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## Mideast Eyewitness



Laura Gingerich briefed the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club on her recent fact-finding mission to the Middle East at their May 29 meeting. Gingerich is shown here with Kiwanis President Gerry Buelow and Kiwanian Dave Davies. [See story on page 17.]

## Lakers using too much water

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Seven Lakes' response to a county request for water conservation, thus far, leaves a bit to be desired.

Moore County Public Utilities on May 30 asked consumers served by both the Seven Lakes and Pinehurst water systems to voluntarily cut water usage by 20 percent. In four of the six days since, water usage in Seven Lakes has approached or exceeded 800,000 gallons per day — well above the 660,000 gallon target and very near the 825,000 daily production capacity of the Seven Lakes system.

The only days in which usage moderated were Sunday, June 3, and Monday, June 4 thanks to 1.8 inches of rain provided by the remnants of Tropical Storm Barry.

"It's pretty obvious that, if voluntary water conservation doesn't work, we will have to move to mandatory restrictions," Moore County Public Works Director Dennis Brobst told *The Times* on Wednesday.

"We're probably going to wait and see what happens this weekend," he added, noting that weather forecasts hold out some chance of rain.

(See "Water," p. 35)

## Hearing called on moratorium

The Moore County Board of Commissioners will hear public comment on a proposed six-month moratorium on new major subdivisions in Small Area Planning Area A during their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 18. Area A is a one-hundred square mile portion of the county that centers on West End and Seven Lakes.

The Board unanimously approved a call to public hearing for that date, despite strong objections from representatives of the Moore County Home

Builders Association and Planning Board member Ron Jackson, himself a builder and developer. Planning Board member and Area A Steering Committee Chairman Dave Kinney spoke in defense of the proposed moratorium.

Approving the call to Public Hearing, Commissioners Tim Lea, Jimmie Melton, and Larry Caddell all said that, when the moratorium came before them a few weeks ago, the board had asked the Planning Board to take another look at the pro-

(See "Moratorium" p. 34)

## Truck ban sparks protest

Owners of big trucks and other commercial equipment turned out to protest proposed Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] rules against overnight parking at the General Meeting on Wednesday, May 30.

Michael Florence had proposed a ban on overnight parking of trailer tractors and other large trucks and trailers at the Board work session in mid-May.

Several residents spoke

against the proposal.

James Stackhouse, of Stackhouse Plumbing says he responds to the needs of customers within the gates every day of the week and all hours. "Ultimately there are days when you have worked 14 or 16 hours, and you aren't physically capable of going back to the shop and dumping the trailer," he said. Stackhouse said, on such rare occasions he parks his Ford

F350 pickup truck with a trailer carrying an backhoe in his driveway.

"You owe it to the blue collar workers not to exclude them from Seven Lakes," Stackhouse said.

The wife of a one truck driver said she has lived in Seven Lakes for three years and "Can count on one hand the number of times he has brought his truck home." She added that her hus-

(See "Trucks" p. 30)

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# Lakers turn out for Planning Board hearing

Seven Lakers played a prominent role in a Thursday, May 31 public hearing on a proposed moratorium on new major subdivision in Small Area Planning Area A.

The Moore County Planning Board hosted the hearing after the Board of Commissioners refused their initial request for a moratorium and asked the Planning Board to reconsider the idea. The end result of the May 31 meeting was a new request for the Commissioners to impose a moratorium. On June 18, the Commissioners will hold a hearing of their own on the matter. [See story on front page.]

The evening began with an hour-long drop in session aimed at acquainting citizens with the various developments being proposed for Area A. Then the Planning Board convened its public hearing. Most, but not all, of the Seven Lakers who spoke before

the Planning Board supported the moratorium proposal:

- Builder Todd Meade of Seven Lakes West said he opposed the moratorium because six months was too little time to address the gigantic planning issues facing the community. "Is six months really going to do it, or will we be back in six months for another six-month moratorium?"

- Westsider Mary Anne Fewkes, speaking for the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association, said the area needs sustainable growth in order not to overtax the infrastructure. She pointed out that two newer subdivisions within the Westside gates have over 50 lots waiting to be built on. "We ask you not to rush . . . and not to plug the arteries of Area A," she said.

- Marisa Back of Seven Lakes West said a study of the 1920s dustbowl in Oklahoma and the Texas panhandle shows the dan-

ger of developing too fast without sufficient study. A six month moratorium "could not have any significant negative effect," she added.

- Nancy Chumley of Seven Lakes North said she had "personal experience with three counties that have had unmanaged growth. It's terrible. Roadways and schools were inadequate to keep up with growth. It doesn't make sense that we have an Area A planning board and we aren't letting them do their job."

- Southsider Jane Leach said she moved to Moore County attracted by the rural character of the area. "Area A has a potential to explode with development," she said. "I don't think a six-month moratorium would set that back." She urged the Planning Board to "take the time to review all plans a proposals."

- SLWLA Long Range Plan-

ning Committee Chairman George Jenner said "The county Planning Board should be able to have the time to digest and consider the Area A plan before being required to evaluate the plans for development in this area . . . Our image will be enhanced by telling the outside world that we care about our future."

- Northsider Frank Krohn said "I think that the planning committee committee needs to have the time to do this job right."

Other who spoke during the hearing included Bob and Ruth Stoltzing, SherreeLee Sferra, Sarah Thompson, and Area A Steering Committee member Judy Burroughs, all of whom

spoke in favor of the moratorium.

County Economic Development Director Ray Ogden and Moore County Chamber of Commerce President Patrick Coughlin warned that imposing a moratorium would discourage business recruiting efforts by making the county appear unfriendly to development.

Reggie Lester, Denzel Williams, and Tom Panek, all of the Moore County Home Builders Association, said a moratorium would hurt businesses in the construction industry — and also drive up the price of housing for Moore County residents.

Florence Keith and Councilman Bob Zschoche of Whispering (See "Planning board," p. 33)

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# West Side will move to barcode gates

Westiders will have to put up with a non-functional back gate for at least another month; but, once the gate is fixed, they'll have a new barcode system like the one on the North- and South-side gates instead of the perennially persnickety transponder system.

The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Board made the decision to go with the barcode system in a special session on Friday, June 1, and announced it on the Association website this weekend.

The electronics at the back — or east — gate were wiped out in an electrical storm on May 13. The board considered three options for fixing the problem: repairing the transponder system, replacing it with a barcode system, or building a gatehouse and manning the back gate.

The vote on Friday was four to three for the barcodes, with Kathy Kirst, Ray MacKay, and Blaine Rowland favoring that option and Hugh Beckwith, Mary Anne Fewkes, and Ed Tuton opposed. President Jim Haggard broke the tie, he told *The Times* in an email on Sunday. Jo Nicholas and Bill Mamel were unable to attend the special called meeting of the board.

Haggard said all the board members were in favor of a manned back gate, but the majority were concerned that a manned gate with no automated means of opening the gate for residents could cause a dangerous traffic backup on NC Highway 73 at certain high traffic periods. Putting in both a manned gate and the barcode system simultaneously would have required spending too much of the Association's reserves, Haggard added. His statement on the SLWLA website indicates a manned back gate will become a high priority project for the Board.

SLWLA's insurance carrier is expected to pick up all but \$2,000 of the \$28,000 cost of the new system. Haggard said the front gate will be converted to barcodes as well, and that residents who have purchased transponders will be provided with barcodes at no charge. The Westside will be using Maximum Security, Inc., the same company that installed barcode gates for the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA].

Asked whether the databases of the two associations will be coordinated so that members of each can use the barcodes

entrances on the other side, Haggard replied, "I'm sure the Board will discuss database sharing but at this point we want to satisfy three objectives: 1. get an entry system in place; 2. limit unimpeded access into our community; and 3. closely control distribution of bar codes for vehicles."

Installation of the new entry systems is expected to take a month, and will get underway once the Association's insurance carrier has consented to the Board's plan. Until then, the back gate will continue to be open from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm and closed overnight.

The SLLA experienced a week or two of technical glitches after the installation of barcode readers on the North and South Side gates. Once those were worked out, problems have had to do with

how gate guards and residents should handle the two incoming lanes of traffic, rather than with the barcode system itself.

Here's the full text of the statement from Haggard that appears on the SLWLA website:

## East Gate Decision Made

A special meeting of the Board was held on June 1st to determine a final course of action with regard to the repair or replacement of the East Gate entry system. Options for discussion involved three courses of action:

1. Repair the existing transponder system at a cost of approximately \$27,000 — insurance is anticipated to pay all but the \$1000 deductible.
2. Replace the transponder system with a bar code system at a cost of approximately

\$28,000—insurance is anticipated to pay all but the \$1000 deductible plus the \$1000 difference between the transponder repair and the cost of the new system.

3. Get rid of the electronic system altogether and move to a manned East Gate — insurance is anticipated to pay \$26,000 of the infrastructure costs necessary to support a guard's operation of the East Gate — total out of pocket costs unknown.

By a vote of 4 to 3 the Board chose Option 2 over Option 3. No Board member considered Option 1 a viable alternative. The Board also generally agreed that the East Gate should go to a system combining electronic entry with a guard manning the entrance. However, the current

(See "Back gate," p. 4)



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# Commissioners drop tax rate, raise taxes

Moore County Commissioners unanimously approved a new ad valorem tax rate of 44.5 cents per hundred dollars of valuation during their Monday, June 4 regular meeting, along with a budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 that totals just over \$72 million.

All county homeowners will pay an additional 3 cents per hundred to support Emergency Medical Services, yielding a total county tax rate of 47.5 cents per hundred. That compares with a current rate of 49.5 cents. The "revenue-neutral" rate — the rate required to achieve zero growth in county revenues after this year's revaluation of real property — would be 41.5 cents. The EMS tax is currently 4 cents per hundred.

County taxpayers pay an additional levy depending on the fire district in which they live; those tax rates range from 4.2 cents per hundred to 11.5 cents per hundred. The rate approved by the commissioners Monday night for the Seven Lakes Fire District is 4.2 cents; West End, 6 cents; Eastwood, 7 cents; and Eagle Springs, 7.3 cents.

The Commissioner's budget fell roughly a half million dollars short of fully funding the request from Moore County Schools [MCS], but did increase the county portion of the school budget by 13.6 percent over last year. Board of Commissioners Chairman Colin McKenzie, Commissioner Larry Caddell, and County Manager Cary McSwain

met with MCS Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser last week to work out the budget compromise.

The budget ordinance approved by the commissioners includes some unusual language designed to guarantee increased funding for athletics. The original MCS budget request included over \$200,000 to fund additional staff and equipment to support athletic programs in high schools and middle schools. The County budget ordinance makes it clear Commissioners want those programs funded at requested levels — the cuts will have to come from somewhere else.

The 47.5 cent tax rate represented an increase over McSwain's original budget proposal, fueled by additional money for the schools and, also, the potential collapse of a move in the North Carolina General Assembly to cap county obligations to fund Medicaid benefits.

North Carolina is unique among states in requiring counties to bear the bulk of funding for Medicaid programs; relief from this ever-growing obligation has been a high priority of the state Association of County Commissioners.

McSwain had expected that the plan being considered in Raleigh

would save the county a half million in expenses. But the NC Senate zeroed out the relief proposed by the NC House, so the County Manager was forced to add \$500,000 back into the budget. There is some chance that legislators will yet come up with relief for the counties. If they do, the extra funds in the Moore County budget will be transferred into a capital reserve aimed at helping pay for a new jail and new county administration building — expensive project. (See "Commissioners" p. 32)

## Back gate

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year's budget could not support the implementation of both systems.

Ordering of equipment and installation of the bar code system will begin as soon as the insurance company confirms

the amount to be provided. It is anticipated that approximately one month will be necessary to complete the installation process. When installation is complete, there will be a no-cost exchange of transponders with bar codes for Association member vehicles.

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Planning has begun on determining all the infrastructure requirements and costs for implementation of a manned East Gate.

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# New pharmacy was ten years in the making

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The couple in Pharmacy School at Campbell University. "We drew up the business plan back then," Jason told *The Times*, "back in 1997, when we were still in school."

Jason's grew up in Jackson Springs, the Joyce's live across the street from the home he was raised in. His Grandpa had a tobacco farm near where the Lake Auman dam now stands. "Like everybody else, I remember thinking that lake would never fill up," he said.

After earning their Pharm.D. degrees at Campbell, Jason and Tamela both worked as pharmacists in a variety of settings, from retail shops to nursing homes, honing their skills along the way.

After nearly a decade working for other people, they began to look for a way to work more closely with each other, and a way to bring their family closer

together.

"We're both people of faith, and we were also looking for a way that we could be of service to our community — and be witnesses for our faith," Jason said.

They dusted off the old business plan and began to study it,

asking Jason's brother Vann to add his financial expertise to the project.

"This is something we have put a lot of prayer and thought into," Tamela told *The Times*. "God has opened a lot of doors, and we jumped on the opportunity."



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they walk in the door."

"Too many pharmacies now take what I call a fast-food approach," he added. "It's how many 'scripts can you write in a day? We're looking for a one-on-one relationship with our customers."

While the Joyce's haven't installed a soda fountain to recapture that old-fashioned drug store feel, they have added a great

(See "Pharmacy," p. 7)



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## Pharmacy

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selection of penny candy framed by drug store memorabilia at one end of the shop.

The other end is filled with durable medical equipment, walkers, wheelchairs, and other home health care supplies that the Joyces feel meets and important need in the community. "We are fortunate to have had Roberta Campbell as a part of our staff," Tamela said. She brings a ton of experience in the durable medical equipment field."

"Now folks in this area won't have to drive to Southern Pines or Aberdeen to find these items," Jason added.

The other member of the Quality Care team is Christy Blake, a familiar face to folks in the area.

So far, their family-oriented approach appears to be working, Jason told *The Times*. "We are really happy with the response. People are coming in just because they saw the building under construction and they are curious about us. We have had a number of folks transfer their business to us — and we have people coming not just from Seven Lakes and West End, but

from Southern Pines, Pinehurst, and even from Montgomery County."

"This is the fastest growing area in Moore County," he added. "We think there is no question that it can support two pharmacies. It's all about giving people a choice. Competition is good for business — it helps grow the business for every-

one."

"We're always looking for suggestions about what we can do to improve the shop and improve our service," Tamela added. "We listen to and appreciate all the suggestions we get."

Though the shop has been open for several weeks, the Joyces will host a Grand Opening Celebration and Health Fair

on Tuesday, June 19.

The event will feature free diabetes screening and blood pressure check, as well as low cost cholesterol screenings and PSA tests for men. A vendor of blood sugar monitors will be on hand to take applications for free monitors.

A dozen local health care providers have been invited to set

up informational displays on key health issues they see in their practice.

In addition to door prizes and giveaways, Quality Care will be providing a light breakfast and lunch

The event runs from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm at the shop, at 1103 Seven Lakes Drive. For more information, call 673-3784.

### Seven Lakes Garden Tour

The Garden Tour sponsored by the Seven Lakes Garden Club is set for June 9 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Come see how these Seven Lakes homeowners have grown beautiful plants in the Sandhills where porous soils, high humidity, and limited rain falls offer unique challenges.

A tour highlight is the Elaine Girgis garden which is a "must see." Elaine has extensive plantings with a full range of varieties and colors for all seasons that cover her home site from street to lake.

Visitors are welcome and there is no fee for the tour. All seven gardens are located within the gated communities of Seven Lakes North, South, and West. At the gate entrances, ask for a map to the gardens on tour. The map will be facilitated by directional signs to help guide you to the gardens.

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# Local Scouts break ground for new facility

by Greg True

Members of the West End Boy Scout Troop 98, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Venture Crew came together on Sunday, May 6 with representatives from the West End United Methodist Church to break ground on a new 4,000 square foot activity building to be used by the youth of this community. The building, located on Carthage Road just west of West End, was made possible by a generous donation by Mr. Bill Johnson, through the church, for the purpose of building such a facility.

The troop has been working on planning and designing the building and property for about two years and has been raising money along the way. To date, through private donations and

troop fund raisers, \$57,000 has been raised for the project. Many donations of supplies and materials and labor have also been committed by parents and members of the community.

The Boy Scouts will be very involved in the building process under the guidance of professional builder Duane Parsons who has also served as troop Scoutmaster for many years until recently stepping aside to work with the older boys in the troop to revive a Venture Crew. Parsons was honored at a ceremony on May 4 for his many years of devotion to the troop and to Scouting.

"This facility will be like none other in the county," said Parsons. "It will house a large meeting room, a kitchen, bathrooms, and

ample storage for the troop's equipment."

"The Methodist church has been very gracious over the years," he continued, "to allow us to use the fellowship hall and classrooms during the cold weather months to continue programs and meetings. The church is growing and needing more space for direct church related activities and programs. This will allow us to get out of their way as well."

"We are very excited about this building and what it will mean for the Scouting program for many years to come and the legacy of how the program can grow with a facility like this. It is not only the building but also the land."

The total property is eleven

acres of cleared and wooded land that the troop already uses for activities and warm weather meetings. A shelter, constructed by the boys, has already been built on the property and has been used for two years now for meetings and as a gathering place for hikes and camping trips.

"For the past two years, we have used this site for our survival weekend training for the boys," said Parsons.

The Methodist church has and continues to strongly support Scouting in the West End Community. The men of the church hold annual fund raising dinners to donate to the program and the community always

comes out with great support. It is a collaboration that is working and thriving in this community and affecting the lives of many youth coming through the programs.

Troop 98 currently has seven Eagle Scouts in the troop with three others having completed or finalizing their paperwork to completion. This is a major accomplishment that the leaders and parents are very proud of these young men. The troop is fortunate to have tremendous parental involvement at every level of the Scouting. We anticipate greater growth of the troops and feel this building and property will allow for the growth to be sustained for many years to come.



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# In memory of . . .

**Lorene B. Bolton**, 85, formerly of Seven Lakes, died Tuesday, May 22, in Eustis, FL.

Mrs. Bolton was the daughter of the late Otis and Gay Roller Bayes. She was a businesswoman who assisted her

husband, the late Charles Emmitt Bolton, with their construction business, Bolton Builders, Inc. in Lexington, KY.

In addition to being a bookkeeper, she was also a real estate broker. She enjoyed ani-

mals and devoted her free time to her passion of design and decorating.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Emmitt Bolton; a grandson, Aaron Casey Bolton; a brother, Keith Bays;

and nephews, Darrell and Barry Bays, of Lexington.

Survivors include two daughters, Donna Bolton Renzetti of Bradenton, FL, and Cheryl Bolton Van Winkle of Eustis, FL; a son, Charles Bolton of Seven Lakes

West; nine grandchildren, and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, May 27, at Oldham, Roberts, and Powell Funeral Home in Richmond, KY.

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# In memory of . . .

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**Robert C. Klingensmith Jr.**, 70, of Seven Lakes North, died Tuesday, May 22, at Moore Regional Hospital.

Born in Kiski Township, PA, Mr. Klingensmith retired in 2000 from Citation Steel in Biscoe. He was a member of the West End Presbyterian Church and enjoyed working on old cars, gardening, and woodworking.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Klingensmith; a son, Robert Brian Klingensmith of Erie, PA; a daughter, Beth Ann Grant of Ocala, FL.; four stepchildren, Mark Weltin, Marianne Randolph, and Marcia Rodriguez all of OH, and Michael Weltin of IN; two sisters, Nancy Dunn of Greencastle, PA, and Norma Burke Daniel of Seven Lakes; three grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren and several step-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held May 25 at West End Presbyterian Church. Memorial contributions may be made to West End Presbyterian Church, PO Box 13, West End, NC 27376, or to the American Heart Association, PO Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA, 23058. Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes served the family.

**Mattie Brown**, 74, of Queens, New York, formerly of Eagle Springs, died Tuesday, May 22, at Northshore University Hospital in North Hempstead, NY.

Simon Funeral Home in Southern Pines assisted the family.

**Kathy Elizabeth Dockery**, of Eagle Springs, died Friday, May 25, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

Ms. Dockery was employed at Penick Village in Southern Pines, and is survived by three children; Otto Dockery, Canteen Dockery, and Nauticia Dockery, all of the home; her mother, Trevanell Dockery, of the home; her birth mother, Marilyn Briggery, of Brooklyn NY; two brothers, Donnell Dockery, and Stacy Dockery, both of the home; and one sister, Trinnette Dockery, of Aberdeen.

A funeral service was held June 1 at Holyway Church in Eagle Springs.

Kearns and Sons Funeral Services in Troy served the family.

**U.S. Army Ret. Major Lonnie Warren Perry**, 86, of West End, died on Sunday, May 27, at UNC-Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Mr. Perry was a son of the late Lonnie M. Perry and Hattie Mae Perry. He was retired from the U.S. Army after twenty-one years of service. Mr. Perry served in World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam War.

He was a recipient of the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts. He was a Freemason for fifty years and a member of the Scottish Rite. After his retirement from the military, Mr. Perry was the owner and operator of Kenelm Farms in West End.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Anabel Whitley.

Mr. Perry is survived by his wife of forty-one years, Patricia Monroe Perry of West End; one son, William Anderson VonCanon Jr. of Fairfax Station, VA; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service with Masonic rites and military honors was held May 29, at Bethlehem Baptist Church. The Rev. Roger Thomas officiated.

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

Boles Funeral Home and Crematory of Southern Pines served the family.

**Edgar D. Knerr Jr., M.D.**, 87, of Seven Lakes North, died Monday, May 28, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Edgar and Matilda Trumbauer Knerr, he was raised in Coopersburg, PA, and graduated from Allentown High School.

In 1940, he graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, and in 1944, he graduated from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He interned at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, attached to the U.S. Marine Corps serving in Okinawa and China in the Marine Sixth Division.

After the war, he completed his

residency at the University of Pennsylvania and the Cooper Hospital in Camden, NJ. He began private practice in Lancaster, where he was the Chief of OB-GYN for many years. He retired in 1978 after delivering over 6,000 babies.

In 1988, the family retired to Seven Lakes. He was an avid

sportsman, and especially enjoyed fly fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine Beck Knerr; three sons, Edgar D. Knerr III of Bethlehem, PA, J. Nicholas Knerr of St. Louis, MO, and George A. Knerr of Lancaster, PA; two daughters; Kerry K. Sappie of Cary, and

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Erika T. Knerr of West Hatfield, MA; two brothers, Tom Knerr of Summerfield, FL, and Richard Knerr of Sunset Beach; one sister, Harriet Heffner of Coopersburg; and six grandchildren.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Seven Lakes EMS, 969 Seven Lakes North, Seven Lakes, NC 27376 or Lancaster General Hospital, OB-GYN, 555 N. Duke Street, Lancaster, PA 17604, or FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

**Mary Jean Butler**, 73, of West End, died Tuesday, May 29, at home.

Pugh and Smith Funeral Home in Carthage is assisting the family.

**Jean B. Thompson**, 73, of West End, died Tuesday, May 29, at her home.

Mrs. Thompson is survived by three daughters, Gloria Butler of Taylortown, Mary Munnerlyn of Spring Lake, and Cassandra Butler of Raleigh; three sons, Joseph Thompson of Raeford, Christopher Thompson of West End, and Darryl Thompson of Alexandria, VA; and ten grandchildren.

A funeral service was held

Saturday, June 2, at Holyway Church in Eagle Springs. The Rev. Lorenzo Purcell officiated. Burial followed in the West End Community Cemetery.

Pugh and Smith Funeral Home in Carthage assisted the family.

**Edward H. "Ted" Phillips**, 84, of Seven Lakes North, died Tuesday, May 29, at First Health Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

Mr. Phillips was born in Buffalo, New York, the son of the late Stanley G. and Pauline Knowlton Phillips. He worked for many years as an engineer in the manufacturing industry. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia C. Phillips; and a brother, Stanley G. Phillips Jr.

Mr. Phillips is survived by his sister, Saralyn Phillips Bickford of Lexington, MA, four daughters, Martha P. Bradford of Winchester, MA, Judith P. Robertson of Boothbay Harbor, ME, Ann D. Phillips of Madison, CT, Nancy C. Phillips of Pittstown, NJ; and a goddaughter, Karin B. Gabrielsen of Singapore; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren also survive.

A funeral service was held Saturday, June 2, at the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines. The Rev. Donald Welch officiated. Inurnment followed the service in the church columbarium.

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# Wildlife officers host boat safety event Monday

Summer is just around the corner and the boating season is in full swing on area lakes. So it's definitely time to refresh your knowledge of the rules of safe boating — and make sure your vessel is outfitted with the proper safety equipment.

There's no better way to make sure your knowledge is up-to-date than to stop by the Seven Lakes Fire House on this Monday evening, June 11, between 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm for a boating safety event hosted by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission [NCWRC].

Local Wildlife Officers will be on hand to provide information, demonstrate boating practices, and answer questions, NCWRC Sergeant Mark Dutton told *The Times*. The event is free and all are welcome to drop by and pick up a few pointers.

"We want people in the area to know that we are available if they need us," Dutton said. "If they need to report a boating accident, if they see a need for enforcement of boating or wildlife regulations, or if they just have questions. We're here to help. All they have to do is call their local officer, call me, or call the 800-number to reach the Raleigh office." The NCWRC's enforcement hotline is at 1-800-662-7137.

Seven Lakers who attend the event will discover their local Wildlife Officer has a familiar face. Officer Gary Caulk, who recently transferred back into the area after serving with the NCWRC in Chatham County, is the son of Northsiders Gary and Debbie Caulk.

"When I saw the opportunity to move back closer to home, I jumped at it," Caulk told *The Times*.

Caulk said the safety event on Monday is designed to stress some basic boating safety rules and help boaters make sure they have the right safety equipment and make sure they know how to use it. There will be safety demonstrations specifically targeted to children, to make sure they get started out right, as

they enjoy boating and water sports.

Dutton and Caulk highlighted some key items boaters should be thinking about as the season gets underway:

- Make sure your boat registration is up to date.
- Check your vessel to make sure that it has the proper safety equipment — and that the safety equipment is in good working order.
- Remember that children under the age of 13 must be wearing a personal flotation device [PFD] at all times when the boat is underway.
- Be aware of waterway marking systems — no wake and danger buoys.
- If you plan to boat at night, be sure your boat has the appropriate marker lights, and that they are in good working order.
- If alcohol will be consumed, have a designated skipper who can make sure everyone gets safely back to shore.
- If you plan to fish, be sure your fishing license is up-to-date. The license exemption for fishermen using live bait in their home county has been eliminated this year.
- If you are involved in a boating accident or see violations of boating laws, report them to your local Wildlife officer or to the Enforcement Division hotline at 1-800-662-7137.

A wealth of information on boating safety and boating regulations — as well as state hunting and fishing rules — can be found on the Commission's website, at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

"We look forward to meeting folks from the local community on Monday," Sergeant Dutton told *The Times*. "Our goal is to prevent accidents from happening and keep the general public safe. We are here to serve."

The boating safety event will be held at the Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department firehouse on Seven Lakes Drive this coming Monday, June 11. Residents are encouraged to drop in anytime between 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm.



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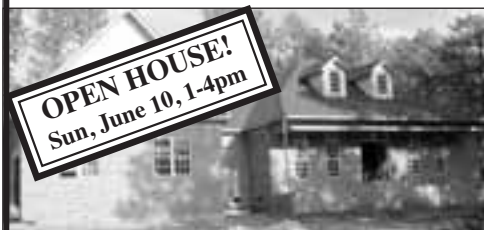
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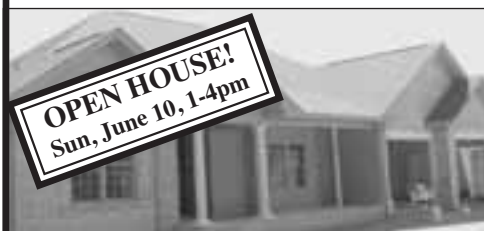
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Cameron is the daughter of Gary and Debbie Caulk of Seven Lakes North. Her grandmother is Ruby Caulk of Hamlet.

Cameron will attend Sandhills Community College in the fall.



**Nealey W. Diaz**

North Moore High School  
Robbins

Nealey is the daughter of Beth Cadieu of Seven Lakes & Rick Diaz of Rockingham. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Betsy Cadieu of Pinehurst & Mr. & Mrs. Neal Cadieu of Rockingham. Nealey was a member of the soccer team, cheerleading squad and held offices in FBLA and Student Government. She will attend East Carolina University.



**Christopher T. Faig**

Monroe-Woodbury High School  
Monroe, NY

Christopher is the son of Ray and Laurie Faig of Monroe, NY. He is the grandson of Ralph and Lore Olsen of Seven Lakes West.

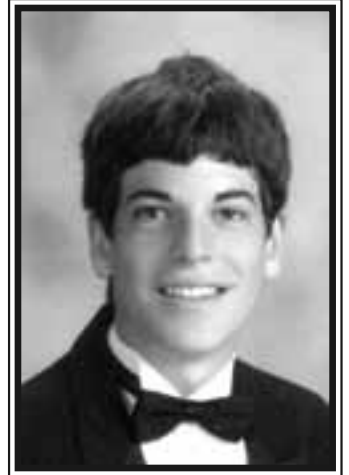
He will be attending St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, NY majoring in Communications and Journalism.



**Allison Rae Farrish**

Monticello High School  
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Allison is the daughter of Lindlee Miles and Keith Farrish of Charlottesville, VA and the granddaughter of George and Linda Jenner of Seven Lakes West. She was a member Honor Society, Key Club, Ski Team, Cross Country Track Team, Dance Team, and Academic Honor Roll. She will attend Elon University.



**Benjamin Joseph Gartman**

Pinecrest High School  
Southern Pines

Ben is the son of Howard and Dawn Gartman of Seven Lakes North. His grandparents are Don and Jean Oakey of Marco Island, FL and Ruth Gartman of Delray Beach, FL.

Ben will the University of Colorado at Boulder majoring in business.



**Abby Johanna Jackson**

DC Everest High School  
Weston, WI

Abby is the daughter Tom and Susan Johnson of Mosinee, WI and the granddaughter of Bob and Donna Fellows of Seven Lakes South. Abby was a member of National Honors Society, Key Club, & All Conference Girls Soccer. She attend the University of Minnesota-Twin City.



**Jessica Lynn Jenner**

Osbourn Park High School  
Manassas, VA

Jessica is the daughter of Jeffrey and Debra Jenner of Manassas, VA and the granddaughter of George and Linda Jenner of Seven Lakes West.

She was a member of FBLA, DECA, Key Club, VIP, Honor Roll, Dance Team, and Track & Field. Jessica will attend Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA.



**Lucy Olivia Matthews**

Potomac High School  
McLean, VA

Lucy is the daughter of Peter and Suzann Matthews of McLean, VA.

She is the granddaughter of Curtis and Marilyn Wilson of Seven Lakes.

Lucy will attend Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania in the Fall.



**Seth James Purvis**

Pinecrest High School  
Southern Pines, NC

Seth is the son of Kermit and Terry Purvis of Seven Lakes North.

He is the grandson of Billie Phillips of Seven Lakes, John Broyhill of Blowing Rock and Judy and David Jones of Ocala, FL.

Seth will attend Sandhills Community College in the fall.



**Morgan Brooke Saunders**

Pinecrest High School  
Southern Pines, NC

Morgan is the daughter of Darrell & Gaye Saunders of Seven Lakes West & the granddaughter of Rebecca Chriscoe & Mary Saunders of West End and Larry & Jennifer Chriscoe of Pinehurst. An honors student, a member of DECA, basketball, & soccer. She will attend Sandhills Community College.

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**Mitchell David Thomas**

Albemarle High School  
Charlottesville, VA

Mitchell is the son of Jeff and Cathie Thomas of Charlottesville, VA. He is the grandson of Dick & Jane Thomas of Seven Lakes West & Smyth and the late Carol Meador of Moneta, VA. He graduated with honors, was a member of the Golf Team. He will attend Ohio State University.



**Victoria Leigh Van Vliet**

Pinecrest High School  
Southern Pines, NC

Victoria is the daughter of Alan and Elaine Van Vliet of McLendon Hills and the granddaughter of Cile & Bob Van Vliet of Pinehurst. She was a member of National Honor Society, IB Diploma Candidate & Treasurer of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She will attend Elon University.



**Andrew Wilson**

Sissonville High School  
Charleston, WV

Andrew is the son of Stan and Sharon Wilson of Charleston, WV.

He is the grandson of Marilyn and Curtis Wilson of Seven Lakes West.

He received a certificate in HVAC.



**Emily Ann Wilson**

Sun Valley High School  
Charlotte, NC

Emily is the daughter of David and Terri Wilson of Monroe.

She is the granddaughter of Curtis and Marilyn Wilson of Seven Lakes West.

Emily will be attending the Art Institute in Charlotte.



**Zachary T. Janosky**

US Naval Academy  
Annapolis, MD

Zachary is the son of Tom and Catherine Janosky of Little Rock, AR. He is the grandson of Bertie and the late Fran Janosky of Seven Lakes North. He graduated with a BS degree with a major in Aeronautical Engineering and will continue his pilot training as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Marine Corps.

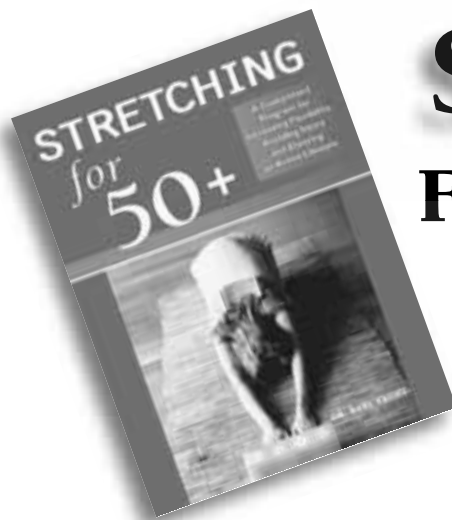
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# Douglas bids farewell to West End School

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Saying that she must practice what she preaches, West End Elementary Principal Judith Douglas has resigned so that she can spend more time with her daughter.

"This has been a very hard personal and professional decision. It has been very emotional," said Douglas. "My nature is to commit one hundred percent to my school, and that has left me with little time with my own children."

Douglas, an educator for the last twenty-one years, is a single parent. Her youngest child will start high school next year.

"I always tell my parents that they have to be there, that they have to spend time with their children. I can't say 'do as say, not as I do,' and not be accessible to my own daughter."

Citing the long hours required by her job, including weekends and nights, Principal Douglas has decided that her best decision will be to continue working in Moore County as an Assistant Principal – preferably at the elementary school level.

"This has been an emotional decision because I love West End Elementary and I love my job," said Douglas. "Usually when you weigh decisions, you have pros and cons but at WEE there are no cons." She continued, "I have a good relationship here with my students, my parents, and my teachers."

"But this is my crossroads."

She continued, "What kind of an educator would I be if I don't put children first, including my own?"

As an assistant principal, Douglas said she anticipates being no less committed to her work but that she will have more flexibility.

"I want my daughter to have a positive high school experience. She is my last child at home and I want to be there for her when she needs me."

Douglas, a resident of Carthage, moved to North Carolina from New York City ten years ago. Prior to teaching and administrative posts within New York City and Moore County Schools, she worked on Wall Street in investment banking.

Douglas taught four years at

Southern Pines Middle school at the fourth and eighth grades before serving four years at New Century Middle as an Assistant Principal. She has been the Principal of West End Elementary for two years.



Principal Judith Douglas

Recognizing the community support of West End Elementary, Douglas said, "It's awesome. There are very few places where community members come to the school and ask, 'What can we do? What do you need?'"

"We have almost one hundred volunteers at WEE, many are retired teachers, others are grandparents." She continued, "The Seven Lakes Kiwanis and Lions Club are amazing, providing both financial support and volunteering."

Douglas said there is a need for additional volunteer academic tutors.

"We do need tutors for both math and reading. The approach used today in teaching math is different. Students are given a problem and asked to try and solve it. We let them try to figure it out."

Douglas also said that population growth is a challenge for West End Elementary.

"Growth is a good thing," said

Douglas, "but Moore County schools are overcrowded, whether new or old. We are just not capable of keeping up."

Explaining that overcrowding the existing classrooms is not an option, Douglas said, "It is especially important to keep small class sizes at the early grades." She continued, "To find the necessary space, you have to be creative."

West End Elementary students score, on average, very

well on their required tests including meeting the No Child Left Behind [NCLB] goals. However, Douglas noted, there is a small percentage of students who have not met the goal and that the school must address their needs to determine what kind of instruction strategies will help them achieve, and to decide how best to serve those students.

"We have not only Exception-  
(See "Douglas," p. 16)

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# Maples is West End Teacher of the Year

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Second grade teacher Deborah Maples was awarded Teacher of the Year honors for West End Elementary.

A Moore County native, Maples grew up in Robbins and graduated from UNC-Greensboro. She and her husband, Jeff, reside in Seven Lakes West with their eleven year old daughter, Mollie.

Jeff, the principal of West Pine Middle School, was also recognized for excellence this year as the Moore County Principal of the Year.

Deborah Maples, a teacher for seventeen and half years, has taught second grade for fourteen years, stopping once to spend three years teaching a Kindergarten to first grade transition class. Before joining WEE nine years ago, she taught for eight years at Vass-Lakeview Elementary School.

"Kids are what makes it special," said Maples. "I've been very fortunate as I've had a really good combination of kids that work well together." She continued, "It makes my job easy because the kids are so easy to

work with. I enjoy my job because of the children."

Maples also said that she has been able to excel as a teacher because of the great second grade teaching team at West End.

"We work together sharing materials, supporting, and assisting each other." This past year, West End Elementary had five second grade classes and next year they expect to have six classes.

After so many years working with children, Maples said she still enjoys them. "Second grade is a

great age; they want to please, they want to learn, and they'll do what you ask them to do."

She added, "They teach me a lot of things too. I learn from them!"



WEE Teacher of the Year Deborah Maples

## Douglas

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al Children [EC] students, but we are educating more non-English speaking students. In the northern part of Moore County, the percentage of these students is much higher, up to seventy percent, but they have more support in place," said Douglas.

"In one case this year, we had an older child who scored very well and was a strong student in their native country, but has failed reading and math this

year." She continued, "It is much easier for the children who come in at the Kindergarten level than those in third grade and up."

Douglas is pleased that she will have the opportunity to continue working in Moore County and said that despite the obstacles it is a great school system.

"We principals don't just sit in an office and sign checks. We are out in the classrooms, giving out and getting hugs, and knowing what's going on in students' lives."

"The kids are amazed that I know all their names: that I know who they are," said a teary-eyed Douglas.

"The hard part is I won't get to watch them grow up. It's like leaving home, like leaving your friends, when you have to say goodbye."

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# Schools, Mideast, Kiwanis topics

by Frank Krohn

At their May 22 meeting, Seven Lakes Kiwanis heard from Dr. Susan Purser, Superintendent of Schools in Moore County, regarding the Master Plan for Facilities Development.

Purser thoroughly outlined the Phase One portion, planned for 2006 to 2010. This phase calls for two new schools to be built, additional capacity added at six schools, to fix the sewer issue at Cameron Elementary, and substantial improvements to the athletic facilities at Pinecrest High School. New modular classrooms have already been added to Pinecrest High School to alleviate serious overcrowding at that school.

Phase One is a four year program and the request for funding will appear as a referendum in the November elections. The estimated cost of Phase One is \$53.5 million dollars. Dr. Purser also briefly outlined the plans for Phases Two and Three.

During the Kiwanis annual dinner on May 29, Laura Gingerich was the featured speaker. She recently returned from the Middle East, hired by a Muslim relief organization to travel to Lebanon, Israel, Afghanistan, and Pakistan to document the needs of the people and to help evaluate the success of the organization's efforts to relieve the suffering of the local people.

Gingerich said she was greeted by a variety of welcomes - some very warm and friendly, others hostile to the point of serious concern for her personal safety. With her extensive photo album taken during the trip, she helped to bring a greater degree of understanding to the complex problems confronting efforts to bring peace and prosperity to these lands that have suffered so long under tribal and religious leadership.

Seven Lakes Kiwanis meets every Tuesday at the Seven Lakes CC at noon. Visitors are always welcome.

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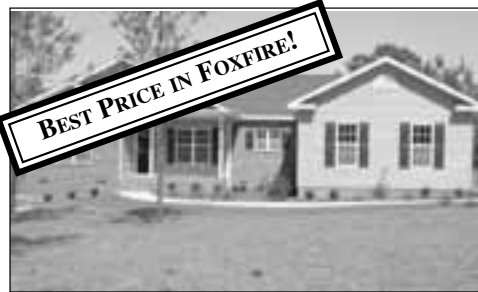
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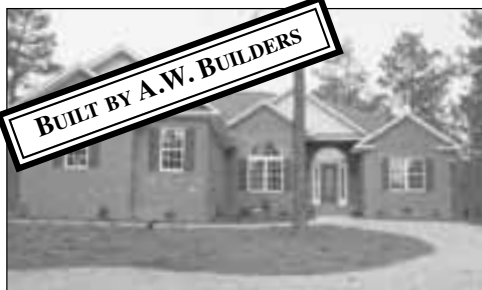
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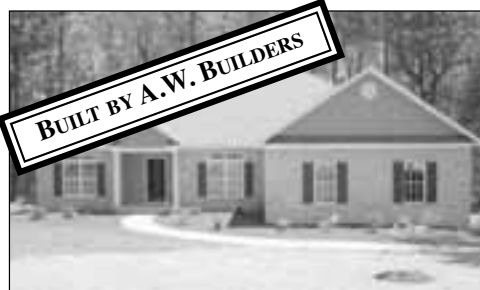
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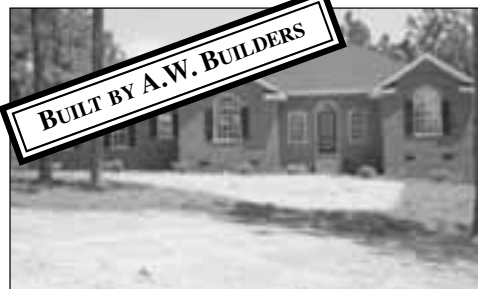
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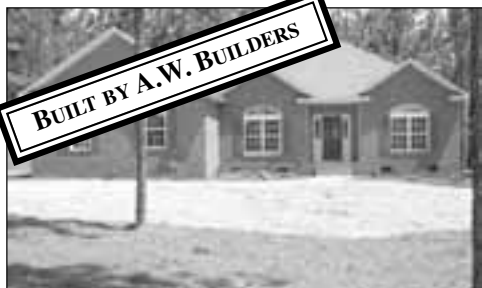
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# Embler is WEE Teacher Assistant of the Year

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

West End Elementary School recognized Jo Embler recently as their Teacher Assistant of the Year. Embler assists first grade teacher Stephanie Marsh.

"It gives me joy to be at the school. There's never a dull moment and something is always going on," said Embler.

Both Embler and her husband, Ricky, grew up in Davidson County, North Carolina, where she taught Kindergarten

and third grade classes for six years. They moved to Seven Lakes North nine years ago to be closer to her father-in-law, Jack Embler, the owner of Master Kleen in the Seven Lakes business village. Employed as a teacher assistant for eight years at West End Elementary, Embler has also taught here at the third grade level.

"The children are the most positive thing. They always have so much to share – their exciting news, and also their sad news

that puts little burdens on their hearts," said Embler. "By the end of year, the children are more like your family."

Embler was selected for this award for her years of service to the school. She said that Moore County is a good school system to work in, and that West End Elementary is one of the best schools in the area.

"The school is so bonded together. It is a different working environment than most places. We gather together as a family: when one is in need we're there

for each other sending cards and words of encouragement."

"I feel so at home there

because of the special people," said Embler.



WEE Teacher Assistant of the Year Jo Embler

## Gospel Music & Ice Cream

The people of the West End United Methodist Church invite you to enjoy an evening of gospel music and ice cream. The West End United Methodist Church Choir will sing a selection of gospel songs on Sunday, June 10, at 6:30 pm. Ice cream will be served after the concert in the fellowship hall.

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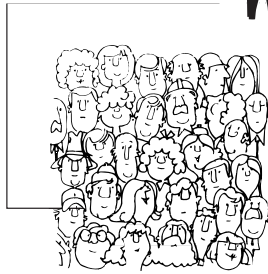
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- **Moore County Literacy Council Triple Play Golf Tournament** – Shotgun start at 8:00 am and 2:00 pm, Longleaf Country Club. Entry fees of \$100 per person include green and cart fees, lunch, beverages, and four complimentary green fees for future use. For more information or registration forms, call 692-5954, or stop by the MCLC office at Ice House Square, 575 SE Broad Street, Suite 11, Southern Pines.
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**SUNDAY, JUNE 10**

- **Gospel Concert and Ice Cream Social** – 6:30 pm, West End United Methodist Church. Musicians Kristen Webb, Gospel Winds, and The Drowning Creek Bluegrass Band will accompany the West End United Methodist

Church Choir. Ice cream will be served after the concert in the fellowship hall. There is no charge for this event.

- **Weymouth Woods: Winged Gems** - Butterflies – 3:00 pm, meet at the Weymouth Woods auditorium. Nearly ninety-eight species of butterflies may be found in the Sandhills. Many have incredible colors and markings, and have fascinating life histories. Join the staff for short half-mile hike to focus on identifying butterflies using binoculars. Bring binoculars, field guides and tick/bug spray.

**MONDAY, JUNE 11**

- **Seven Lakes Summer Camp** – 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. North Clubhouse. New hours for day camp include a 9:00 to Noon option or all day. Cost is \$6.00 for half-day and \$12.00 for all day. Swimming, games, crafts, and special events. For more information, call Chad Beane at 673-4931.
- **Sandhills Photography Club Meeting** – 7:00 pm, Christ Fellowship Church on the corner of Midland Road and Pee Dee Road. Don McKenzie will critique and judge prints with an abstract theme. Prospective members and guests welcome. [www.sandhillsphtoclub.org](http://www.sandhillsphtoclub.org)
- **NARFE Sandhills Chapter 1895 Meeting** – 11:00 am,

Day's Inn on US Hwy 1 and Morganton Road in Southern Pines. The National Active & Retired Federal Employees [NARFE] will hold their quarterly Eating Meeting. 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 at 215-5898; Peter Feeney at 695-1554; or George Sandoval at 949-7287.

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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13**

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Work Session** – 7:30 North Clubhouse. Open to the public.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 14**

- **Sandhills Sandsharks Charity Golf Tournament** – 2:00 pm, Southern Pines Elks Golf Club. All proceeds will fund swim scholarships for Sandhills Sandsharks swimmers. \$55 entry includes golf, cart, fees, and food. To sign up, go online [www.tournevents.com/ssss](http://www.tournevents.com/ssss) or call Gwen Ward at 295-3920.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 16**

- **SLCC Summer Beach Party** – 5:30 pm cocktails, 6:30 pm dinner, 7:00 pm music. Fabulous menu

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- **My Favorite Things, Art Show** – 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, The Gallery at Seven Lakes, located on Seven Lakes Drive at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. Open House with refreshments hosted by the presenting artists will feature works of their favorite things and favorite places, in oil, watercolor, photography, and other media. The show will continue through July 26. Gallery hours are Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Local artists interested in showing their work, may call Carol at 673-0362, or Helen at 673-6347.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 17**

- **Weymouth Woods: Spiders and Ticks and Chiggers Lecture** – 3:00 pm, Weymouth Woods auditorium. Spiders, ticks and chiggers are very prevalent in the Sandhills. Poisonous spiders and disease-carrying ticks will be identified as well as others that are not harmful, but actually are a benefit to mankind. The program is designed to dispel the myths and tell the true story about the lives of one of nature's unique groups of animals.

**MONDAY JUNE 18**

- **Moore County Board of Commissioners** – 6:00 pm. Public Hearing on Area A Subdivision Moratorium. Historic Courthouse, Carthage

**SATURDAY, JUNE 23**

- **Weymouth Woods: Bird Walk** – 8:00 am, meet at the Visitor Center parking area for a two-mile hike to look for newly arrived summer and transient visitors from the tropics. Bring your binoculars, and learn more about these winged wonders.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 24**

- **Weymouth Woods: Marsh Builder** – 3:00 pm, at Weymouth Woods auditorium. Beaver's play an important role in creating wetlands and providing habitat. The hike will be about 1.5 miles round trip.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 26**

- **Sandhills Quilters Guild Meeting** – 9:30 am, Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, 330 S. May Street in Southern Pines. Augusta Cole will present.

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# Chandler receives SCC teaching award

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

"You can teach most anything to anyone, if they know you care," says Seven Lakes South resident Linda Chandler, a professor of mathematics at Sandhills Community College [SCC] and the recent recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award.

The potential to make a difference in the lives of the people in the community is what inspired Chandler to accept her post at SCC eight years ago.

"I prefer to teach at the freshman and sophomore college years — to get them when they first come in and change their minds," said Chandler.

"Most people decide whether they are smart or not by how well they do in math," said Chandler. "Especially women, I try to get them to focus and accept the idea that while they make not like math, it doesn't mean they can not do it."

Chandler teaches at all levels — from remedial math courses

to Differential Equations, and said that the ages of students in her classes this past semester ranged from eighteen to fifty-seven years old.

"New students come in and expect college to be the same as high school, and it's not. There is no review of the last class," said Chandler. "There is a period of adjustment."

Chandler said she does review material if requested during her office hours. "I have scheduled thirteen hours per week in my office that I'm available to meet with students. I tell them to use me: that I'm here to help."

Prior to SCC, Chandler taught at NC State and Coastal Carolina University. She said at Sandhills, in particular, she has been given many new opportunities.

"There is a difference between teaching and professing. At SCC, there is no ceiling," said Chandler. "I have my ideal job."

Chandler coordinates the University Studies program and serves on numerous committees. Recently she became aware of the need for more support on campus for both veterans and the loved ones of deployed troops.

"I started two support groups," said Chandler, an Army veteran herself. "The military does a lot to support spouses of deployed

servicemen but not for their parents, their fiancés, their siblings."

The SCC veterans support group that she launched has been so successful that Chandler and her working committee of eighteen faculty and staff plan to turn the group over to the students as a club. Her committee will continue to serve as faculty sponsors.

"The main purpose of the monthly support meetings has been to try to get them [both the veterans and the loved ones] together so they would know who each other were — so they could recognize each other, work together and network," said Chandler.

"I remind people that com-

munity is in our name, Sandhills Community College, and that's what we serve — a community."

As a professor, Chandler says her job is not really a job at all but her passion.

"When I was a student, my teachers saw something in me that I didn't see," said Chandler.

"What they gave me was hope and a sense of possibility."

Saying she enlisted in the Army, for financial reasons, after only one year of college, Chandler concluded, "I knew I wanted to go back to school and then to teach math. I, too, wanted to make a positive difference — to give hope."

## SLCC Tennis Camp

Summer is almost here and the Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Camp will start its first session on June 18. A second session will begin on July 23. Both sessions include tennis instruction and time at the Seven Lakes pool. Daily programs begin at 12:30 pm and finish at 3:30 pm. Each camper will receive a T-shirt and snacks will be provided. The cost is \$60.

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## How to avoid the political spin cycle

Did you know that Democratic Presidential hopeful Barack Obama is really a Muslim and was trained in a radical Islamic school?

Did you know that 95 percent of the warrants for murder in Los Angeles are for illegal aliens?

Did you know that Senator Hillary Clinton is charging the Secret Service agents who protect her rent when they stay at the Clinton home in New York state?

Did you know that the current shortage of flu vaccine is the direct result of a lawsuit filed by Presidential candidate John Edwards?

Did you know that Ollie North warned then Senator Al Gore about Osama bin Laden way back in 1987?

If you have email and a buddy, aunt, or father who likes to keep you up to date, you may well have heard about one of these fascinating facts.

What you may not have heard is that they are all bunk. That's right, bunk. False, untrue, misleading, downright manufactured falsehoods — cobbled up, in many cases, to push a particular political point of view or cast a particular candidate or public figure in a bad light.

If you are a savvy consumer of the dozens of email forwards

that your friends send you every week, you may have discovered websites like Snopes.com or truthorfiction.com that can help you sort the enormous pile of chaff from the rare kernels of wheat.

If so, you are already on the way to being "unspun."

### Digging Deeper

Greg Hankins



*un•Spun* is the title of a new book from Random House that promises to help readers find "facts in a world of disinformation." The authors, Brooks Jackson and Kathleen Hall Jamieson, are responsible for another helpful truth-or-fiction website, factcheck.org.

Brooks, an experienced investigative reporter who has put in stints with the Associated Press, Wall Street Journal, and CNN, and Jamieson, a communications professor at the University of Pennsylvania, started the website not to deal with the often silly and transparently inaccurate information that floats around the internet, but to "unspin" the much better engineered — and far more dangerous — lies, half-truths, and spin that fuel political advertising.

It's bad enough that ordinary

folks are forwarding each other emails claiming that Obama has ties to radical Islam, but it can be far more damaging when political ads paint an inaccurate picture of candidates — and voters take that picture with them to the polls.

*un•Spun* offers some alarming examples. In the run-up to the 2004 Presidential Election, the Bush Campaign ran an ad showing a menacing pack of wolves and claiming that John Kerry had voted to "slash" intelligence spending by \$6 billion after the "first terrorist attack" on the US. Surveyed after Election Day, 55 percent of US citizens said they believed Kerry had voted for cuts in intelligence spending after September 11, 2001.

Evidently, the Bush campaign ad was effective in shaping public opinion. But the "first terrorist attack" it referred to was the bombing in the World Trade Center garage in 1993, and the cut in intelligence spending was a \$1 billion per year, five year reduction in spending, a 3.5 percent cut

contained in a big package of deficit reduction measures.

The Bush campaign spun the numbers, and a large percentage of the public bought it.

Not that the Kerry campaign was above a little spinning of its own. During the 2004 cam-

percent and more than half thought those cuts would apply to retirees currently receiving benefits.

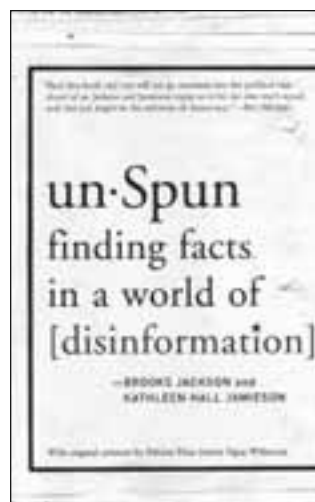
The Kerry campaign spun the numbers, and a large percentage of the public bought it.

The goal of *un•Spun* is to help you, as a citizen and as a consumer, avoid making the mistake of buying into spin. Brooks and Jamieson highlight the warning signs that should make you suspicious, detail the techniques of the spinmeisters, and provide a useful toolkit of strategies for cutting through the spin and getting to the real facts. They even offer a brief look at some recent studies of the human brain that explain why we are so susceptible to spin in the

first place.

The 2008 Presidential campaign is well underway, and with 18 or 20 candidates in the running, the next 18 months is sure to offer a bumper crop of spin.

It's time to arm yourself with the tools you need to make informed decisions. *un•Spun* is a good place to start.



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paign, a Kerry campaign ad claimed that Bush had a plan to cut Social Security benefits by 30 to 45 percent. That claim was just as misleading as the one about Kerry and intelligence spending. Still, 49 percent of citizens surveyed after the election thought Bush would cut Social Security benefits by 30 to 45

## Praise for 7 Lakes women

Dear Editor:

I remember telling you last winter that the Women of Seven Lakes had offered to put on a golf Tournament for Backpack Pals, a program of Moore County schools created to meet the needs of children known to have little or nothing to eat on the weekend.

You told me at the time that the event would be absolutely first rate if the Women of Seven Lakes were doing it. Well, you were right!

I have played in and coordinated golf charity tournaments for over twenty years in North and South Carolina, and, without a doubt, the inaugural benefit for Backpack Pals at Beacon

Ridge on May 18 was the best.

The committee did an outstanding job securing sponsors

fessional manner.

On behalf of many happy little backpackers, thank you to the Women of Seven Lakes: Peggy McCallum, President; Ginger Finney, Tournament Chairman; Jo Nicholas, Tournament co-chairman; and committee members, Mike Finney, Brenda Massimo, Larry McCallum, Shirley Sikkema, Pat Weber, and Sandi Carl for an absolutely fantastic job.

We hope to have the opportunity to work with the Women of Seven Lakes in the future for the benefit of a very special program, Backpack Pals.

Linda Hubbard  
Volunteer Coordinator  
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Letters to the  
Editor



# Waiting for the wax cycle down at the spa

Warming under the overhead red light – the kind they use for French fries – with nothing for cover except a bath towel was only slight less disturbing than the fact that I was reclining on a table similar, to me at least, to an autopsy slab with those little gullies encircling the perimeter. Yes, there I was attempting to relax in my own little private Hell: the spa treatment room.

Now I'm a fairly low-maintenance, predictable girl; you're likely to find me at a playground, or browsing the better apparel racks at Walmart, no problem

Yes, ladies, it is dumb — and fun, and that's why we play. Several area groups, I hear, have gone the extra step to eliminate the very proper BUNCO moniker in favor of the more descriptive, more suitably-titled DRUNKO.

However, drunko I was not at the spa. Somehow I expect that would have improved my peach and pecan scrub. Why I thought a full-body exfoliation sounded appealing, I don't know. Thank goodness, skin is the largest organ of the body: I'm sure one could lose several pounds to those buffing pads.

Moving on, I was next directed to a soothing hot shower. Now this was no ordinary, everyday stall but a gleaming,

tracking me down at a local hamburger joint — but a spa? Not this chick. Confused by the multiple knobs and spigots, and no doubt a few neurons short after the baking light, I attempted to turn off the water only to instead engage the side-by-side sprayers at full blast.

Great, I thought, first I was fast food and now I feel like a minivan running through the auto wash. I actually waited for the rainbow wax cycle to kick in.

I didn't have to wait long.

Once I escaped the deluge of water, the final touch was a thick polish of peach butter. Yup, somehow I knew I wasn't getting out of there without the wax.

Now that was decadent! Okay, forget what I said about being out of my natural element.

Next time I'm in Hell, I'm getting the mud wrap.

## Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass



tracking me down at a local hamburger joint — but a spa? Not this chick.

It's not that I don't excel at self-indulgent entertainment, BUNCO comes to mind. Have you played this game? Picture a dozen women, spending two to three hours of perfectly good socializing time, rolling dice three at a time, in a feeble attempt to score points by getting all the dots to match. No strategy, no gimmick, frankly, no brain cells required.

Actually, one of the more entertaining moments is when a newbie substitutes in for a regular player and I get to explain the rules. Flashing across their fresh, green eyes is first terror, "I'll never understand this game," then confusion, "I sit where, table what, the winners leave?," and lastly acceptance, "That's it? Oh, this is so dumb!"

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# Take a deep breath . . .

Little aches and pains and preoccupation with duties of the day can sometimes have a dulling effect on "joie de vivre" for many of us. Sure, we cope with life to the best of our ability and try to wring out and rinse the shortcomings of each day, but sometimes it seems like it's devouring us. "Reflection? Don't have time."

That's the rub: time. We just can't put the word "reflection" on our calendar for each day of the week. Like "5:21 to 5:25 pm." Besides, the phone is always ringing. The soup on the stove spills over. Your harried wife across the table sports a droopy-

eyed appearance resulting from the trials and tribulations of the day. The opened envelope sporting a larger than usual utility bill still sits on the kitchen counter.

A perfect setting for a toast

with that wine we bought a year ago but have been looking for a good moment to pop the cork. A search failed to come up with it.

Alright, let's just ask each other: "What are we so 'off kilter'

about?" Really.

Aren't we better off than those three urchins sharing a single piece of bread we saw on TV last week? Or those households where wife-beating has become routine — and unreported, out of fear? Or that family in Iraq wondering when and where the next terrorist-delivered bomb is going

to land? So, think about them and maybe even pray for them. It might help you put some of your own irks in a little better perspective.

What about blessings? Yes, we do have them. Sometimes we take them a little too for granted. Spiritual values, the backbone of maintaining meaningful rela-

tionships, need to be nurtured and sprinkled about with care.

So, "don't sweat the small stuff." Ulcers aren't much fun to deal with.

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# One last chance on Area A moratorium

At last Monday's meeting the Mooore County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to conduct a public hearing on the issue of a moratorium for Area A.

## Background

A six-month moratorium on major subdivision developments in Area A had been jointly proposed by the County Planning Department and the Steering Committee. Then the planning board and the subdivision review board by consensus agreed with the proposal. Still later, in April, the Commissioners rejected our initial proposal and ordered the County Planning Board to reconsider the issue.

On May 31 the planning board conducted a public hearing.

The meeting began with a "walk-around." Relevant county and Area A maps and aerial photos of the major subdivision developments were prominently displayed. Staff members were close by for answers to questions and for explanations of the maps and photos.

Of the 80 or so attendees, 16 then spoke in favor of a moratorium, 4 in opposition.

Andrea surratt, County Planning Director, spoke on the many issues raised by the proposed developments and covered the four questions the North Carolina General Statutes ask. She then recommended that the planning board approve the moratorium. After deliberation, I moved that the Planning Board approve the moratorium.

Paul Hodges, vice-Chairman of the Steering Committee, seconded and the Planning Board approved the motion 6-1.

Next, at the June 18 Board of

Commissioners meeting there will be a public hearing on the moratorium issue. We will have our one last chance to convince the Commissioners of the wisdom of a moratorium.

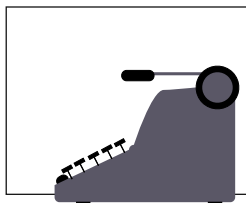
The primary argument is to provide sufficient time for the Planning Department staff to (in addition to their many other duties, some of which cannot be put off) prepare modifications to the existing Land Use Plan and the supporting regu-

lations and ordinances.

As a bonus, the Area A Steering Committee gains some time

## Your Turn

*Dave Kinney  
Charman, Area A  
Steering Committee*



valuable time — to assure a quality plan.

## Call to action

I was pleased that the moratorium was so well supported

## Hannah dedicates birthday to animals

Dear Editor:

The Moore Humane Society received donations from several individuals attending Hannah Florence's birthday party.

Florence, a resident of Seven Lakes North, made the unselfish and kind act of requesting that in lieu of giving her birthday presents, to please make a donation to Moore Humane Society.

It is through the kindness and

giving nature of special people like Hannah, that the shelter can continue to operate as we depend upon donations for our sole means of operation being a non-profit, no-kill shelter.

Our special thanks again to Hannah Florence and her friends!

*Gary C. Kunce  
President*

*Moore Humane Society*

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by the six Seven Lakers who, at the May 31 public hearing, felt moved to speak. I commend Marisa Back, Nancy Chumley, Mary Anne Fewkes, George Jenner, Frank Krohn, and Jane Leach for speaking effectively and eloquently.

To chalk up a success on June 18, I suggest — no, I seriously ask — that a greater number of Seven Lakers attend the meeting and speak on the issue with

whatever arguments you wish. This is a golden opportunity to show our strength, our interest. The Commissioners do note the presence of community groups. They do listen to the public.

I look forward to writing in the June 22 issue that 10, no 12, at least, Seven Lakers spoke in support of the moratorium and that 50, no 100, Lakers attended. Of course, I hope for a favorable vote by the Commissioners.



*Tammy Phan, Owner*

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# Your help needed to conserve water

As you know, we had a severe water shortage Memorial Day weekend. The water at all times was safe to drink. The Seven Lakes water system serves Seven Lakes, West End, McLendon Hills and the Love Grove Community.

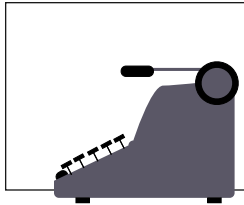
The Moore County Public Utilities division which maintains our water system has requested that we must reduce our water usage by 20 percent due to lack of rainfall. Consumption has increase dramatically over the past 30 days which necessitates our request for your help.

They are requesting voluntary conservation by implementing the following requests:

1. Reducing irrigation activity to once every three days. Please refrain from irrigation between the hours of 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM as evaporation rates are higher during these hours. Water only when absolutely

necessary.

2. Repairing any known leads, e.g., dripping faucets, toilet leaks, etc.
3. Refrain from washing vehicles.
4. Eliminate washing paved surfaces, unless for health or safety reasons.
5. Turning off decorative fountains, except those



## Your Turn

*Don Truesdell  
SLLA President*

using re-circulated water.

The Moore County Public Utilities appreciates your cooperation during this period of dry weather conditions. For additional information on ways to conserve water, please call 947-

6315 or visit the County's website at [www.moorecountync.gov](http://www.moorecountync.gov).

The loss of water pressure was created because the demand for irrigation this last weekend more than doubled and exceeded our capacity, for example on Sunday, May 27, 2007, the demand was 826,000 gallons, Monday, May 28, 2007, the demand was

856,000 gallons and on Tuesday, May 29, 2007, the demand was 886,000 gallons. The system capacity is 800,000 gal-

lons per day. There are several measures the county has taken to keep pace with the growing demand for water within Seven Lakes.

1. The Pinewild by-pass was approved by the County Com-

missioners and work is progressing. The expected completion date for installing the 12" diameter pipeline is imminent. The expected completion date for the booster station is the 1st quarter of 2008. The increase in our water supply when completed will be 400,000 gallons per day. The current capacity is 800,000 gallons per day. When completed Seven Lakes will have a water supply of 1,200,000 gallons per day.

2. A contract was approved to connect our water tank located in the stable area on the North Side with the water tower on the West Side. Each tank has a capacity of approximately 150,000 gallons.
3. Several new wells have been completed and have been brought online.
4. The county has hired an engineering firm to study the fea-

sibility of installing an inter-connecting water supply system for Moore County. One of the items being considered is a pipeline from Candor (Montgomery County) along NC 211 to Moore County.

As you know I also serve on the Seven Lakes Civic Group. One of our primary projects is to insure an adequate water supply for Seven Lakes. Please refer to the May 25, 2007, issue of *The Seven Lakes Times*, page 2, "Your Input Needed on Area A Moratorium." Dave Kinney, President of the Seven Lakes Civic Group is the author and makes a strong point for a moratorium on new construction. Moore County has an obligation to its residents to insure an adequate water supply. Until the county can demonstrate its ability to fulfill this obligation then a short term moratorium

(See "Truesdell," p. 29)

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# Disappointed in community’s observance of Memorial Day

Dear Editor:

I was disappointed to see that the flags in the Seven Lakes community were not lowered to half-staff this Memorial Day.

When I noticed the flag at Johnson Point flying at full staff, I made it a point to drive around the community and check the other flag poles.

At the Westside entrance, the Community Center, up in the business area, the story was the same: all the flags were flying at full staff.

I thing this shows a lack of respect for the men and women of our Armed Forces, our vet-

erans, and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

I hope that, next Memorial Day, we will take the time to truly, and respectfully, remember them.

Charlie Flinchum  
Seven Lakes West

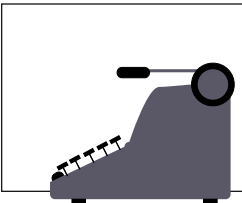
# Jubilant June

Well, “June” dear, how rightly you were named, as you follow your sister month, “May.” You are both to be commended, for you exude the future and we are all about progress and equality.

We trust that proms, graduations, diplomas, and advancements will long be remembered. How could they be forgotten? They are the memories of class reunions, sweethearts, and heartbreaks – but such sweet thoughts they are.

June is so proud of all the

engagements, weddings, and lots more. Proud of times that present a cake and candles, songs and good wishes, and of course, young love.



Your Turn

Betty Stemmer  
Seven Lakes North

Grasp them tightly as they are the beginning of future celebrations, and the important stories to tell

your children and brag a little bit.

As we move on, and move we must, let us keep our eyes on the goals we have set for ourselves: remember to be happy and smile a lot. For smiles create such nice lines and help us to foresee all of the good in mankind and the joys of our wonderful country.

# Truesdell

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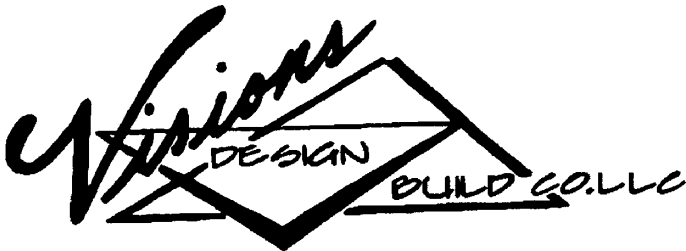
on building should be considered.

On Monday, June 18, 2007, at 6:00 pm, the Moore County Board of Commissioners will convene a public hearing to gather input on the proposed moratorium in Area A. This meeting is open to the public

at will be held at the Historic Courthouse in Carthage.

In the meantime each one of us can do his/her part by conserving water. We are more than 4” below our average rainfall level with no prospects in sight for a meaningful downpour. Please conserve.

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# 7 Lakes can’t have changed that much!

Dear Editor:

I couldn’t help but react to the letter from Avery Mann of Cary. If he equates disagreement with a place to live, how can he stay in the United States after reading statements made by our candidates for public office? According to both Democrats and Republicans, everything is going wrong with everything.

I lived in Seven Lakes for twenty-one years [1984-2005] and found it to be the best place I have ever lived; the only reason I left was to be near family. Having served on numerous committees and the Seven lakes Country Club Board and the Chapel Board, I know most people to be caring, generous, and eager to volunteer.

Things can’t have gone completely downhill in two years.

Marge Wachsmuth  
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# Trucks

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band would have to drive all the way to Carthage to park his truck in his normal yard — a long and unnecessary trip when he has pulled an unusually long shift. "That's discrimination," she said. "I don't feel like risking his safety" because someone doesn't like the look of his truck.

"I'm disturbed and find it very discriminatory," Phil Thingstad said of the proposed parking ban. He said one over the road driver lives in his neighborhood and brings in his truck no more than once per month. "They are great neighbors, Thingstad said. "That truck is better looking than half of the cars. They've fixed up their house . . . I find it despicable to pick on somebody because they are few in number."

"I'm the one that everybody complains about," Cassandra Younger said. "We moved here about seven months ago. We did our research and found out this community would accept us. We've been in trucking 25 years. We thought this was going to be our retirement home, after working 20 more years."

Younger said her husband's rig is parked at the house once every 30 days and never for more than 48 hours. They use the time to clean the husband's clothes and linens before he goes back on the road for another 30 days.

"He drives 5,000 miles a week, and everyone in here complains about us," Younger said. "Everybody complains about us."

John Stewart, a truck driver who works for the Youngers said, "They took a heap and took and redone the whole damn house. This lady has abided by every rule you pushed at her and now

she's ready to move out. What's wrong with the 48 hours that you gave us [for overnight parking]. What about the people with the big RVs?"

Defending his proposed rules change, Director Florence said he had spoken with several leading Realtors® in the county about allowing big truck parking in residential areas, and was uniformly told it hurts property values.

Resident Ron Erskine, who has been consistently opposed to the overnight parking of big trucks in the community, echoed Florence's comments. He said he had recently asked a real estate agent whether he would show a house that had a trailer tractor parked next door. "The answer was no," Erskine said. "There are 1200 people who own real estate in here."

Ron Stone, who said he was a 19 year resident of Seven Lakes — and a former over-the-road truck driver — said of the proposal "It is unfair. This is an outrageous issue to bring up. Trucks are no worse than a motorhome."

Director Ed Nuti said he opposed the ban on overnight parking of big trucks. Noting that he had spoken with one family that was contemplating leaving the community because of the

proposed ban, Nuti said, "That is heartbreaking — to force people out of town because of their means of employment. We are on a slippery slope here."

"I hope in this discussion tonight that we don't make a mistake and compound the bad press we are getting over other issues," Nuti continued. "You know where I stand on it." He said he would be taking comments on the proposed change in a rules committee meeting scheduled for June 1.

The board agreed to defer the proposal to a future meeting.

## Grumpy Pumpkin projects

The board approved a resubdivision of lots, as well as utility easements on the South Side, all a part of a project by developer Clark Campbell, of Grumpy Pumpkin, LLC, to make usable several lots that won't perc for septic systems. The SLLA Rules and Regulations provide for the the pumping of liquid wastewater from such a lot to a leach field on a separate lot.

The board had denied Campbell's request during the April General meeting; but, after meeting with him to better understand the project, approved the proposals during the May 30 meeting.

Community Manager Dalton Fulcher explained that the actual design of the septic systems and leach fields would have to be done by a license engineer and would have to be approved by the county health department before being installed.

## Employee sick leave

A minor change proposed for the SLLA employee sick leave policy generated considerable public comment at the meeting, and resulted in the policy being referred for review to a committee to be headed by Treasurer Steve Hudson.

Director Ed Nuti, who has been working on an update to the Personnel Policy Manual, had

proposed making abuse of sick leave grounds for immediate dismissal. The current sick leave policy provides for ten sick days per year. Unused days carry over to the next year, but employees may accumulate no more than thirty sick days. Those days may be used only in case of actual sickness — not as vacation days.

A number of residents expressed concern that the policy provides too many sick days. One suggested that the SLLA look at a policy similar to that employed by FirstHealth, which makes no distinction between sick and vacation days. At the suggestion on Northsider Bud

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# SLLA

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Shaver, President Don Truesdell referred a review of the policy to Hudson, who said he would set up an ad hoc committee to handle that review.

## Swimming Pool fence

Recreation Director Laura Douglass reported that only one bid had been received on replacing the current wooden fence at the North Side swimming pool with a black aluminum fence that has the appearance of wrought iron. The price was \$33,500, which will consume the bulk of the \$40,000 capital budget set aside for pool improvements.

Repairs to the pool deck are also needed, so Douglass floated the idea of replacing the wooden fence on one side of the pool this year in order to have funds available to recoat the deck. Action on the matter was tabled pending the receipt of additional bids.

## Side garages, Builder fees

At the suggestion of Architectural Review Director Donna Stephan, the board approved in a six-to-one vote a rules amendment that says, "As possible, garage entrances will be to the side or the rear." Stephan said the visual aesthetics of the community are being damaged by too many new homes in which the garage door is the most prominent feature when viewed from the street. Because it is not always possible, given narrow lots, to position garages to the side or rear, the Architectural Review Board [ARB] will

have the authority to grant variances from the new rule.

Residents spoke both for and against the new rule. Nuti said he felt the community should have been given greater opportunity for input before the Board made its decision.

Also on a motion from Stephan, the Board unanimously agreed to change the name of the current \$800 Builder Access Fee to a Seven Lakes Plan Review Fee. The \$800 will be added to the restricted reserve for road paving.

## Other Business

In other business, the SLLA Board:

- Heard from President Don Truesdell that he and Nuti, along with the Association's attorney, Hunter Stovall, had met with representatives of Seven Lakes Country Club and the Club's attorney to discuss the on-going disagreement over the club's proposal to build a new driving range. The Board entered a closed session to discuss the matter at the end of the May 30 General Session.
- Heard from Dalton Fulcher that the legwork is still underway to get firm quotes on a new employee health insurance policy.

## Committee Reports

**Security.** Director Florence reminded residents that cars left on Association property after 11:00 pm are subject to being towed.

**Recreation.** Director Douglass reminded residents that Sum-

mer daycamp starts June 11. Parents will have a choice of enrolling youngsters in a half day or full day session. The Seven Lakes Stingrays Swim Team has 70 members this year; the team is sponsored by the Seven Lakes Lions Club.

Negotiations are underway with a vendor who would like to sell food to pool patrons during pool hours this summer, Douglass said.

**Architectural Review.** The ARB Committee approved four new homes and "is bargaining on the fifth," Director Stephan reported. Also approved were one variance for a front setback and four alterations.

**Community standards.** Director Randy Zielsdorf said his committee opened the month with five Northside rules violations on the book, three of which had been resolved. Three of four Southside issues had also been resolved. Eleven new problems were reported during the month, and two of those had already

been resolved.

**Maintenance.** Director Nuti read a statement prepared by Northsider Frank Horan, who has 23 years experience in road maintenance. The Board had

asked Horan to review a sample of a road-repair analysis prepared by an NC State-affiliated consulting firm. SLLA President Truesdell has urged the Board to

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# Commissioners

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ects looming on the horizon.

The single largest contributor to the budget increase is a mandate from the Commissioners that the county stop tapping its undesignated fund balance — the county's savings account — to pay for operating expenses. Last year's budget projected pulling over \$8 million out of the fund balance, though an unanticipated revenue increase made this unnecessary. This year's budget leaves the savings account alone, a move which amounts to an eight cent increase on the tax rate. This fiscal discipline will increase cash on hand, which should in turn improve the County's bond rating. Come November, if voters approve nearly \$70 million in bonds for Moore County Schools and Sandhills Community College, that higher bond rating should pay off in lower interest rates.

The only other change between the budget Commissioners approved and the budget McSwain initially proposed was a few thousand extra dollars for the Literacy Council and Arts Council.

Fire tax rates were also a matter of concern in this year's budget — and a subject that had generated some calls to commissioners after McSwain's initial

budget was presented to the board. Finance Director Lisa Hughes told *The Times* that several departments had requested a rate increase without recognizing that the revaluation-driven increase in the tax base would increase their revenues without a rate increase. McSwain cut back the rates, and firefighters started calling Commissioners.

McSwain and Fire Marshall Carleton Cole met with many of the departments and worked out budget compromises. In the end, all but one of the county's seventeen departments will see a budget increase.

Across all seventeen departments, tax revenues will grow by 14.3 percent. Funding of the Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department will increase from \$191,000 to \$239,000; West End, which also serves Foxfire Village, will see a jump from \$164,000 to \$225,000. McSwain explained that departments across the county are finding it more difficult to recruit volunteers and are being forced to hire full or part-time firefighters to ensure they have a crew ready to respond.

**New County Manager, Tax Administrator**

In other business, the Commissioners deleted the "Interim" from McSwain's job title, hiring him to fill the vacant County Manager position at an annual salary of \$125,000. McSwain has served in an interim capacity since October. He has a 25-year track record in local government, including 15 years as the Assistant Manager in Gaston County and 12 years as County Administrator for Richland County, SC. Acknowledging the promotion, McSwain said he had come to love Moore County in the time he has served in an interim capacity.

Commissioners also moved Wayne Vest from Interim to full-fledged Tax Administrator.

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# SLLA

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consider commissioning such a study, expected to cost \$7,000, in order to prioritize road repairs.

Horan said the roads are basically in good shape and do not need to be rebuilt, though regular shoulder maintenance is necessary to extend the life of the roadway. He did not support the idea of commissioning the road study.

**Finance.** Treasurer Steve Hudson reported that the Association closed the year with \$1,279,000 in revenues, offset by \$954,000 in operating expenditures and \$436,000 in capital expenditures, for a net loss of \$111,000, which reduced SLLA reserves to \$303,000, of which \$125,000 is designated for road repairs.

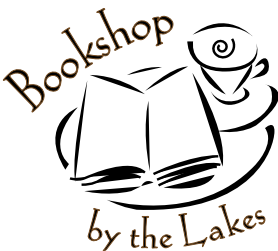
**Lakes & dams.** President Truesdell reported that tests of the water in the community's lakes shows that all lakes are "clean and pristine." An engineer is currently reviewing the past several years of state dam inspection letters and will soon be visiting the community in order to conduct his own on-site inspection.

Noting that he had recently seen young people throwing the rocks recently added to the face of Echo Dam at considerable cost, Truesdell suggested promulgating a new rule that will keep folks off the dams.

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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.

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# Commissioners

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## Public Hearings Called

Commissioners issued calls to public hearing for June 18 on several initiatives presented by Planning Director Andrea Surratt, the most controversial of which was a proposed six-month moratorium on new major subdivisions in Small Area Planning Area A, a large chunk of the county centered on Seven Lakes and West End. [See separate write-up for more details on this decision.]

Another public hearing set for June 18 will consider a rezoning request from MHK Ventures for portions of the Brenner Property at NC Highway 72 and Beulah Hill Church Road. Develop-

er MHK seeks to rezone 377 acres of the more and 1,000 acre tract from RA Rural Agricultural and RA-40 Residential to P-C Public and Conservation District. MHK plans to build a golf course on the acreage, the centerpiece of a 219-home residential development.

This rezoning request met with some rough sledding when it was reviewed by the planning board and was approved in a four-to-three vote. Planning Board members who voted against approval indicated they would prefer to see the golf course and its surrounding residential development considered at the same time. The developer argued that he needs to

have the golf course approved so that he can begin growing grass this year.

There is some opposition to development plans for the Brenner property among nearby residents, who made their feelings known when the Planning Board considered the proposal and during the board's Public Hearing on the Area A moratorium. Approval of the Area A moratorium will not impede development of the golf course, assuming Commissioners approve the rezoning. However, the moratorium, if passed, will slow approval of the associated residential subdivision, Planning Director Andrea Surratt told *The Times*.

The Planning Board and Staff

are also seeking a change to the Subdivision Ordinance that will create standards for "Family Subdivisions."

Most important among the new rules are provisions that require road development sufficient to provide access to emergency vehicles. The Commissioners Monday issued a call to public hearing for June 18 on this proposal.

Another Public Hearing on June 18 will consider an amendment to the section of the Zoning Ordinance that deals with Highway Corridor Overlay Districts, providing an exception to setback requirements for essential public utilities facilities, like pump stations and lift stations.

## Other Business

The Commissioners, during their Monday, June 4 meeting, also:

- Awarded a \$730,000 contract to Atkinson Infrastructure of Vass to install a two-mile-long, twelve-inch water main and booster station on NC Highway 15/501, connecting the East Moore Water District to the Pinehurst Water System. This will allow for as much as one million gallons a day of water purchased from Harnett County to flow into the Pinehurst system, which is in turn connected to the Seven Lakes Water System. The contract gives Atkinson 300 days in which to complete the work.
- Approved a \$183,000 contract amendment that will expand the Lake Pinehurst Sewer Rehabilitation project to include most of the sewer mains on the west side of Lake Pinehurst.
- Approved a performance-based contract for fire protection within the towns of Aberdeen and Pinebluff.

# Planning board

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Pines expressed concern about one pending development in particular: a golf course and high-end residential subdivision planned for the 1,000-acre Brenner tract. Noting that the land includes a portion of the headwaters of Little River, they expressed concerns about the impact on water quality and water quantity downstream — including the impact on Thagard Lake in Whispering Pines. **Planning Board debate**

After public comments had concluded, Planning Director Andrea Surratt led board mem-

bers through the process of crafting a moratorium resolution that met the criteria laid out in North Carolina General Statutes. Board members quickly homed in on debating a moratorium in Area A, rejecting the option of a countywide moratorium.

Small Area A Steering Committee Chairman Dave Kinney, Planning Board Chair Nancy Fiorillo, and Planning Board member Ron Jackson dominated the discussion, with Jackson, a builder and developer, repeatedly asserting that the board had not met the needs test

for a moratorium laid out in state law. The statute requires a clear statement of the problem that makes a moratorium necessary. The board, Jackson said, never managed to arrive at that clear statement.

Despite his best efforts, Jack-

son was unable to sway his fellow board members and ended the evening on the losing end of a six-to-one vote to reissue a request to the Board of Commissioners to impose a six-month moratorium on new major subdivisions in Area A.



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# Moratorium

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posed moratorium, and owed both opponents and proponents their "day in court." Caddell made it clear that his position opposing moratoria had not changed.

Jackson said the Planning Board had failed to establish the findings of fact required by the General Statutes in establishing a moratorium, when it considered the topic in a meeting on Thursday, May 31. "Emotion is what voted," he said of the Planning Board's decision to request the moratorium.

Both Densel Williams and Reggie Lester of the Home Builders Association told Commissioners that housing prices in Moore County were rising so rapidly that public safety workers, teachers, health care professionals and others were being priced out of the market. The median price of homes closed last year in the county was \$256,000, Williams said. Lester noted that purchasing the typical home in North Carolina requires an hourly wage rate of \$25.75. Both argued that a moratorium would introduce expensive delays for developers and builders, driving up housing prices.

Alluding to the fact that the Call to Public Hearing triggers a halt to new subdivision approvals until commissioners decide the question, Lester said issuing the call itself constitutes a "mini-moratorium" that disrupts the construction industry.

Todd Meade, a builder from Seven Lakes West said he and his wife had moved to Moore County three years ago in order to start their own business. If the zoning and subdivision ordinances are out of sync with the land use plan, Meade said, "I think it is gross negligence on someone's part not to see that three years ago and plan accordingly. . . Six months may not mean much to the developer, but it means a lot to the little guy."

Speaking on the other side of the issue, Ruth Stolting, a resident of the area that lies in the path of much of the proposed development, told commissioners that a new citizens group — Save Our Sandhills — was expected to pass on Monday night a resolution in support of the moratorium and urg-

ing a more aggressive stance on assuring that rezonings and subdivision approvals are evaluated in accordance with the county land use plan.

Kinney said the sheer number of subdivision proposals in Area A made it necessary to accel-

erate a review of the zoning and subdivision ordinances that was already underway; the moratorium will buy the planning staff the time to address that project. He argued that the objections from the Home Builders Association — and objections voiced dur-

ing the May 31 Planning Board meeting by the Chamber of Commerce and economic development officials — took a short-term view. Better land use plans and ordinances will eventually build stonger, more attractive communities, enhancing property

values, Kinney argued.

The Commissioners will hold what is likely to be a well-attended public hearing on the proposed moratorium during their June 18 meeting at the Historic Courthouse in Carthage.

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Water

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Memorial Day shortage

On Memorial Day, May 28, the two water tanks in Seven Lakes were nearly empty, the result of what Brobst called “a perfect storm” of water usage: dry weather increasing irrigation use, homeowners filling swimming pools, holiday visitors resulting in higher consumption per household, and so on. The tall vertical riser pipes that carry water to and from the storage tanks were still full, but the bowls of both tanks were empty, Utility Operations manager Ben Vaughn told *The Times*.

Water usage in the Seven Lakes system exceeded 800,000 gallons every day starting on Wednesday May 23, and set new consumption records on Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27 of 856,000 and 884,000 gallons, respectively.

The water level in the Seven Lakes tanks began to fall to “scary levels,” Brobst said. “We wanted to maintain enough pressure for fire protection, so we moved to ask for conservation measures.”

Public works staffers posted fliers in Seven Lakes and the surrounding area on Memorial Day asking for a halt to all outside water usage on Monday.

Brobst, who lives in Seven Lakes, said he was playing in a Memorial Day golf tournament here and announced the need for conservation to all twenty-four foursomes playing in the match, asking them to spread the word.

The Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department and West End Fire and Rescue helped get the word out on Memorial Day by driving through the community announcing the shortage and asking residents to conserve water.

Rumors developed that residents shouldn’t drink the water, which was bad information, Brobst said. The system experienced only quantity, not quality, problems.

In response to the all-out effort, usage dropped to 639,000 gallons on Tuesday, May 29, and held at 708,000 gallons on May

30. But it was back up to 836,600 — exceeding production capacity, by May 31.

The Seven Lakes system serves Seven Lakes, West End, McLendon Hills, and the Love Grove community. Most of its water comes from the county system serving Pinehurst, through a water main that runs along NC Highway 211.

Stage One Conservation

Stage One Conservation has become a regular part of summer in the Seven Lakes area over the past several years.

The County’s water conservation ordinance includes a laundry list of conservation measures that consumers and businesses can adopt in order to meet the desired 20 percent reduction in usage:

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toilets for leaks, and if necessary repair.

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- Use shower for bathing purposes or reduce the depth of water used for tub baths. Limit showers to five (5) minutes where possible.
- Refrain from running faucets while shaving, rinsing dishes or brushing teeth.
- Install water flow restrictive devices in showerheads.
- Install water-saving devices such as plastic bottles or commercial units in toilet tanks.
- Review water uses and where feasible install recycle systems, particularly commercial and industrial customers.
- Limit the use of clothes wash-

ers and dishwashers, and when used, operate fully loaded.

- Reduce the flushing of toilets to the minimum whenever practical.
- Limit lawn watering to only when grass shows signs of withering and apply water as slow as possible to achieve deep penetration.
- Limit shrubbery watering to the minimum, reusing household water when possible.
- Limit car washing to the minimum.
- Limit wash downs of outside areas such as sidewalks, patios, driveways, or other similar purposes.
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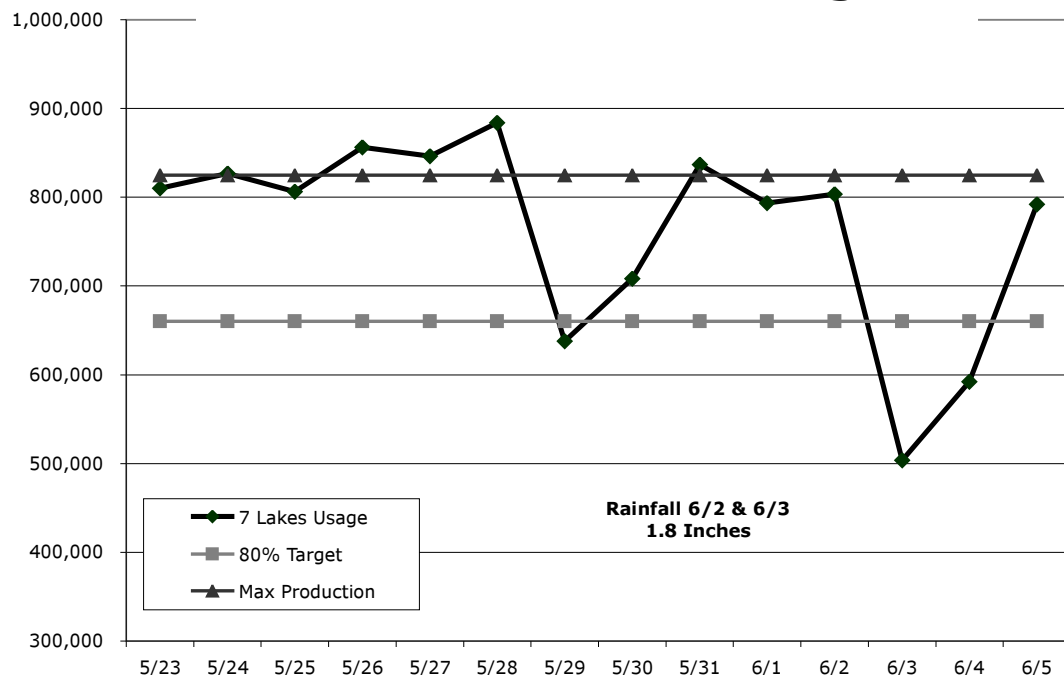
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The logo looks great, but, given last week's water shortage, maybe a water level gauge would have been a better idea. The county implemented Stage 1 Voluntary Conservation measures last week, but there's no easy way for residents to find out whether they are achieving that goal.

So *The Times* has created an online Seven Lakes water gauge

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Staffers at Moore County Public Utilities record water usage every day and Utility Operations Manager Ben Vaughn has agreed to forward this information along to *The Times*.

Our graph includes the last 14 days of usage, as well as bright lines that show the 825,000 gallon maximum daily capacity of the system, and the 660,000 gallon per day conservation target.

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If you have a problem in your home, don't mask it. A common example is the homeowner who spray paints a ceiling to cover

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# Water

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where possible.

- Use biodegradable disposable dishes and utensils, both for residential and commercial purposes, where feasible.

Stage 2 Mandatory Conservation ups the conservation goal to 30 percent and makes many of the Stage 1 conservation practices mandatory instead of voluntary.

## Water projects in the works

Seven Lakes has been experiencing a building boom, and every new home adds to the demand on the water system. “A lot of people are putting in a whole lot of sod, and that is going to require a whole lot of water,” Brobst said. “I have no objection to that lifestyle, but we are going to have to equip the system to deal with the demand.”

There are a number of projects in the works to increase system capacity. An interconnection of the two Seven Lakes water tanks is underway, which should improve hydraulics in the system, though it won’t increase water supply. That project did not contribute to the weekend shortage, according to Brobst.

Just finished is a new water line along NC Highway 211, running from approximately Olmsted Village to West Pine Middle School. Currently, water coming to Seven

Lakes from the county system that serves Pinehurst flows through Pinewild — not an ideal situation. The new line bypasses Pinewild, which should offer an increase in the water that can be moved through the system — though the County’s Utility Operations Manager Ben Vaughn could not predict exactly how much more water.

Engineering work is underway on a new booster station with higher capacity pumps that will push up to fifty percent more water to Seven Lakes, but these aren’t expected to be installed until next summer.

Brobst told *The Times* that it may be possible to increase the

horsepower of the existing pumps to move more water to Seven Lakes, though no decision has been made to do that at this point.

During their Monday, June 4 meeting, the County Board of Commissioners approved a contract for the two-mile-long water main and associated booster station that will carry up to one million gallons per day of Harnett County water from the East Moore Water District to the Pinehurst system. Longer term, Brobst said, an interconnection with Montgomery County should bring more water into the system — and from a source that is closer to Seven Lakes.

# Favorite things at Gallery

The Gallery at Seven Lakes will host a gala opening for the artists who will be exhibiting ‘My Favorite Things’ this Summer. An Open House, hosted by the presenting artists, will be held on Saturday, June 16, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Works by local photographers and artists will be available for viewing and purchase. Refreshments will be served.

My Favorite Things will feature works presenting a favorite item, a favorite place, any favorite at all. Area artists are invited to be a part of this exciting gallery show. You do not have to be a professional artist

and this is a good way to get acquainted with other artists and art lovers who live in Moore County and beyond.

The Gallery at Seven Lakes will receive works of art on Thursday, June 14, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, for the Summer show. If you are interested, please call Carol at 673-0362, or Helen at 673-6347.

The Summer exhibit will run from June 16 to July 26. The Gallery is located at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church at 1145 Seven Lakes Drive. Watch for the Open flag on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons each week.



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## Safe Sitter Program offered

FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital will offer the Safe Sitter Babysitter Program for youths ages eleven to thirteen on July 19 and 20.

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They will also learn about safety for the sitter, such basic child care skills as diapering and feeding, babysitting business skills, and safety for the sitter and children.

The \$20 fee covers materials, lunch and snacks for each day. To register, please call (910) 715-1582 or 715-1583.

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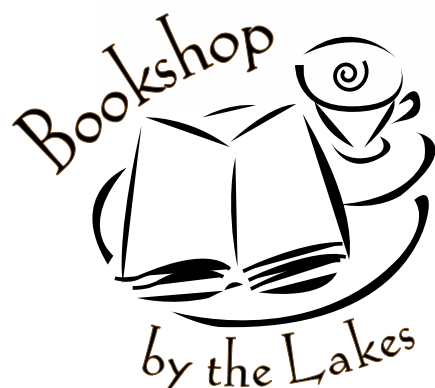
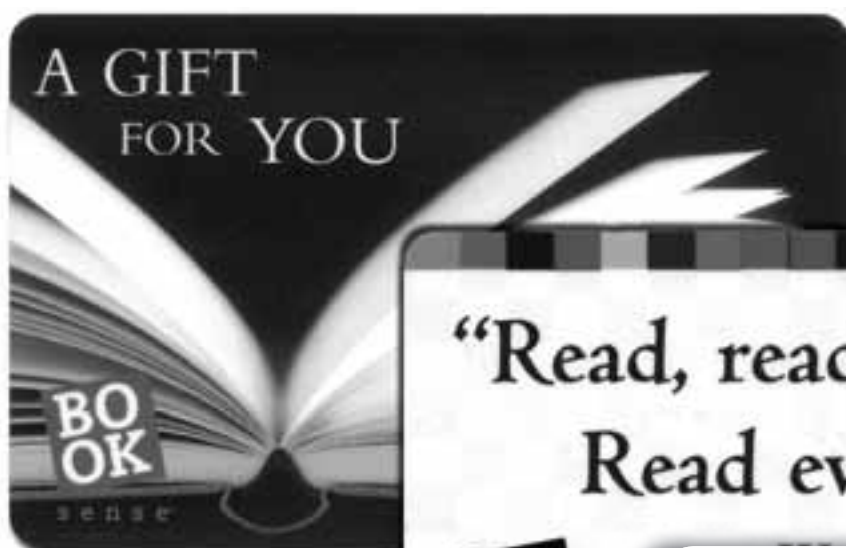
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