reevaluations. Williams presented a petition with 1,034 signatures asking that the county look for ways to cut spending rather than increasing the tax burden on residents.
- Recognized the twelve citizens who completed the County 101 class, a primer on the operations of county government that required participants to attend fourteen two hour sessions.
- Recognized Moore County employees for achieving milestone anniversaries, including Lieutenant Robert Caldwell and Detention Officer Grant McNeill from the Moore County Sheriff's Office for twenty

years of service; Mapping Technician Sherri L. Doby, Planning and Community Development, fifteen years; Deputy Register of Deeds Teresa B. Hiatt, ten years; and Detention Officer Johnnie E.

Williams, Sheriff's Office, for five years.

- Recognized young people from Moore County for achieving high places in the statewide Envirothon competition, sponsored by the Moore County Sheriff's Office.
- (See "Commissioners," p. 24)

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Women of Seven Lakes fund projects

Deputy Mike Kantorowski from the Sheriff's Department spoke to the Women of Seven Lakes regarding public safety at their May 3 meeting held at the Northside Clubhouse.

Deputy Mike reminded the group of the importance of being aware of your surroundings and protecting yourself at all times. He also addressed the problems of identity theft and gave tips on how to limit exposure to these crimes.

A contribution check in the amount of \$4,000 for the "Kids in Crisis" program was presented to Dr. Sharon Harrel, Director of First Health Dental Care Center.

Dr. Harrel expressed her appreciation and shared a few examples of the need for dental care for many children who are now being underserved in this area. These funds were raised at very popular Taste of the Town event hosted by the Women of Seven Lakes on April 16.

A new children's playground will be built this summer at Sequoia Point thanks to a generous donation from the Women of Seven Lakes.

On Thursday, May 3, at the regular Women's meeting, Chair Peggy McCallum presented a \$3,500 check to Laura Douglass, Recreation Director for the Seven Lakes Landowners Association.

These funds came from the quilt raffle, Taste of the Town, and other philanthropic events

held throughout the year.

Sequoia Point is located on Lake Sequoia, the premier lake at Seven Lakes North. A marina, swimming beach, picnic pavilion, newly renovated restrooms and several sporting areas are in

place at this park.

The Women of Seven Lakes gift will be used to create and furnish a new children's playground featuring a slide, swing set, and spring rider for tots.

"This gift presented a unique

opportunity to build a new community playground where previously none existed," said Douglass. "Sequoia Point is a beautiful lakefront gathering place and green space and is especially popular during the summer. This playground will quickly become a favorite destination for our young families."

The Charity Golf Tournament scheduled for May 18 at Beacon Ridge Country Club is near-

ly full and should be another successful event for the Women of Seven Lakes. Lunch will be served at 11:00 am with a shotgun start on the golf course at 12:00 Noon. The format will be Captain's Choice. Proceeds will benefit the Moore County School System's Backpack Pals program. Cost is \$65 per person. For more information, call Ginger Finney at 673-1330, or Jo Nicholas at 673-3604.



SLLA Recreation Chairperson Laura Douglass accepts a \$3,500 contribution from Women of Seven Lakes President Peggy McCallum. The money will fund the construction of a new playground at Sequoia Point.

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SLCC Tennis Carnival draws a big crowd

by Barb Horan,
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A wonderful time was had at the Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Center Kid's Tennis Carnival on Saturday, April 14.

Under the direction of Bruce Adams, SLCC Tennis Pro, the membership of the SLCC Tennis Center, and members of The

Moore Tennis Association, the carnival included an afternoon of tennis, pizza, soda pop, and goodies for forty Seven Lakes children. The weather was absolutely perfect and the atmosphere infectious, it was Seven Lakes at its best!

The Carnival was sponsored by local merchants: Terry Burrow

of LA Cabinets, Trey Waters from The 7 Lakes Prescription Shoppe, Phil Harrell from The Property Center, Kathy and Phil Cook of Carolina Car Care, Myra and Fred Taylor of Troy Lumber, Mike Roscoe and Barb Campbell, members of the Tennis Center.

The children were also treated to face painting by Lori Copper and personalized books by Helen Colvin, both Seven Lakes residents.

The Seven Lakes Country Club is offering a new Access Card program that makes their tennis program very affordable. Children from Seven Lakes and the surrounding area can look forward to two summer Tennis Camps that will have both a tennis and swim session. The Tennis Center is currently taking applications for the camp and also for weekly lessons for both children and adults. For further information, call the Tennis Center at 673-1096.



Barb Horan welcomes the kids at Seven Lakes Country Club's Tennis Carnival.

Literacy Council Tourney

The Moore County Literacy Council [MCLC] is sponsoring the Second Annual Triple-Play Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 9, at Longleaf Country Club. Two shotgun starts begin at 8:00 am and 2:00 pm.

Entry fees of \$100 per person include green and cart fees, lunch, beverages, and four complimentary green fees for future use. Par 5, 4, and 3 sponsorships include the benefits of entry fees and a sign with the company or organization name on a tee or green.

Proceeds from the tournament will support the work of Moore County Literacy Council, a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating illiteracy. Twenty-two percent of Moore County's adult population is functionally illiterate. With a core of trained volunteer tutors, the Moore County Literacy Council has served 191 adults in 2006, in addition to 256 children through classroom and family literacy programs. For more information or registration forms, call 692-5954.



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Fancy Footnotes strike gold at Sr. Games

The Fancy Footnotes, Seven Lakes tap dance group, tapped their way to first place, at the Moore County Senior Games

Performing Arts competition, on Thursday, May 3rd, at the Pinehurst Fair Barn.

The ladies will compete at

the NC State Senior Games competition in Raleigh, in September.

The group was started by

Carol Mark, the director/choreographer, and has been in existence for 12 years.

The Senior Games Golf com-

petition was held at the Seven Lakes Country Club on Tuesday, May 1st.



The Fancy Footnotes — Paula Urbinati, Liliane Partain, Nancy Workman, Marilyn MacDonald, Jo Gilbert, Carol Mark, Claire Kuhn, Linda Talbot, Dodie Lynn, Annette Daniels



Senior Games Golf Winners — Linda Parke, Annette Daniels, Jim Hilderbrand, Joanne Rabdau, Jack Raffaele, Joel Rabdau, Peggy Jones, Al Daniels, Charlie Weaver

19th Annual National Cancer Survivors Day

As a part of a nationwide celebration of life, our community will join together Sunday, June 3, 2007, and recognize the 19th Annual National Cancer Survivors Day. The event is free and open to cancer survivors, their families and friends as well as physicians and other medical staff who treat cancer patients.

National Cancer Survivors Day brings together living people - not cancer victims - to share their smiles, tears and victories. Join us in our celebration of life and triumph over cancer by being a part of our fun-filled event.

The celebration, sponsored by FirstHealth of the Carolinas, will be held at the Fair Barn at the Harness Track on Highway 5 in Pinehurst.

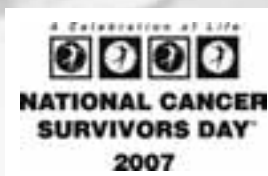
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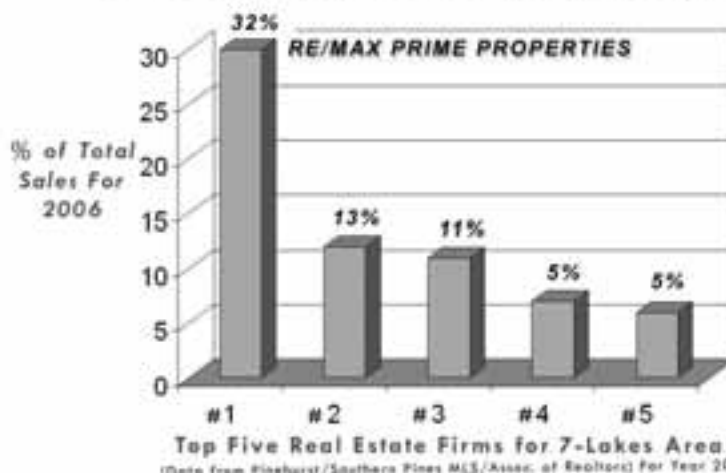
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Merry Ann Grimm Caddell, 62, died Tuesday, April 24, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Caddell was born in Pinehurst, daughter of the late Walter and Altha Moore Morgan. She worked twenty-seven years at the Pinehurst Surgical Clinic and enjoyed working in her yard, collecting bears and spoiling her granddaughters.

Mrs. Caddell is survived by her sons, Kenneth Bryan Grimm of Raeford, and Henry Wayne Caddell of Willow Springs; a stepson, Tony Caddell of West End; brother, Walt Morgan of Robbins; sister, Jenny Graham of Pinehurst; and two granddaughters.

A funeral service was held Friday, April 27, at Beulah Hill Baptist Church in West End. The Rev. Curtis Barbery, the Rev. Archie Stevens, and Mr. Bryan Manus officiated. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Beulah Hill Baptist Church, Building Fund, PO Box 492, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Boles Funeral Home of Pinehurst is served the family.

John R. Rouse, 87, died Wednesday, April 25, at his home in Seven Lakes.

Mr. Rouse was born in Arbuckle, Pennsylvania, the son of the late Milton and Inez Ashton Rouse. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the 806th Tank Destroyer Battalion, stationed in the Philippines. He owned and operated Rouse Insurance Agency in Edinboro, Pa., for about forty years until his retirement in 1991.

He was a 33rd degree Mason, member of the Scottish rite, Eureka Lodge #366 in Union City, PA, and served as district deputy for ten years. He was also an Edinboro councilman for many years, as well as a member of the school board. He was a longtime member of the Edinboro United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir. Since 1992, he has been a member of Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dona Webster Rouse; a daughter, Terri Miller of Erie, PA; two stepsons, Jeffrey C. Webster of Raleigh, R. Mark Webster of

Lusby, Maryland; a stepdaughter, Lynell Piccirillo of New Wilmington, PA; seven grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Monday, April 30, at Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church in Seven Lakes.

Memorials may be made to Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, PO Box 456, West End, NC 27376, Community Home Care and Hospice, 685 S. Bennett St., Southern Pines, NC 28387, or to Aging Outreach Services, PO Box 2478, Southern Pines, NC 28388.

Arrangements handled by Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes.

Paul E. Britt, 85, of Eagle Springs, died Thursday, April 26, at his home.

A native of Moore County, Mr. Britt was the son of Arlin Mason Britt and Daisy Mae Waller Britt.

He was a deacon of Palmair Baptist Church in West End, and a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in World War II in the Pacific. He was a logger.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Goins Britt, of the home; four daughters, Wanda Stuart of Mt. Gilead, Paula Ransom of Jackson Springs, Rhonda Davis of Star, and Christine Britt of Aberdeen; a son, Rickey Britt of Eagle Springs; a brother, Joe Britt of Jackson Springs; four grandchildren and two step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and four step-great grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Sunday, April 29, at Community Baptist Church. The Rev. Fred Richardson and the Rev. Otis Goins officiated. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Marie Britt, Box 34, Eagle Springs, NC 27242.

Briggs-Candor Funeral Home assisted the family.

Ret. Capt. Dan Caldwell McNeill, 89, of Seven Lakes, died Tuesday, May 1, at his home.

Born in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Mr. McNeill was the son of the late James McNeill and Kathryn McNeill. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served his country in World War II, and retired after twenty-five years of service. He was a graduate of DePauw University, Green Cas-

tle, Indiana, and then went on to receive his master's degree from Harvard Business School. He was formerly the senior vice president of City Bank in New York for fifteen years. Mr. McNeill and his wife, Nancy, moved from New Canaan, Connecticut, to Seven Lakes in 1981. He was a member of West End Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, James McNeill.

Survivors include his wife of

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sixty years, Nancy McNeill, of Seven Lakes; two sons, Jeffrey N. McNeill of Tokyo, Japan, and David C. McNeill of Durham; daughter, Pamela Nelson of Wilmington, Ohio; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Friday, May 4, at West End Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Larry Lyons officiated. Interment followed at the church columbarium following the funeral.

Memorial contributions may be made to Community Home Care and Hospice, 685 S. Bennett St., Southern Pines, NC 28387.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Doris Marie Scoggins Stancik, 81, of Seven Lakes South, died Thursday, May 3, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Stancik was born in Durham, the daughter of Luther Randolph and Lillie Moore Scoggins. Mrs. Stancik was employed with the Duke Hospital Medical and Surgical Supplies Store. She received her Licensed Practical Nurse degree in October 1963. As president of the Lutheran Women Missionary League, she represented the Southeastern District at the National Convention of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod in Houston, Texas, in July, 1969, at the very time of the landing on the moon.

Survivors include her husband of sixty-two years, Edwin Stancik; three sisters, Betty Lou Roberts of Bahama, and JoAnn Morrow and Barbara Jackson, both of Durham; two brothers, Marvin Scoggins of Gastonia, and Johnny Scoggins of Timberlake; a daughter, Wanda Fay

McDevitt of Durham; two sons, the Rev. Glen Alan Stancik of Pinehurst, and Edward Kent Stancik of Shelbyville, Kentucky; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren also survive.

A memorial service was held Friday, May 11, at the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines. The Rev. Donald J. Welch and the Rev. Charles Hinson officiated. Memorials may be made to the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, 2125 Seven Lakes South, West End, NC 28376, and Seven Lakes EMS, 969 Seven Lakes North, Seven Lakes, NC 27376.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes served the family.

Whitney Amber Dail, 18, of Robbins, died Saturday, May 5, 2007, at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Miss Dail was a native of Lee County and a senior at North Moore High School, where she played varsity basketball. She was a fellow Christian student, a member of the Key Club, and was on the staff of the annual yearbook. She was formerly employed at Mac's Breakfast Anytime in Seven Lakes.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, May 8, at Smyrna United Methodist Church. The Rev.

Tal Madison officiated. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Survivors include her parents, Randy and Tammy Hussey of the home; her father, William Otis Moore of Cameron; brother, Joey Moore of Robbins; sister, Amanda Moore of Robbins; paternal grandparents, Johnny

and Brenda Hussey of Eagle Springs, Odell and Linda McLean of Cameron.

Tommie R. Saunders, 74, of West End, died on Sunday, May 6, at his home.

Mr. Saunders was born in Anson County, NC to the late George W. Saunders and Annie

Butler Saunders. He was an active member and a deacon at West End First Baptist Church as well as a former leader of Royal Ambassadors. He was a Scout Master with Boy Scouts of America, a former member of the West End Fire and Rescue, and the Seven Lakes Yellow Rockers.

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Mr. Saunders was also a member of the Lions Club.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Pete Saunders and Floyd Saunders, and two sisters, Louise Carter and Annie

"Polly" Laural.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-four years, Mary Saunders of West End; a son, Robert Darrell Saunders of Seven Lakes; a daughter Deborah Saunders Bowyer of West End; three

brothers, Walter D. Saunders of West End, Drew P. Saunders of Huntersville, NC, and David Saunders of Olatha, Kansas; and four grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, May 9 at West End

First Baptist Church. The Rev. David Reynolds and Rev. Robbie Gibson officiated. Burial followed at the West End Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: West End Baptist Church, PO Box 501, West End,

NC, 27376 or to FirstHealth Hospice, 150 Applecross Rd., West End, NC 27376, or to Wake Heart Center, 3000 New Bern Ave., Raleigh, NC 27610.

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'Swordbird' brings a message of peace

Swordbird:
by Nancy Yi Fan

Review by Andrew Schrodtt

Swordbird was written by a twelve-year old girl named Nancy Yi Fan. She was born in China in 1993, where she spent the first part of her childhood. When Nancy was seven she and her parents moved to the United States.

Birds, her lifelong passion, gave her the inspiration for *Swordbird*. After awakening from a vivid dream about birds at war while at the same time fighting

with her feelings about terrorism and September 11, Nancy wrote *Swordbird* as a way to tell her message of peace to the world. She currently lives in Florida with her parents.

The story is about blue jays and cardinals of Stone-Run Forest that have turned against one another. According to legend, only Swordbird, son of the Great Spirit, has the power to conquer evil and restore peace to the land. But is he real or just a myth? Can Swordbird be there in time to save the forest or will

it be too late?

I would recommend this book to both children and adults. This book is full of action, like when the slavebirds try to escape Fortress Gloomington or when Miltin and Aska fly over the white-capped mountains and come across the skylarkills. My favorite part is when Swordbird is summoned to defeat the evil hawk Lord Turnatt.

To buy *Swordbird* or for more information, visit the Bookshop by the Lakes in Seven Lakes Business Village.



Book Reviewer Andrew Schrodtt

Pontoon boats needed for Open Water Swim

The Sandhills Sandsharks Swim Team is hosting the 10th Annual North Carolina Open Water Swimming Championships on June 2. The races will be held on Lake Echo in Seven Lakes North.

Four pontoon boats are needed on Lake Echo during the races to serve as judging platforms at each turn in the water course.

This year, the open water swim in Seven Lakes has been selected as a United States Grand Prix Qualifier Race site, only one of ten venues selected

annually. These races are instrumental in developing protocols for selecting the 2008 Olympic Open Water Team.

The event will feature age group and Masters' races, drawing an expected five hundred participants making it one of the largest amateur sporting events held in Moore County. Races will be held throughout the day from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Organizers Taylor Cooper of the Sandhills Sandsharks and Mike Sanders, along with the Seven Lakes Landowners Association, invite you bring out your

lawn chairs, enjoy the competition, and cheer on Northside's own Taylor Raines and Melissa Sanders.

Please note that Lake Echo and Echo dam will be closed to vehicle traffic during the competition.

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SARL has trapped, spayed or neutered and adopted out some of the adult cats in the Seven Lakes area and others (feral ones) have been released to be fed by concerned members of the community. Eighty-seven kittens have been adopted out from some of these female cats in the last three years. Some of the cats were just too feral to be turned around and were released to their former area — but not to continue to breed. The released cats help keep the rat and mice population down in the Seven Lakes Business Village.

SARL has also rescued a number of dogs and puppies in the area and most have been adopted into "forever homes" in Moore County, and up and down the Eastern Seaboard. A kitten from Eagle Springs went to Germany in January 2007.

Please help Sandhills Animal Rescue League continue to provide excellent vet care and good nutrition, and to buy supplies that are needed on a daily basis by sending a tax deductible donation using the form below. You may choose yearly, monthly, or a one time contribution.

Thank you from the cats and dogs we rescue, our volunteers, and the board of directors of Sandhills Animal Rescue League.

For more information about the League, volunteer opportunities or other information please contact Lou Atkins at 974-4468 or pick up a Sandhills Animal Rescue League pamphlet at Bookshop by the Lakes in Seven Lakes Business Village.

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Grumpy Pumpkin issues funding challenge

Real estate investor Clark Campbell of Grumpy Pumpkin, LLC, is issuing a challenge to the local business community to match his contribution of \$1,000 to the Northside Park playground fund.

Campbell, who competed in the recent Seven Lakes 7K, was inspired to call on several friends and hopes the entire business community will meet his pledge drive challenge.

"I decided to make this gift and hope that others will match my contribution. My mother lives in Seven Lakes and my family frequently spends time at Northside Park," Campbell continued, "I believe the business community will agree with me that the playground is a great place that we can all support."

The number of children residing in Seven Lakes is growing rapidly. Laura Douglass, Recreation Director of Seven Lakes Landowners Association, and

her committee have been working to raise both awareness and funding to purchase new playground equipment and improve the landscaping and sporting areas at Northside Park.



Clark Campbell of Grumpy Pumpkin, LLC

"Mr. Campbell's support of our efforts and the contributions that we hope to receive as a direct result of his pledge drive challenge will allow us to reach our goals much sooner than we expected," says Douglass.

"A modern, modular playground structure such as the one my committee would like to see in place at Northside Park costs between \$20 and \$30K dollars."

"By tapping in to the interest and resources of our local business community," Douglass continues, "using monies provided through the recreation budget, as well as by hosting benefits such as the recent May Follies, my committee hopes to build a new playground and revitalize the park, creating a green space that can be enjoyed by everyone in Seven Lakes."

Donations are welcome, in any amount. Checks may be made payable to SLLA, 501 Seven Lakes North, West End, NC 27376.

Stingrays Swim Team

The Seven Lakes Stingrays swim team is looking for new members. This is a wonderful opportunity for children, 5-15 years of age, to be introduced to competitive swimming and develop skills that will last them a lifetime.

To gain points as a team, the Stingrays need to have competitors in each age category at swim meets. More swimmers on the team will better their chance to earn points toward the league championship.

The Stingrays schedule is very flexible. The program runs from June to the end of July with four scheduled meets. There are team practices two mornings and two evenings a week. Swimmers are not expected to attend every practice or every meet.

The league will hold a stroke camp starting in mid-May to further help the swimmers improve and develop their strokes. For more information or to register your child for this program, please call Tonya Godwin at 246-8045 or email tmgodwin@nc.rr.com.

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Strawberry salad

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This recipe is called a salad, but it can be a dessert, because it is sweet.



Topping

8 oz. Cool Whip
3/4 cup sugar
8 oz. Cream cheese

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Strawberry Pretzel Salad Ingredients

2 cups crumbled pretzels (not finely crushed)
2 cups hot water
1 stick melted butter
1 cup cold water
3 Tbsp. Brown sugar
2 boxes frozen strawberries or the equivalent fresh
1 large box strawberry Jello® (I use sugar-free)
1 package plain gelatin mixed in 2 Tbsp. cold water

Combine pretzel crumbs, butter, and brown sugar. Spread in 9 x 13 in. baking dish.

Bake at 300 degrees for six minutes. Cool. Stir Jello® and softened gelatin into hot water until dissolved. Add cold water and strawberries.

Chop berries if you use fresh. Chill until almost set. Pour over crust.

Combine topping ingredients and pour over.

Chill and enjoy.

Mothers

Mothers: they rise above all others, even fathers, sisters, and brothers.

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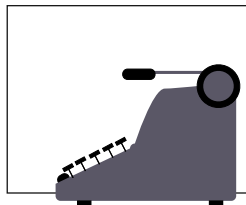
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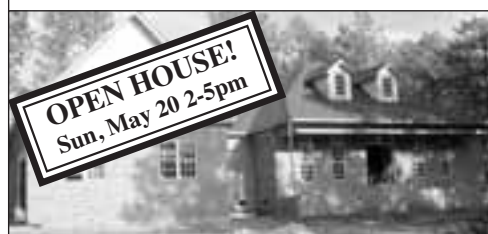
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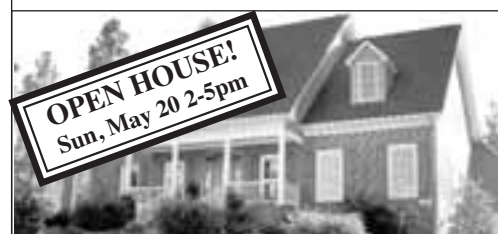
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Work Session

Robertson also attended the meeting.

Community Center Rental

Patton asked the Board to reconsider a new policy that requires clubs and community organizations to pay increased deposits for the use of the West Side Park Community Center. The Association has in the past allowed a single deposit to be used for multiple days' reservations and has held deposit checks rather than cashing them — a process that minimized the impact on club budgets.

Patton, a former SLWLA Board member, was the director responsible for developing the initial rules for the use of West Side Park and the Community Center. She said the new procedure "directly contradicts the foundation philosophy" governing use of the center. Public input at the time indicated that residents "did not mind if their dues supported community-wide Seven Lakes activities" at the community center, she added, noting that the new fee and deposit schedule was adopted with minimal public notification and discussion.

"The founding fathers named this a Community Center, not a Member's Club," she said. "The board should accommodate — not discourage — approved community-based groups who all contribute to Seven Lakes West in their own ways. You need no other justification for excusing them from deposits and rental

fees."

The board will take up Patton's request in a future meeting, President Jim Haggard indicated.

Board Goals

Directors discussed and adopted a set of goals that were brainstormed during the Board Organizational Retreat and the were wordsmithed by Director Bill Mamel. Mamel noted that the goals were approved for Fiscal Year 2007-2008, but have implications for subsequent years as well.

The goals as approved are:

1. Conduct SLWLA business and governance activities in a manner which may be characterized by openness, collaboration, transparency, integrity and protocol. Demonstrate commitment by:
 - Completing a financial audit.
 - Establishing a Communications Committee
 - Conducting 'open' Work Sessions
2. Develop and implement a dynamic long range plan consistent with the vision statement for the Seven Lakes West community, which includes:
 - A supporting financial resources plan.
 - A review of the utilities and services infrastructure.
 - Activities demonstrating commitment to work in harmony with the SLLA, the Seven Lakes Civic Group, and the Area A Planning Committee.

3. Develop and implement a secure relational database which supports the SLWLA administrative functions and serves as a historical archive.
4. Update the Rules and Regulations, and the By-Laws of the SLWLA.
5. Select an appropriate, contemporary postal delivery system. Available financing and resource support will determine the phases of implementation.
6. Assess public safety, security and infrastructure issues and concerns, and develop and/or update plans to improve their operational effectiveness. Areas of concentration:
 - Fire hydrants
 - Drainage and erosion
 - SLW perimeter integrity, including gate technology
 - Traffic 'calming'

- Spontaneous communications

Finance

Treasurer Kathy Kirst reported that the SLWLA has contracted with Busby and Company for an audit of the Association's books. It is expected to be done in June or July, Kirst told Board members, and will cost \$5,000 to \$6,000. A three-person audit and finance committee has been formed to handle internal audits and periodic budget reviews. Committee members include Lois Rocco, George Ellis, and Mercedes Herdrich.

Board members reviewed the Association's check register and profit and loss statement, clarifying the rationale for various

expenditures. Kirst noted that the community's expenses are currently running \$77,000 over budget, largely due to legal expenses associated with the negotiations with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission [NCWRC] and the higher-than-anticipated cost of paving Lakeway Drive. As a result, the amount of money being allocated to reserves will be less than expected.

"This is community money for community projects," Kirst reminded board members. Unlike government budgets, any money saved does not "go away" but can be carried over in reserves for use in funding longer-term projects, she said. She noted that a

(See "Work Session," p. 22)

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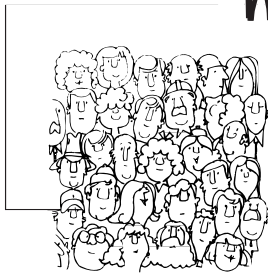
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- **SLCC Spring Fling Dinner & Dance** – 5:30 pm cocktails, 6:30 pm dinner, 7:00 pm music. Entertainment will be provided by Eric "Mr. Music Man" Henderson, at the keyboard. Dinner choice of Beef Stroganoff or Chicken Cordon Bleu with rice Pilaf, green beans w/red peppers, salad, and dinner rolls. Dessert will be Carmel Apple Pie. All-inclusive members pricing is \$24.00. Non-members pricing is \$29.00. Reservations 673-1100,
- **Keep Moore County Beautiful Golf Tournament** – Mid Pines Golf Club in Southern Pines. Tournament proceeds provide the entire annual budget for the Keep Moore Beautiful organization. Entry Fee of \$125 includes lunch, a gift bag, snacks on course, and the Owings Memorial Gift Packet to every golfer which contains four green fees for future play at Mid Pines, a premier Donald Ross

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playing, please contact Joan Neal at 947-3478.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

- **Rooster's Wife Concert Series** – 8:00 pm, outside at Aberdeen's oldest building, the Postmaster's House. Featuring the Carolina Chocolate Drops. Join in for an evening of great old time music and fun.

MONDAY, MAY 14

- **Save Our Sandhills Meeting** – 7:00 pm, Southern Pines Civic Club located at corner of Pennsylvania and Ashe. A grassroots organization which seeks to save and protect the Sandhills woods, streams, and wildlife for the benefit of citizens. For more information, call Joe McDonald at 281-5271.
- **NARFE Meeting** – 10:30 am, Community Congregational Church at 141 N.

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regular meeting will feature Catherine Graham, Clerk of Court in Carthage for Moore

County. Her talk will focus on guardianship and probate matters. Chapter 1895 welcomes all Federal, including USPS, active employees, retirees and spouses to monthly meetings. Additional information about NARFE is available by contacting Vilma Geisert 215-5898; Peter Feeney 695-1554; or George Sandoval 949-7287.

TUESDAY, MAY 15

- **Interfaith Forum** – 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 Hwy 15-501 two miles north of the Pinehurst traffic. Representatives of five Moore County congregations will share their perspectives on "Are you there, God? Exploring the Power of Prayer." Question and answer period after the forum which is free and open to the public. All are welcome. For further information, call 673-2935, or 295-1179.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

- **Project Linus Workshop** – 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, North Clubhouse. Please join us as we build our inventory of blankets to be donated to agencies supporting children who have suffered a serious illness, a traumatizing event or are otherwise in need. If you have never attended a workshop, stop by, let us introduce you to Project Linus, the agencies we donate to, and meet our other volunteers. Many of our volunteers do not sew - there are lots of other ways to help. We will have fleece for cutting and tying, kits to check out and labels to sew on. Call Pat Weber at 673-1457, for questions.

THURSDAY, MAY 17

- **Seven Lakes Forum** – 9:00 am to 11:00 am, at the West Side Park Community Center. Don Welch will discuss World-wide Fundamentalism. All women and men from Seven Lakes and their guests are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Don Welch at 673-6701, or Bill Mamel at 673-8970.
- **Why We Serve Speakers** – 7:00 pm, Days Inn in Southern Pines, located on US Route 1. Sponsored by The Jesse Helms Center Foundation, veterans of the War on Terror will share their experiences – and some of the good news stories that often don't make it into evening television

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SATURDAY, MAY 19

- **Friends of Given Memorial Library Literary Luncheon** – 11:30 am, St. Andrews Room at Pinehurst Country Club. The featured author is award winning mystery writer Jeffery Deaver. All are welcomed to this community event. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the following locations: Given Memorial Library; Given Book Shop; Cooks Choice, and the Country Book Shop in Southern Pines.
- **League of Women Voters Spring Luncheon, Fashion Show, & Card Party** – 11:30 am, The Pinehurst Members Club. A Celebration of Spring and Summer fashions by Talbot's over delicious luncheon menu of special Country Club. Tickets \$30/person. Reservations must be made by May 11, send checks made payable to LWVMC to Mary Ann Bird, Treasurer, 105 Owens Lane, Southern Pines 28387. If a card or game table is planned, please include the names of all the players.
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Work Session

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Long Range Planning process is underway which will provide the board with additional guidance about the long-term financial needs of the community.

Kirst told the Board that the insurance committee had recommended that all contractors doing work for the Association have a minimum of \$1 million in liability coverage as well as a workman's compensation policy. The insurance committee is preparing to conduct a loss prevention survey of association property.

The Long Range Planning Committee has acquired a new laptop computer, a video presentation device, and software, Kirst told Directors. Funds available in the administration budget was used to purchase the equipment, which will be available for use by board members and board committees.

Lake

Director Mary Anne Fewkes said the community has not received state inspection reports on the Lake Auman Dam for the past three or four years because

the address the state had on file was the private address of a former board president. That oversight has been corrected.

Canada geese are a growing problem at Johnson Point and on the island, Fewkes said. She has asked the Lake Management Committee to explore options for addressing the problem. She also reported that speed bumps had been ordered for either end of the Lake Auman Dam roadway.

President Haggard announced that revised boating rules were unanimously approved via email after the last general meeting.

Architectural Review

Director Mamel said the Architectural Review Committee will be working with the compliance officer to identify violations of the rules against antennas and exposed above-ground tanks. Director Ray MacKay noted that the rules restricting antennas were written before the development of new small satellite dishes. Mamel said the committee's objective was to deal with a nuisance, not to create hardship for homeowners.

Mamel noted that new, more stringent standards for design and construction have been reviewed with Westside developer Bob Van Houten, who is having his attorney review them. These will come to the board for review and action shortly.

Security

Blaine Rowland said he had put out a proposed regulation on open burning that would allow burning in the community so long as the appropriate state permits were obtained. Feedback from the community had

been strongly in favor of no open burning, so Rowland revised his proposal to prohibit open burning throughout the community, with the exception of Morganwood. He noted that the larger tracts in Morganwood can require controlled burns for appropriate management.

Mamel made a motion that open burning of any kind be prohibited within the boundaries of Seven Lakes West, including Morganwood, but his motion died for lack of a second.

President Haggard asked Rowland and Mamel to form a sub-

committee to explore the issue and bring a proposal back to the board.

Other Business

Also during the work session the board:

- Asked Director Fewkes to explore, with Community Manager Robertson, and member Bud Sales, what can be done to increase enforcement of community speed limits by the Moore County Sheriff's Office.
- Accepted Director Jo Nicholas'

(See "SLWLA" p. 23)

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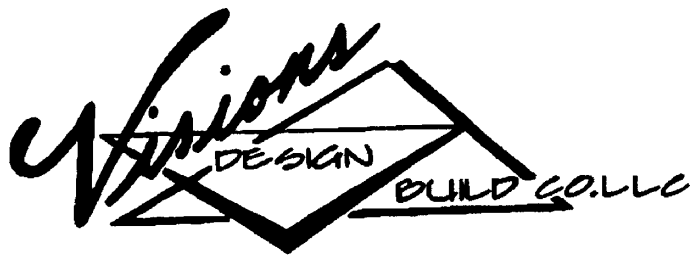
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Weber

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says the SLCC Board "cannot and will not concede jurisdiction of our property to the single family dwelling covenants of the SLLA."

Truesdell, in his letter from two weeks ago, suggested the attorneys for the two sides meet to discuss the issue. Weber says the Club contacted one of the SLLA's attorneys in March but hasn't heard back.

Truesdell's letter said the Association would be interested in purchasing the existing five-acre driving range; Weber's reply says the club would be happy to sell the property and in fact offered to do so back in November.

Finally, Weber says the Club and Association had a compromise on the whole issue worked out in March, when the SLLA Board backed away from the deal.

SLWLA

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- offer to maintain the bulletin boards in the Westside mail house.
- Asked Director Rowland to join Director Beckwith in clarifying whether community legal documents prohibit residents from entering their property other than through the front and back gates.
- Discussed a request from Dr. Lionel Kuhn at the April General Meeting that a referendum be held to determine whether a majority of landowners is in favor of withdrawing from the recently negotiated agreement with the NCWRC. The board asked Fewkes and Haggard to meet with Kuhn to further discuss his concerns about the agreement.
- Reviewed individual action items from the last work session, the majority of which had been resolved.

Next meeting

The May General Meeting of the SLWLA will be held in the West Side Park Community Center on Tuesday, May 22 at 7:30 pm.

The Association elected four new board members in March. The text of Weber's letter follows:

May 9, 2007
Don,

Your email of April 25, 2007, which was also published in the Seven Lakes Times, did not truly depict all of the facts and circumstances surrounding this issue. It neglected to clearly state since May 2006 the country club has sought landowners association advice and assured that you have been directly informed of each step in the club's planning process.

In October 2006, while a member of the SLCC Board of Directors and President of the SLLA, you were insistent that we get ARB approval for our proposed practice range. On October 27, 2006, Mike Spayd and I met with the ARB and presented our preliminary plans for the new practice range. Present for the ARB were Ron Richmond, Chairman, Lucy Ingram, JoAn Moses, Jim Kilpatrick and Chad Beane. During the presentation we answered several questions from the ARB members.

At the conclusion of our presentation we were handed a copy of an email that was sent to the SLLA by a resident who was opposed to this project. We were then told that they could not give us a decision at that time.

A week later Dalton Fulcher, Ron Richmond and Chad Beane requested a meeting with SLCC. At that meeting, we were informed that if we reversed the netting and hit uphill, the SLLA would have no jurisdictional objections to the project since the poles for the protective netting would be on original Country Club property.

In your letter dated January 9, 2007; you stated, "In terms of the Seven Lakes Landowners jurisdiction there is simply no question that we have jurisdiction over all the Seven Lakes Country Club property." To this end we challenge your jurisdiction because we do not feel that SLLA has control over our practice range, tee boxes, fairways, bunkers, greens, lakes, cart path, maintenance and tennis facilities. The SLCC Board cannot and will not concede jurisdiction of our property to the single family dwelling covenants of the SLLA.

In your email, you proposed a non-binding meeting of our respective attorneys. As you recall, after the SLLA unilaterally withdrew from board approved negotiations, the country club recommended in a February 22, 2007 letter that our two attorneys should talk. On March 2, 2007 you responded and requested our attorney's con-

tact information be sent to Henry Jones of the Jordan-Price Law Firm in Raleigh, North Carolina. On March 5, 2007, we sent an email to Mr. Jones with all of the information.

To date your attorney has made no contact. We would suggest that you find out why Mr. Jones never had this conversa-

(See "Weber," p. 24)



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- sored by the County Soil and Water Conservation office. The prize-winning teams were comprised of students home-schooled by members of the Christian Home Educators of the Sandhills.
- Proclaimed May "Older Americans Month" in Moore County, which is home to more than 21,000 adults age 60 or older. The fitness room at the Senior Center, according to Moore County Director of Aging Terri Protts, now has 347 members and is averaging 160-190 members per month.
- Proclaimed May as "Historic Preservation Month" in Moore County, tying into a national observance sponsored by The National Trust for Historic Preservation.
- Approved minutes from the

April 16 Regular Meeting and from the March 19 and April 2 Closed Sessions.

- Approved miscellaneous budget amendments.
- Adopted new state-mandated procedures for the retention and disposition of county records.
- Convened as the Board of Directors for the East Moore Water District to accept \$2.7 million in additional loans from the US Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service in order to cover the rising cost of completing Phase II of the East More Water District. The total cost of the project is now projected to be just under \$12 million.
- As the East Moore Water District Board, approved the awarding of just over \$5 million in three construction contracts for the East Moore Phase II project.
- Awarded a \$316,500 contract for a new lime feed system at the county's Addor wastewater treatment plant.
- Awarded a \$1.3 million contract for the construction of a pump station that feeds the wastewater treatment plant.
- Awarded a \$270,000 contract for engineering services on a plan to replace wastewater lift stations at Pinehurst Lake.
- Approved the merger of the

County's Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee and the Adult Home Community Advisory Committee.

- Tabled a contract for the provision of transportation services for Medicaid recipients.
- Approved the acquisition of one-and-one-half acres adjacent to Sandhills Farm Life Elementary School for \$13,600.
- Approved a motion that any future land purchases be accompanied by a certified appraisal of the value of the property.

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The next MOCARS community service activity is support of the Dressage competition at the Sandhills Horse Show the weekend of May 11-13. MOCARS next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17, at 7:00 pm at the Moore County Emergency Operations Center in Carthage. Everyone with an interest in amateur radio is welcome.

Weber

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tion with our attorney. If you really want to pursue this avenue as you proposed, please have him contact our attorney and begin the process.

Your email also suggested that the SLLA might be interested in purchasing the 5.6 acres that is occupied by our current practice range. If you recall my letter of November 28, 2006, we offered to sell this property to the SLLA and we also made this offer during our joint Board meeting in mid-December. The SLCC Board would be happy to entertain a reasonable offer for this property. After completing negotiations we would present the sales contract to our members who must approve the sale of this property.

We continue to be very much interested in resolving this issue for the mutual benefit of the community and both organizations. As you know, in March of this year, we did negotiate an agreement with the SLLA on this matter and at the last minute your Board withdrew from the agreement after insisting on including provisions into the final document that had never been part of the negotiations.

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Editorial

'I'll see you in court!'

"I'll see you in court!"

Those are fighting words, a more civilized version of the barroom challenge "Let's step outside and settle this," or the playground challenge, "You just step over that line and . . . and . . . and . . . well, you'll see!"

We tend to think of the lawsuit as a sort of legal fistfight, and folks on opposite sides of a suit often treat each with the same level of acrimony as the participants in a barroom brawl. In short, it can get nasty.

This caricature of lawsuits is reinforced by popular culture, by headline-seeking attorneys in high-profile cases, and perhaps by the adversarial nature of our legal system. That's unfortunate, because the lawsuit is one of the cornerstones of civilization. One of the most important functions of government is to provide a means for dispute resolution.

If you look at the tribal badlands on the border of Pakistan and Afghanistan, you'll find no president, no legislature, no police force, no school board. But you will find a system of traditional courts — the jirgas that the US government made use of in setting up the provisional government in Afghanistan.

Figuring out how to help folks resolve disputes without killing each other is the most basic function of government. And there are disagreements that, for a variety of reasons, cannot be resolved through negotiation among the parties to the dispute.

The current disagreement between the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] and Seven Lakes Country Club [SLCC] may be such an intractable dispute. The Club wants to build a new driving range and says it need not obtain approval of its plans from the SLLA Architectural Review Board [ARB]. The SLLA insists that the club's property is covered by Southside covenants — so the project must be approved by the ARB.

At the last General Meeting of the Association, members of the SLLA Board made it clear that their position is firm. In a letter reproduced in this issue of *The Times*, SLCC President Dick Weber makes it clear that "the SLCC Board cannot and will not concede jurisdiction of our property to the single family dwelling covenants of the SLLA."

There's not much room for compromise there.

Two sides, with differing understandings of a legal document, duty bound to protect the interests of the folks they represent — that's a tough dispute to resolve. That's why we have courts. We have courts to resolve disputes that the parties can't resolve among themselves.

It seems like the SLLA/SLCC dispute may be headed for court. That's not necessarily a bad thing. It could be better for the future of both the Club and the Association if the resolution to this dispute has the authority of the court stamped on it.

It would be a shame, on the other hand, if the process of seeking that definitive resolution became any more acrimonious than it already is. It would also be a shame if both organizations spent a lot of cash on legal fees that they could better use for other purposes.

So the traditional adversarial lawsuit might not be the best strategy for resolving this issue. Fortunately, there are a whole range of legal strategies under the heading "alternative dispute resolution" that, once concluded, are binding on both parties.

The one most people are familiar with is arbitration. Here, the parties agree to present their case to a neutral arbitrator and abide by his or her decision. Sometimes a panel of arbitrators is used. They are typically people trained in dispute resolution. There are provisions for using arbitration under North Carolina law, and using the process can be a lot cheaper — and quicker — than a conventional lawsuit.

Another option is mediation. This is like arbitration in that it involves the use of a trained mediator, but the binding commitment comes after the mediation rather than before it. And there are other formal methods of dispute resolution — short of a full-scale legal battle — beyond these two.

The SLLA and SLCC have evidenced some willingness to move in this direction. Both seem willing to let their respective attorneys meet to discuss the particulars of the dispute. Still, that hasn't happened, and we don't have much confidence that it will resolve the dispute. More likely each attorney will simply advise his or her client that they have a pretty good case, should they want to take it to court.

We'd encourage both sides to accelerate the process and discuss formal mediation or arbitration with their respective attorneys.

The relationship between Seven Lakes Country Club and the Seven Lakes Landowners Association should be symbiotic and mutually supportive. The leaders of the Association and the Club have been talking past each other for months now, with little to show for it other than an increasingly bitter atmosphere.

It is time for both to live up to their responsibility to seek a final, binding resolution to this question in a professional — and non-confrontational — manner.

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As a young man my attendance at Sunday's church service was a real drag. The choir leader, a 5' 5," 200 lb soprano, screeched out the hymns, and the minister, a slight-built, unpleasant man, actually reads his sermons from purchased religious material to an openly sleepy audience.

One Sunday, however, a guest speaker from nearby Wheaton College, Billy Graham's alma mater, preached a sermon entitled, "I know something good about you!" It must've been really well done since it's stayed with me for more than sixty years.

The essential theme of the talk was that most folks spend much more time denigrating other people than they do extolling their virtues. The preacher challenged the worshippers to go forth and make it a point to contact a different person each week and tell them something "good" that they knew about them.

Over the past few months there has been a number of rancorous letters to the editor regarding the Board of Directors on both sides of Highway 211.

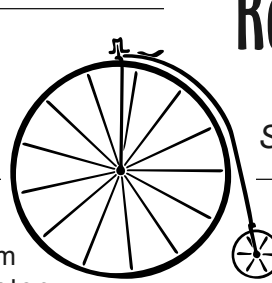
Numerous citizens, many of whom are not members of the Seven Lakes Country Club, also have felt they must tell that Board of Directors how to run the business of the Club.

Recent elections for all three

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boards have dramatically changed the make-up of them. All of the new inductees, just as those serving in the past, are people who love Seven Lakes and feel strongly that they want to give of themselves to continue the historical reputation for excellence which our community maintains.

So here's my challenge to you. Find out what you can about the various people on our community and Country Club boards. Reread their personal credentials noted during their candidacies and ask friends and neighbors about them.

Go to the open Board meetings. Let them know by your attendance that you're vitally interested in them and their service.

Make a point to let them know that you "know something good" (See "Rollin," p. 27)

SEVEN LAKES TIMES

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Board needs to focus on financial challenge

Dear Editor:

It is time for the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board of Directors to decide how it will handle the significant financial challenges that face our community. The paragraphs that follow were emailed to each Board member three weeks ago; to date I have received a response from only one board member.

Our community faces significant challenges because we have not accumulated the reserves we need to fund impending capital needs.

We have the choice of three avenues:

1. Raise dues significantly.
 2. Reduce services.
 3. Find cost savings in operation.
- or —
- Watch the reserves remain under-funded while expenditures on much needed capital improvements are delayed at

long-term detriment to our property values.

Most people understand that budgets for our community should be balanced between current monetary needs and long-term needs. It is obvious to me that funding our long-term capital needs has not been balanced with funding short-term operational expenses. As a result, our reserves for capital expenditures are near crisis levels.

The Seven Lakes Landowners Board has our community's best interest as their primary goal; but from my view, we must start hearing them debate and seeing them resolve the issue of inadequate capital reserves. By not raising dues, reducing services, or implementing savings in operational cost sufficient to build our reserves for capital expenditures to around \$2 mil-

lion over the next five years, this board will not have faced and solved the community's single most important problem. Regardless of who is to blame for our current unfavorable imbalance in capital reserves and capital expenditure needs, this board needs to be honest with us and move with urgency on the issues involved.

Assessment is an ugly thought to most. I have more than a passing knowledge of this community, and it is my opinion that

if this board does not do one of the three items listed above or a combination of the three; soon we will be hearing the dreaded "A-word."

Some of our citizens will say that Shaw is just raising havoc. Those that are objective will realize that the things I have talked about in the past have had merit and will realize I know what I am talking about. Additionally, the objective people will realize that I have offered a plan of action, which might result in

not having to raise dues significantly or reduce services.

If each person who reads this will ask a board member how much money we are going to need in the next five years and how we are going to fund it, I doubt you will get the same answer from those willing to give you an answer. It is past time that we know what expenditures face us and how they are going to be funded.

D. Alan Shaw
Seven Lakes South

Rollin

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Don Welch is Forum speaker May 17

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All women and men from Seven Lakes, and their guests, are invited to attend.

The 'format' for the session follows:

9:00 am- Refreshments

9:15 am - Presentation of information

10:10 am - Break

10:20 am – Speaker & participant dialogue

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Have a safe and pleasant summer. For further information, please contact Bill Mamel at 673-8970.



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Running, not walking, away from 7 Lakes

Dear Editor:

I first became aware of the Seven Lakes community during a Pinehurst golf trip three years ago. My friends and I included a round of golf at Seven Lakes Country Club in our trip and we were very glad that we did. We were treated very well by the friendly staff and the course was so enjoyable that we have returned each year since then and have never been disappointed.

Based on my experiences at the Club, my wife and I have given serious consideration to relocating to Seven Lakes in the near future. We have looked at a number of building lots as well as houses on both the North and South sides. We have also taken the time to find out as much as we can about the community. Your paper has been one of the resources that we have relied upon to provide us with information about life in Seven Lakes.

Your recent edition of April 27 has driven me to the point where I have to say "Enough is enough." Although I will look forward to playing at Seven Lakes in the future, the thought of living in that community is gone for good. My interest has been driven out of my mind by the derisive and dysfunctional behavior exhibited by the Seven Lakes Landowners Board, other home owners, and a number of members of Seven Lakes Country Club, surrounding the proposal to relocate the Club's current driving range.

In your latest issues, a Mr. Kinney calls for a community-wide debate on the merits of the plan. Would he also like a public debate on what he might

like to do with his private property at some point in the future? I think not. Another letter writer states that the founders had "curb appeal" in mind when they placed the driving range at the entrance to the South side. In point of fact, I have been told that one of the founders has freely admitted on many occasions that the placement of the range was a mistake. The original plan

called for the driving range to be positioned to the left of the first fairway. It apparently was relocated by "greed appeal" rather than curb appeal

with no concern for any other interest but their monetary gain from selling more lots.

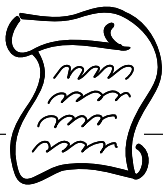
Then we come to the advertisement placed by a number of members of the Seven Lakes Country Club announcing their opposition to the plan and their call for others to join them. What kind of members are these? If they are indeed, then the last Club I want to join is one that has these individuals as members because they do not understand the concept. They have a vehicle with which to raise their concerns and opinions inside their organization. *The Seven Lakes Times* is not the place for this debate in my opinion.

Regarding the recent submission by the Seven Lakes Landowners Board, the less said about them the better. Your paper has been filled with their antics and while they might appear comically entertaining to some, they are very frightening to me.

To those who created this mess, I have three pieces of advice to offer. First, to the mem-

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Letters to the Editor



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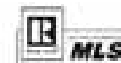
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Dear Editor:

Big Giveaway! That's right, on Monday evening April 15, at the County Commissioners Meeting, on a Motion by Commissioner Tim Lea and seconded by Cindy Morgan, to restate a motion approved on September 5, 2006, for the Airport Authority to repay their obligation to the County. It

was defeated, on a vote of two for and three against. On a motion by Commissioner Larry Caddell, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Melton, and approved 3 to 2 with Chairman Colin McKenzie's vote to release them from their debt by giving away Taxpayers' money amounting to \$242,677.95. In Septem-

ber, McKenzie voted for repayment.

Prior to 1994, the County ran the Airport, and incurred this debt by making improvements to it, and in that year, the county by agreement turned the operations over to the Airport Authority. The agreement was that they were to assume this debt and

repay the County in this amount. The Airport Authority acknowledges this obligation as they have carried it as a liability on their balance sheet.

Since 1994, the Airport Authority ignored this obligation, even after it was restated in September of 2006. They reflect in this

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bers of Seven Lakes Country Club who placed their dirty laundry out for all to see, wake up. As Don Corleone said in the Godfather, "What's the matter with you, I think you are going soft in the head. Never tell anyone outside the family what you're thinking."

If you have nothing better to do with your time and want to circulate petitions, circulate one that will do some good. Go door-to-door and drum up support to end this disaster in Iraq or raise awareness about the damage we are doing to our environment. Debate is one thing but do not continue to behave in such a manner that discredits your Club and yourselves.

Secondly, to the Landowner's Board, get your own house in order before you interfere and intervene in affairs that are beyond your reach. Could this overreaching on your part in fact be the result of some sort of personal agenda by a few members of your Board? What other explanation could there be to involve yourself in the affairs of an entity that isn't part of your association and try to dictate to them what they can or can't do with their private property?

Lastly to the editor of *The Seven Lakes Times*, I would like to encourage you to better serve your community by exercising true journalistic standards and practices. You have allowed your paper to become a gossip-filled rag, not even fit to line the bottom of my bird cage.

Do you fill your pages with this negative diatribe to titillate your readers and increase your circulation? If that is what you want to do, then I suggest you place yourself in the Food Lion checkout stands right next to the National Enquirer.

In closing, it is somewhat ironic to me that so much of this driving range discussion centers on preserving property values and keeping Seven Lakes an attractive option for those searching for a new home. These recent events in your community have had exactly the opposite effect upon me. I am not walking away from Seven Lakes, I am running away and I will tell everyone I know to do the same.

Avery Mann
Cary, NC

The Editor of The Seven Lakes Times is gratified that our correspondent has been able to find amidst the gossip and diatribe enough reliable reporting

in this rag to help him make the decision to move someplace else.

We do hope that he will keep reading "The Seven Lakes Enquirer" long enough to catch our upcoming investigative report on the thirty-foot long water dragon that lurks in the depths of Lake Auman.

— GH

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I say Canada and Mexico should fund a seed-aid program, giving monetary grants and financial aid to us Southerners who

harbor, safe guard, and feed their avian citizens for half the year. There's no way these birds eat this much when they leave our fertile stretch of the continent; they'd never get back off the ground.

I'm sure Canada would agree to this plan, after all, they have socialized medicine — an inevitable institution in a nation obsessed with hockey and its resulting injuries. As a military-dependent, yes, better known as

a brat, I had the honor of calling the Great White North home for a few years. I assure you that Canadians are indeed born with skates on their feet and hockey

on the brain.

Immediately before being posted to Canada, my family spent two years enjoying the blast furnace climate of pre-revolutionary

Iran. I expect the Pentagon has a department solely tasked with making sure that every piece of clothing you own will

high desert. Okay, Arctic tundra is next, and don't forget the obligatory tour of an oppressively humid swamp: A few years in Washington, D.C. should do."

Once I learned to ski and skate, however, I forgave Canada for her daily foot of precipitation and my newly acquired wardrobe of boots, long johns, and wool tuk, which rhymes with juke as in the box. Here in the Carolinas folks call this style of hat a toboggan — which in Canada was what we sledded on.

During winter school break, fed up with the snow, my moth-

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Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

be completely inappropriate for your next assignment.

"Let's see, they just left the

Giveaway!

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In June of 2006, the County Administration requested and was paid \$242,677.95, which apparently was not with the approval of the Commissioners, so in September of 2006 the

commissioners agreed to give it back to them and set them up on a repayment over ten years. Still they made no payments.

The taxpayers are paying for all of this while the airport reaps the revenue.

Now with the County short on cash, and with the needs of the schools, community college, addition to jail, new safety building, new administration building, and the need for a new waste water treatment plant, you are going to see the liberal agenda of certain Commissioners.

Forgiving \$242,000 of our

money is the beginning and is strictly political, at our expense. John Owen is the Republican Chairman, and the Chairman of the Airport Authority, and lives across the street from Chairman McKenzie. This is political, and we will see the largest tax increase in the history of Moore County.

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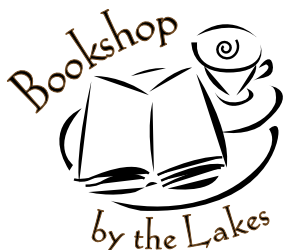
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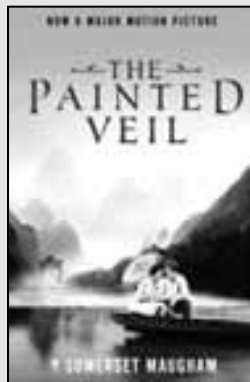
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Seeing the beauty drifting past

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Only an instant's worth of our lives, yes, but a beauty that can

be etched in memory.

Don't we all need at least intermittent snatches of refreshment like this to keep attuned to appreciate the creation of the world that has made it all possible?

Who can resist the beauty of a pure white, wispy, high-flying cloud moving with a silent grace

across the late day and impending setting of the sun? There are times when I see scenes like that appear, something inside me stirs.

It's not so much the vastness of the universe that fills me with wonder as it is the isolated but continuing, though sporadic,

events that can stimulate my soul.

Like the beauty of a Seven Lakes sunset. It's so often a new and different show . . . to be inhaled with awe and reverence.



Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

Laura

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er was inspired to drive home to Maryland. On family vacations my brother and I were each allowed to bring a friend — no doubt a parental ploy to keep us from strangling each other in the back seat.

So within the cozy confines of a diesel-fueled Volkswagon Rabbit, five of us headed South on what turned out to be a defining moment in history — the day Canada provided passports and a means of escape to six American diplomats left trapped in

Iran as our embassy fell.

As we plodded down the highway, fellow motorists passing by — I did say we were in a VW — were waving enthusiastically, honking and cheering at us. It wasn't until we stopped for lunch, with our car proudly displaying a salt-encrusted Canadian license plate, that we were clued into the fuss.

With the restaurant's television trumpeting the story of the "Canadian Caper," we were treated like visiting dignitaries. Patrons shook my mother's hand and

tough-looking truckers supplied us kids with unending stacks of quarters for the pinball machines.

Since Diana and David, the friends we had brought along, were in fact Canadian citizens, Mom kept quiet and let us play along. This wasn't terribly difficult as after just a few months in residence, my brother and I could imitate the North Country up-speak accent and knew when

to drop in the occasional "ah?" for emphasis. Not to mention that we had acquired a smattering of French and the ability to sing "God Save the Queen" and "O Canada," reciting it with either the official lyrics or the naughty versions sung under students' breath at school.

Yes, that day Canada proved herself to be an exceptionally good neighbor and my fellow

Americans responded in kind. I was fortunate to personally share in the pride and the excitement evoked from both sides of our Northern border.

Perhaps tomorrow I will reconsider from whence come my fine feathered guests and be a bit more charitable when I must, yet again, replenish that bird-feeder.

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Keep Moore County Beautiful, Inc. is sponsoring a Mixed Paper Recycling Drive on Saturday, May 12, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, at the Kangaroo Station in the Fresh Market Shopping Center in Southern Pines. Bring! paper grocery bags, flattened boxes, telephone books, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, flattened corrugated cardboard, office paper, and newspapers.

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Subdivision

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family homes would be at least 1800 square feet and no more than 2300 square feet with a maximum of three bedrooms, Beardslee said.

Across the street in Northmoor plans call for 18 single-family detached units in the 1800-2800 square foot range. The bulk of the housing on both sides of the road is in townhome units. Beardslee told SRB members he has been successful in developing this sort of mixed unit development in rural areas of New Jersey.

One of the more innovative features of Beardslee's plans is the use of a small, on-site, wastewater treatment plant, rather than the individual septic systems more common in this part of the county. County wastewater treatment is not available in the area. Beardslee said the treatment plant will produce a effluent that meets groundwater standards — much of which will be used to irrigate the developments landscaping. This will reduce the demand the development places on the county water system.

Water may be one of the challenges Beardslee faces in moving the project forward, Planning Director Surratt said. Though the county is working to increase water flows in to the Seven Lakes area, a good bit of that water is already spoken for. "We are doing him a disservice if we tell him water is available," Surratt said.

Beardslee said the development would be expected to use 100,000 gallons of water per

day at full buildout, which will take four or five years, if not longer. The water system that serves the Seven Lakes area — which draws the bulk of its water from a county water main that runs along NC Highway 211 — can currently produce about 800,000 gallons per day. During the summer irrigation season, there are often days when system usage exceeds the system's capacity and begins to draw down the water in the two Seven Lakes water tanks.

Beardslee said his development would make no demands on the county water system until about mid-2008 and would likely need no more than 30,000 gallons per day through 2009.

Aside from the question of water availability, Beardslee's plans include a water storage tank on the Southwick property designed to ensure there is sufficient water pressure in the system. Roads, amenities, and other infrastructure in the communities will be managed by homeowners associations, Beardslee said.

The open market housing in the Northmoor side of the development would be expected to add 60 to 70 students to Moore County public schools, according to Beardslee's calculations. He said construction of the project will disturb only fifty percent of the site and will leave a large wooded area in the open space. Only eighteen percent of the site will be covered with impervious surface.

Moore County's Subdivision Review Board is a largely technical body, and, as aside from a

few technical points, offered few comments on Beardslee's development. Expressing concerns about the level of density Beardslee is proposing in an area that has yet to see significant development, Surratt suggested the board convene at a future meeting on the development site, in order to look at the land and the proposed plans firsthand.

That suggestion was based on the design philosophies and practices of noted conservation development designee Randall Arendt, who spoke to more than fifty county planners, officials, and members of the develop-

ment community in a session held April 30, the day before the SRB met to consider Beardslee's design. [See page 6 for a report on Arendt's presentation.]

Because Beardslee is seeking PUD zoning for his development, the process has a number of steps, and the plan for the site is a part of the process all along the way.

The SRB will revisit the plan again and must approve the plat, before it moves to consideration by the Planning Board, which must approve the plat and make a recommendation on the rezoning request.

After that, the Board of Commissioners must approve the rezoning, the plat, and the planned unit development. There will be opportunities for public input on the plan at both the planning board and commissioner levels.

One thing that is almost certain to change is the name of one of Beardslee's neighborhoods. "Northmoor," while creative, is too similar to names already well used in the county, Planner Kathy Liles pointed out. Beardslee indicated he would come up with a new name.



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Arendt

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not build, only then should the housing be laid out utilizing much smaller individual lots while still achieving the same housing density as conventional building. He calls his approach density-neutral.

During the workshop, Arendt provided an entertaining slide show illustrating both good and bad design. He amused the room by describing 'butt-ugly development' — a common style where the back ends of the houses face the main access roads.

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Foxfire

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control zoning and we can issue six-month moratoriums, but we can not stop the growth."

Councilman Carl Munro pointed out that some of the proposed development in Area A touches the Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction [ETJ] of Foxfire Village, "We need to be paying attention. We are going to have a conflict with Pinehurst." Munro continued, "Pinehurst has plans to annex all the way to West End."

Mayor Erickson said that Foxfire can annex undeveloped land only if it borders the Village and the landowner requests annexation.

Munro said that he has asked Land Design, a consulting firm, to meet with the Mayor and Council to discuss the ETJ and Small Planning Area A and develop an approach for the village.

Several residents in attendance expressed concern about the number of houses that could potentially be built as access to land opened up along the proposed Woodland Circle extension.

Woodland Circle

Addressing the subject of the Woodland Circle Extension, Mayor Erickson said, "Tom Collins met with eight engineering firms from throughout North Carolina. Five of those chose to continue and will submit plans for this project, from which specs can be developed for the road contractors."

The process will provide the engineering and financial information necessary to determine if the road project will be constructed. If built, the 7,500 foot road would complete the circle from where it ends now to Eagle Drive on the South side.

"The village will pay the upfront costs to construct the road but will get one hundred percent of that money back from the assessed property owners," said Mayor Erickson.

Councilman Wally Peckitt expressed concern that the village was agreeing to fund multiple high-ticket projects, "The council has agreed to the Village Green park renovation plan and Woodland Circle — while these costs will mostly be recouped, we are still borrowing

a lot of money. Where is it coming from?" Peckitt continued, "We only have \$475,000 in our accounts. We still have to finance it and pay the bank note when it is due."

"There are many issues that need to be looked at," said Peckitt. "I just wanted to get the conversation started."

Pool & Tennis Courts

Recipients of North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund [PARTF] grants will be announced on Friday, May 11, in Raleigh.

"Eighty five projects were submitted," said Mayor Erickson, "including ours. If we receive this funding we'll get fifty percent of the project money back, which includes renovating the pool, replacing and enlarging the pool house, replacing the tennis courts which have been unplayable for years, constructing a new children's play area, and building a new access road to the pool on village property."

A resident asked how the cost to renovate the pool compared to a complete replacement. Erick-

son responded, "An examination of the pool showed that the structure, though thirty years old, was sound. It was unnecessary to spend the extra money to start over."

The swimming pool will open for the season on Saturday, May 26. Pool passes will be issued at a cost of \$1.00 per person and are available by contacting Lisa Kivett at the Foxfire Village administration offices.

Kahuna Pools and Spa have been contracted to provide maintenance and service, and have recently completed acid washing the pool and filling in cracks. Water was added to the pool starting on Tuesday, May 8, and it should fill within a day or two.

Noting that the massive amount of water had sounded a village low-water level alarm, a resident suggested that the should have been filled earlier in the Spring when demand would have been lower.

"We got off to a late start this year," said Kivett. "Once the pool is renovated, we will leave it filled year-round and treat it with

chemicals before the open season."

"It takes fourteen days to balance the chemicals," said Kivett, "then the county will come in to inspect the pool before we can open."

Kivett has agreed to manage the pool starting this year and will be compensated \$2,000 for the season. She will be responsible for opening and closing the pool seven days a week. Kivett is scheduled to complete a required Certified Pool Operator course on May 14 -15, in Greensboro.

"We have four lifeguards in place and will be hiring more. Last summer we had difficulty maintaining life guard coverage, particularly if one called in sick," said Kivett. "We are also trying to schedule water aerobics again this year."

Park Rules

Helen Munro, representing the Foxfire Village Park Committee, presented a report to the Mayor and Council of suggest-

(See "Foxfire" p. 35)

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Real Estate

By SANDY STEWART

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Home inspectors are supposed to work FOR the buyer. The real estate agent is not the inspection expert and he or she will be the first to tell you. Hire a house inspector who is totally impartial. That means someone who simply inspects the house and submits the findings but

does nothing whatsoever to correct any fault he may find. In that way, the inspector will not be motivated to "discover" a lot of extra faults as a means toward finding repair work.

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ed park rules.

"We recommend a simple sign stating general park rules be placed near the park entrance and then a longer version be posted at the Town Crier bulletin board in the park."

The longer version of fifteen park rules contains typical warnings offered at other county parks as well as items specific to the Foxfire Village Green.

Munro also recommended that the village hire a monthly cleaning service to maintain the restroom facilities and empty garbage cans at the park.

Councilman Petrie suggested that the village mowing contractor be tasked with removing weeds growing on the walking trail.

A resident questioned who was responsible for watering the newly sodded grass in the park, noting that these areas were "totally parched." He also said that

the lawn in front of the village administration buildings was not being watered properly.

Mayor Erickson said, "In the past, the mowing contractor also took care of the sprinkler systems. Last year, the contractor said he no longer wanted to continue that maintenance." Erickson continued, "As mowing is done, the sprinkler heads get broken."

An inspection of the Village Hall sprinkler system found six working heads out of twenty installed. "We do need to get someone out there to fix it," said Erickson.

Elections

The Moore County Board of Elections provided Foxfire Village with an estimated municipal election cost of \$2,127, which the council unanimously agreed to fund.

The Village has not had a contested election in several years. This Fall, there will be

four council seats up for election. Councilman Wally Peckitt's seat is not up for election this year.

A resident suggested a search committee should be formed to find eligible candidates, "There are a lot of new people living in the village. We need a committee to get out there and knock on doors."

Councilman Lauer said that the current council members spend many hours working for the village and the commitment will become more burdensome as the village grows.

"Future growth will require hiring a Town Manager to handle this work load," said Lauer. He noted that the annual salary cost for such an administrator runs \$50,000 to \$80,000.

Mayor Erickson and the council members agreed that while they do want to encourage residents to run for office, that the council should not be put in a position where they would be, in

effect, hand-selecting successors.

Finance

Councilman Wally Peckitt presented his financial report, stating that he is satisfied the expenditures are in order and properly recorded.

The General Fund balance is \$275,000; Water Fund is \$64,000; Water Capital Reserve Fund is \$106,000; and Police Supplemental Fund balance is \$17,799.

Village Clerk Janice Thomas said that the village had \$24,865 in uncollected taxes from a single taxpayer, the balance of which will be charged at five percent interest.

Public Comment

Councilman Munro read a letter received from resident Mary Spots regarding the Kirby Realty property at the corner of Foxfire and Hoffman Roads. Calling the lot "an eyesore," Ms. Spots

requests that the council take action and demand that the brush and tree stumps be cleared and that the contractor, "finish the job and improve the tract."

Mayor Erickson stated that he too had been approached regarding this same issue. "We are aware of it and will follow up with Kirby."

Save Our Sandhills

A grassroots organization which seeks to protect the Sandhills' woods, streams, and wildlife for the benefit of citizens holds its organizational meeting on Monday May 14 at Save Our Sandhills Meeting 7:00 pm, at the Southern Pines Civic Club located at the corner of Pennsylvania and Ashe. For more information, call 281-5271.

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Community Newsletter

"Keeping our residents informed"

Volume 6, Issue 5, May 2007

President Jim Haggard

This is my first article as President of your Association. I've debated whether it would be more appropriate to leave the talking, and writing, to others while I listen and learn. Unfortunately for you, I've decided it is a responsibility of the President to periodically make comments about the status of our community. So each month I'll include in the Newsletter my perspective on the community, based on items I think are of importance to you. So here goes.

Having had all of 3 weeks of experience in office, Rules and Regulations (R&Rs) are very much on the minds of the residents. Some residents are concerned that we aren't enforcing the R&Rs and others are concerned because we are overzealous in their enforcement.

In my view, we have a set of R&Rs and we must make every practical effort to enforce them. If, by sensibly enforcing the rules, we find that some are unfair or no longer applicable, then the Bylaws or Covenants define the process to change them. But nowhere does it specify that we should ignore some and enforce others.

A sampling of member concerns are: (1) the lack of enforcement of "Use of Roads" and "Private Property" rules; and (2) too much enforcement of rules associated with "Use of Common Property".

To be more specific, violation of speed limit rules on our roads, violation of storage and building rules on privately held lots, and finally, enforcement of rules associated with security deposits for Johnson Point and the Community Center.

So, what are possible remedies for these problems? Here's my view:

• **Speed Limit Violations:** We'll begin a process of informing the community of the problem, indicate the seriousness of the problem, and implement an enforcement program that

starts small and continues to increase incrementally until violations are reduced to a manageable level. There are two reasons for addressing this problem: (1) it's a safety issue and (2) it jeopardizes the integrity of the Lake Auman dam.

• **Private Property Violations:** These violations encompass a wide range of ills, some significant and others nothing more than a possible eye sore. I think the answer, to these types of violations, is the creation of a Tracking System that maintains a record of instances of non-compliance: Date, time and details of a violation, action taken to correct the instances on non-compliance, dates the violation is monitored for resolution, and the date the violation is successfully resolved. The Tracking System will periodically produce a report which lists all violations. The report can be used by our Compliance Officer, Board Members, and appropriate committees to ensure that violations and actions taken are tracked to the successful closure of all violations.

• **Common Property Rules Enforcement:** The Community Center and Johnson Point (JP) amenities are second to none. Members can reserve these facilities at no cost by making a small, returnable, security deposit for each reservation. Up to now members could reserve, say, JP, for as many days of the year as they wanted by simply writing a \$50 check and having the check move from one reservation date to another. If the reservation was not used, no big deal, after all it's a small community and informality is preferred over strict structure. However, something happened along the way — we're no longer a small community. With almost 900 homes, we need to put in place an equitable procedure to ensure everyone has the opportunity to reserve and use our common facilities. In that regard, changes have been made to require a \$50 returnable deposit for each reservation made at JP. For example, if you reserve all 3 gazebos at

JP for 3 separate days, a \$450 security deposit will be required (\$50 per gazebo per reservation)—in this case, a \$150 of the deposit will be returned to you after each reservation date goes by.

Is it fair? Depends on your point of view. It is in accordance with rules we have had but simply haven't been enforcing. One thing you can be sure of...the rules will be applied impartially. Case in point: The Sports Club and Sailing Club reserve JP and/or the Community Center several times a year. In the past, they had not been required to provide a deposit for either facility. However, the Clubs must now provide the deposits just like any other member(s) or organizations in the community. Bear in mind that these two clubs alone donate, in money or labor, the equivalent of thousands and thousands of dollars each year to this community. Is that fair? Probably not. But it's the rule.

Architectural Review Committee Bill Mamel

Effective May 1, 2007, the Compliance Officer will be checking satellite and other antennae installations for compliance with the requirements as stated in the Covenants, Rules and Regulations, and Standards for Design and Construction. SLWLA resident members not in compliance will be notified and requested to bring the installation into compliance. The Officer will also be alert to above-ground propane tanks which are not properly screened with vegetation or other material.

Houses under construction now number 60, with 6 renovations /additions.

Lake/Environment/Dam Mary Anne Fewkes

From Paul Kirst

Results of the quarterly lake water chemistry testing came

in just after the last newsletter was published. At the risk of sounding redundant, our water quality is excellent and as good as it has ever been. All of the test results back to 1995 when testing began can be found on the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association website under the heading of Lake Auman. Testing for bacteria potentially harmful to swimmers will be conducted prior to Memorial Day Weekend.

Note from the Lake Management Committee

To all fisherpersons: Please note that you may not keep bluegills no matter how big they are. The large bluegills are our breeder stock. You are encouraged to keep any and all catfish you catch. They are delicious grilled, fried or baked. And never return any pickerel of any size to Lake Auman waters. Large-mouth Bass size limits and creel limits are listed in the Rules and Regulation. Please keep in mind that Bass are moving onto their spawning nests now and should be released if caught through the end of May.

Secretary Ed Tuton

Looking for a few good men and women:

We are in the process of reorganizing the Area Rep program. If you are interested in learning more or are ready to join this great group you are invited to attend a meeting on Monday, May 14th at 7PM at the WSPCC in the activity room. If you are unable to attend but would like more information or just wish to volunteer please contact me at 673-1822 or email etuton2007@nc.rr.com.

Summary of Board Actions Work Session April 10 2007

- Accepted minutes of Organizational meeting of April 2nd.
- Accepted check detail for March, 2007
- Approved establishment of a Communications Committee.
- Approved open work sessions

- of board.
- Approved installation of speed bumps at dam.

Long Range Planning Committee George Jenner

Your Long Range Planning Committee, in coordination with the Board of Director's Vision Statement is working to design long range goals for the community. It is our intention to use a computerized system to develop an orderly and easy to understand plan which will be dynamic rather than fixed and will reflect the communities vision of the future and of our place here in the greater Seven Lakes.

Long Range Planning Committee

Vision Statement - Enable the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association to plan for the future while fully engaging all stakeholders in the process.

Mission Statement - The Long Range Planning committee is a facilitator and caretaker of the long range planning process. We will work to focus the energy and talent of the SLWLA, standing committees and the managing agent on the strategic priorities of the community to preserve and enhance the quality of life for current and future SLWLA members. We will do this by:

- Developing a long range planning process
- Developing a long range plan, in coordination with the SLWLA Board of Directors, committees, managing agent and SLWLA members.
- Overseeing the plan execution
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May 11, 2007

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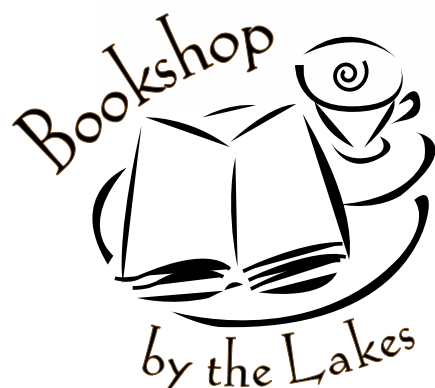
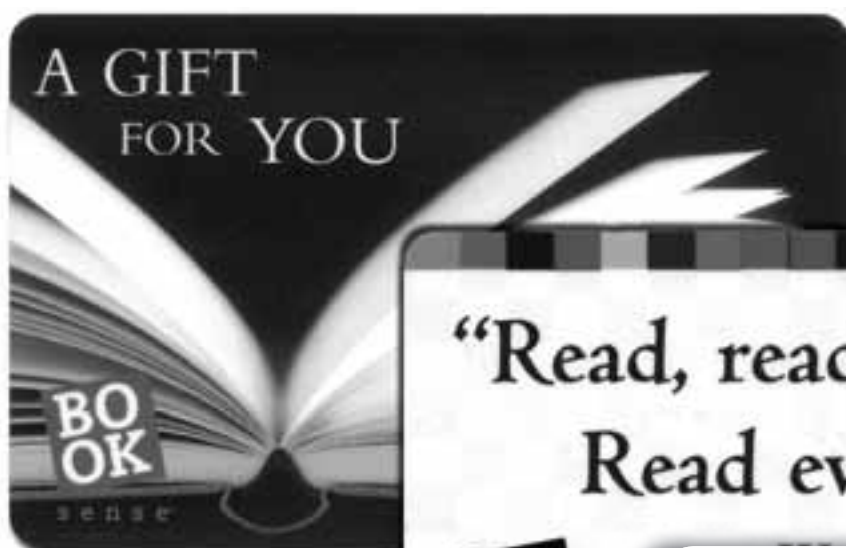
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