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Water use drops in Seven Lakes

"A little rain and a lot of cooperation" has helped Seven Lakes reduce its water consumption to target level, Moore County Public Works Director Dennis Brobst told *The Times* on Wednesday morning.

Water use that persistently exceeded the 825,000 gallon production capacity of the Seven Lakes system, which is owned and operated by the county, led Moore County Public Utilities to impose Stage II Mandatory Water Conservation measures on Friday, June 8.

The goal was a 30 percent reduction in water consumption, a target of 577,000 gallons used per day. Actual usage in the Seven Lakes system has hovered around that target level for the past week.

"We really appreciate the cooperation of the people," Brobst told *The Times*. "The people of Seven Lakes have once again responded to our call for conservation."

Brobst, who lives in Seven Lakes West, said he walks in
(See "Water," p. 2)

Board puts off moratorium vote

Finding themselves between the proverbial rock and hard place when faced with deciding whether to impose a moratorium on new developments in Small Area Planning Area A on Monday night, the Moore County Board of Commissioners managed to wriggle free, with a little help from Planning Director Andrea Surratt and County Manager Cary McSwain.

Rather than impose a moratorium — or decide to turn the developers loose — the commissioners unanimously voted to delay their decision for sixty days. They also instructed the planning staff to hire a consultant to assist in rewriting key

portions of the zoning and subdivision ordinance. This 60-day option was developed by McSwain and Surratt as they prepared for Monday night's meeting and presented to the commissioners during a Monday afternoon work session.

The effect of the decision is to continue a de facto moratorium on new subdivisions in Area A, which has been in place since the commissioners issued a call to public hearing on June 4. Only Area A — a hundred square-mile area centered on West End and Seven Lakes — is affected, and only newly-proposed major subdivisions are
(See "Moratorium," p. 34)

Celebrating 37 years of service



BB&T's Bob Dawkins will retire next week after 37 years with the bank — the last 13 in West End and Seven Lakes. An Open House in his honor is planned for Wednesday, June 27.
(Story on page 23.)

No parks grant for Foxfire

by Laura Douglass

The North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund [PARTF] grant sought this year to complete the Foxfire Village Green was not awarded despite many hours of hard work and the services of a professional grant writer, announced Mayor George Erickson during the Village Council regular meeting on Tuesday, June 12.

"We did not do as well as we thought we would," said Erickson.

The village was also denied a PARTF grant last year and Erickson expressed frustration. "The comments made on our grant application were sort of nonsensical," said Erickson.

The review committee comments identified three main deficiencies in the village's application; a suitable survey,

demographic data, and limited parks and recreation programming. "Last year they said our survey was too old, so we took a new survey — now," said Erickson, "they say the survey isn't good because it was done after we requested the grant. It's a Catch-22 situation."

Additional PARTF grants will be awarded in July. The village
(See "Foxfire," p. 31)

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Water

(Continued from front page)

the neighborhood each morning.

A few weeks ago, nearly everyone was watering their lawn, he

said. Now almost no one is. "I haven't watered my lawn since Sunday," he added.

More water on the way

Public Utilities is working to add more capacity to the Seven Lakes system in both the short and long terms. Most of the community's water comes from an interconnection with the county-run Pinehurst system — a water main that runs along NC Highway 211.

That line has recently been upgraded and a new booster station is planned for installation next spring. That will boost the system capacity by nearly 50 percent.

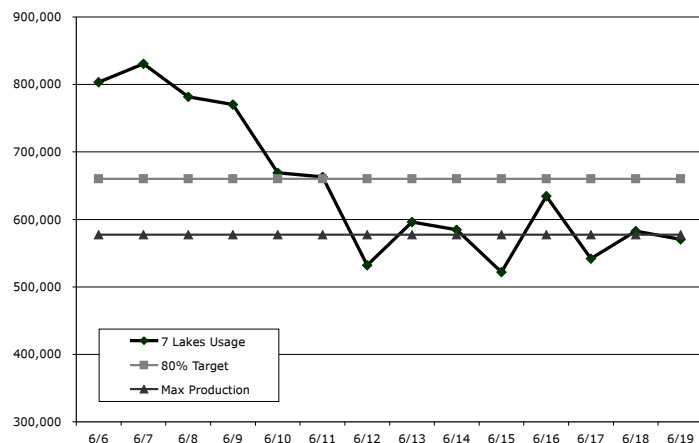
In the meantime, the department has ordered new impellers for the pumps in the existing booster station. These are expected to increase the flow of water

to Seven Lakes by 140,000 gallons per day — a seventeen percent increase. The new impellers are scheduled for installation in June 30.

"But just because we have this extra water doesn't mean we need to spray it on our lawns," Brobst cautioned.

"But it will be a big help."

Seven Lakes Water Usage



The Seven Lakes Times website includes a water usage graph that shows data for the last fourteen days. We update it each weekday. Select the "Water Gauge" link in the menu at the top of our homepage at www.sevenlaketimes.net.

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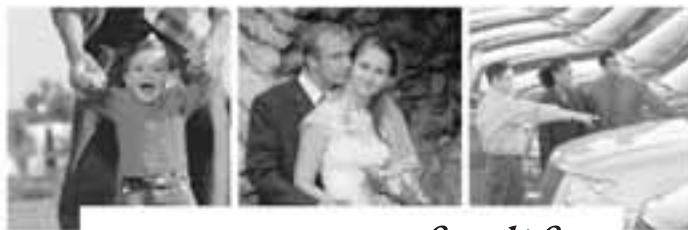
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Two injured in accident on NC Highway 211

Two victims were lifeflighted to the Medical Center at UNC Chapel Hill Tuesday morning as the result of a serious three-vehicle accident on NC Highway 211 in West End.

One of those transported was Seven Lakes West resident Tyler Horney, of Lee-Moore Insurance in the Seven Lakes Business Village.

As of Wednesday morning, the UNC Medical Center reported Horney in "Good" condition, the best of the four categories of patient status. "Good condition is defined by the hospital as "vital signs are stable and within normal limits; patient is conscious and comfortable; indicators are excellent."

NC Highway Patrol First Sergeant T.D. Simmons has not released any information on the cause of the accident or the identities of the victims.

"I have a theory of what happened, but I want to give these individuals a chance to tell me what they saw, what they were doing, and how that might have affected what happened," Simmons told *The Times*. He said he hoped to speak with the victims as soon as their physical condition would allow an interview.

Times' Editor Greg Hankins happened upon the scene very shortly after the accident took place, before rescue vehicles arrived, and reported the incident to 9-1-1 operators, as did others in the area.

The accident took place just east of the intersection of NC Highway 211 and Knox Lane, just west of the West End Post

Office. A late-model, dark-colored Nissan pickup truck was sitting in the center of the roadway pointing east, with massive damage to the left front side of the vehicle.

A toolbox and various articles of yard equipment were scattered across the roadway behind the truck. A middle-aged man, evidently the driver of the truck,

was lying on the ground below the open passenger door of the vehicle. He was conscious, but clearly in pain and bleeding from the mouth.

A GMC Yukon was sitting on the right shoulder of the roadway, pointing east, also with massive damage to the front left. Horney was sitting in the driver's seat, pinned in place by the

dash. He was conscious, seemed alert, and was able to speak.

Further east a dump truck was parked on the right shoulder of the roadway, also pointing east. First Sergeant Simmons told *The Times* one of the vehicles involved in the incident was a dump truck.

Other motorists attempted to aid both victims and reroute traffic until rescue workers arrived.

West End Fire and Rescue was on the scene just a few minutes after the accident occurred, as was Sheriff's Deputy Mike Kantorowski. Both Moore County EMS and the Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department also participated in rescue activities.

The LifeFlight helicopter used a landing zone set up in a hay field at Puckett and Patterson

Lanes, West End Fire Chief Wayne Kennedy told *The Times*. Members of Kennedy's squad used Phoenix extraction equipment — commonly called "the jaws of life" — to free Horney from his vehicle.

Moore County EMS Director Scott Brooks confirmed that the two victims were transported via helicopter to the Medical Center at UNC Chapel Hill. No one else was transported from the scene to receive medical attention.

Federal privacy laws — HIPPA — prevent EMS and rescue workers from disclosing information about the identity or condition of accident victims.

Traffic was rerouted down Knox Lane for nearly two hours as rescue operations and cleanup were completed.

Sandhills Pediatrics plans office here

by Laura Douglass

Sandhills Pediatrics will open a full-time pediatric practice in the Seven Lakes business village this Fall.

According to Patrice Peterson, practice manager, Sandhills Pediatrics is currently renovating office space with an estimated completion date in September. The new office will be located at 1035 Seven Lakes Drive, in Suite A.

The practice will be staffed

daily with one of five providers on a rotating basis. Each pediatrician will work one day in Seven Lakes and spend the remainder of the week at the main Sandhills Pediatrics office in Southern Pines.

"Following our grand opening at Seven Lakes," said Peterson, "we will routinely monitor growth and appointment availability and will likely expand to two providers at a future date in order to meet patient demand."

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Summit proposals could delay tax hikes

Dave Kinney, Alternative Revenue Sources Committee
The Summit — Why, What, Who

A few years ago George Lane, head of the Pinehurst Civic Group, had an idea. Subsequent discussion with David Warnoff, publisher of the Pilot, lead to their sponsoring what became known as the Summit. Some time later, Patrick Coughlin, CEO of the Moore County Chamber of Commerce, joined them as a sponsor.

The Summit is an ad hoc committee of county and municipal officials established to identify — and propose action on — opportunities for improving county-wide situations. Summit meetings include discussions of issues of mutual concern and interest, sharing war stories, and learning from each other. On the initial list for discussion were roads, water, wastewater, crime, and substance abuse — just to cite a few from memory.

George Lane asked me to participate as head of the Seven Lakes Civic Group. The fact that

the Seven Lakes community is larger than eight of the eleven municipalities in Moore County may have been a factor.

Alternative Revenue Sources Committee

Last year it became abundantly clear that the county and many of the municipalities had immediate critical infrastructure needs — needs that would become even more critical with anticipated growth. These needs were estimated to cost \$305 million (in 2007 dollars) over the next ten years and consisted of

- Public Schools: \$144 million
- Sandhills Community College: \$15 million
- Water, Waste Treatment: \$92 million
- Public Facilities: \$47 million
- Transportation (roads): \$7 million

With inflation and additional needs (both inevitable), the final figure could well exceed \$350 million.

Funding these needs is clearly a monumental problem. Funding these needs with something

like a 75 percent increase in property tax rates was not considered a viable option. To not fund these needs would significantly lower everyone's property values.

Mike Haney of Southern Pines was named chairman of the Alternative Revenue Sources Committee. Members are officials from nine municipalities, the county, and me.

Our first meeting decided that any proposal had to provide a sustained revenue stream, be a new source of revenue, be implementable, and had to benefit many if not all jurisdictions. Brainstorming (any and all ideas no matter how off-the-wall they seemed, no initial criticism or "we can't do that!" or "they won't let us do that!") and subsequent reality checks lead to two subcommittees — Land Transfer Fee and Shared Services.

Land Transfer Fee

The press has reported rather thoroughly on this proposal.

Basically, the Land Transfer Fee would establish a fee of

one percent of the total price on all sales of land (undeveloped or developed with homes and other structures). A fee of \$1,500 would apply to a \$150,000 sale; \$3,500, to a sale of \$350,000. The buyer and seller would agree who pays the fee (or they could share it). Certain exemptions have been proposed, including transfers within an immediate family, transfers caused by divorce or foreclosure, transfers between subsidiaries and wholly-owned companies, and transfers to not-for-profit organizations. Other exemptions are being considered such as transfers of prop-

erty less than some to-be-determined amount.

It's estimated that if the recent trend continues, the land transfer fee would generate \$8-10 million in its first year. And it's sustainable.

The rationale for a land transfer fee is that it is a one-time user (buyer/seller) fee and is an attractive alternative to an 8 to 9 percent increase in the recently approved county tax rate of 44.5 cents per hundred valuation — a 20 percent increase!

There appear to be three hurdles in the way of implementation.

(See "Summitt," p. 37)



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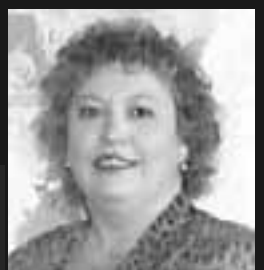
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Vandals slash tires, break into pool area

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The most severe incident occurred on Friday, June 15, when Security Officer Carolyn Turner found all four tires on her personal vehicle had been slashed while it was parked by the North Gate.

SLLA Security Director Michael Florence told *The Times* that Turner began her shift on mid-afternoon Friday. She discovered the damage to her vehicle at about midnight, when her shift ended. Her car was parked

near the exit lane at the North Gate. The Association will replace the tires, at a cost of approximately \$400.

Florence said the SLLA is offering a reward for information leading the apprehension

and arrest of the parties responsible.

There were incidents of vandalism at the Seven Lakes North swimming pool earlier in the week, on both Monday night, (See "Vandals" p. 7)

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SLLA Board delays truck parking decision

Overnight truck parking was on the Seven Lakes Landowners Association agenda again at the Board's Wednesday, June 13 Work Session, but Director Ed Nuti maneuvered the Board away from making an immediate decision on the controversial topic.

Nuti chairs a committee that is rewriting Association rules and regulations, and that committee held a public input session on the

section that includes the overnight parking regulations on June 8. When the topic came up in the June 13 work session, Nuti asked Board Members to hold any decision until his committee's work is complete.

"We would rather have the entire rule situation changed at the same time," Nuti said, "not approving them independently or sequentially. If you do that, you wind up with rules in one section

that are refuted in another section and other problems."

After some discussion, the Board tabled the matter until Nuti's committee finishes its work; a task that Nuti said would be completed by the end of the Summer.

SLCC Driving Range. On the dispute between the Association and Seven Lakes Country Club over the Club's proposed driving range, President

Truesdell reported, "Our lawyers are talking to their lawyers, and we've heard nothing back. So

pool where a low wooden fence is currently installed. The Board supported spending the extra

dollars to re-fence the entire area. In light of recent vandalism at the pool, both Randy Zielsdorf and Michael Florence suggest-

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there's nothing to report."

Pool Fence. Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane said he had received three bids on replacing the wooden portions of the pool fence with a powder-coated aluminum product that looks like wrought iron. He recommended the Board accept a bid from Hall fencing Company at a cost of \$13,500.

An additional \$5,500 would enclose the entire pool, including the area at the back of the

ed purchasing a six-foot fence, rather than the five-foot fence that was quoted.

After discussion, the board unanimously approved spending not more than \$25,000 to replace the existing fence with a six-foot aluminum fence.

Security. Noting that there will be considerable visitor traffic in the community to view the July 4th fireworks display, Director Michael Florence encour-

(See "SLLA," p. 30)

Vandals

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June 11, and Wednesday night, June 13, Seven Lakes Landowners Association Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane told *The Times*.

The Monday night incident involved throwing furniture in the pool. Security personnel spotted the culprits but was unable to apprehend them. Also on Monday night, one or more vehicles turned donuts on the

soccer field, damaging the turf.

The Wednesday night vandals threw trash into the pool, broke bottles on the pool deck, and defaced walls with graffiti.

Security Director Michael Florence told *The Times* that, if the culprits are caught, the Association will vigorously pursue prosecution — as well as looking to the parents of any minors to pay for any damage.

Beane said he had met with

Sheriff's Deputy Mike Kantorowski to make him aware of the incidents and request additional patrols in the area. "I advised him of our intent to prosecute the offenders," he said.

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Westsider asks for walking, cycling trails

Westside resident Sherry Niewald spoke during the public comment segment of the June 12 Work Session of the Seven lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors, asking the Board to consider building paths for walking and biking in the community.

She said she and her husband, Tim, a builder, had constructed a five-foot sample path on Sheroff Drive, using compacted granite as a surface. That surface is good for both bicycles and walkers, she said, and can be easily dug up if utilities or driveways need to be installed.

The sample path on Sheroff is immediately adjacent to the road, Niewald said, but, ideally, a grass buffer would be placed between the road and the path.

The community needs to have a safe place for people to walk she said, noting that more and more walkers and cyclists are using the roadway on Longleaf Drive. A walking path is a "necessity not a luxury" Niewald said.

"I really feel this is a priority in this community. My children and I are frustrated that we can't ride our bikes anywhere. We have turned this area into a driving friendly area only."

She suggested beginning the process of creating more walk-

ing about trails," Hergenbahn said. "It's a self-understood thing."

He said his research on the issue indicated the original developer had created a wooded buffer zone of more than 200 feet around large sections of Longleaf that could accommodate walkways. But that buffer zone was never declared a common area of the Landowners Association. Unfortunately, one of the succeeding developers then sold it to other developers who subdivided it into more building lots.

"It is a great step forward that we now get a community movement telling the board what the community needs — the opportunity for community to walk around," Hergenbahn said.

SLWLA President Jim Haggard told Niewald that the Board would respond to her request.

East Gate Status. Security Director Blaine Rowland said a check is expected from the insurance company to help pay for the

new barcode-activated gates. "Within the month, we should be up and running," Rowland said. He said he was in favor of having a committee affix the barcodes to residents' vehicles, rather than having residents do it themselves. After some discussion of whether the number of barcodes per home should be limited, Rowland was asked to work with his committee to develop a policy.

West Park Rental. President Haggard reported that he had been working on responding to objections concerning a new deposit policy for West Side Park and Community Center rentals. Some clubs do not maintain a treasury that will allow them to make multiple deposits for multiple meeting dates. In the past deposits were rolled over from one meeting to the next.

After considerable discussion, the Board reached a consensus that the deposit requirement could be waived for clubs on a Board-approved at the discretion

of the Community Manager.

Finance. Treasurer Kathy Kirst said her finance committee has discovered that both BB&T and First Bank offer the ability to spread deposits among a number of banks to maintain FDIC coverage on all association deposits. The Association is currently using Merrill Lynch to accomplish this, but Kirst will explore using the local banks instead, in hopes this will help the Association obtain a preferential rate when it comes time to renew the mortgage on the West Side Park loan, which has a balloon that comes due in February 2009.

Architectural Review. Director Bill Mamel said the ARC committee has developed a process for assigning inspectors to each new construction project, who will visit the site as soon as a lot clearing permit is issued and check on it periodically thereafter. Drainage and erosion continue to be a problem on new home site he said — a

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ways by adding a path from Smathers Drive to West Side Park and noted that she would be making a presentation on the issue to both the long-range planning committee and the Lake Auman Sports Club.

Gerhard Hergenbahn, who has long been an advocate of walking/bicycling paths in the community, spoke in favor of Niewald's proposal.

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Stables veteran looking for retirement home

by Laura Douglass

After nine years of dedicated service to the community, Fraley, one of the primary horses used by Seven Lakes Stables for riding lessons and trail rides, has retired. A twenty-five year old black thoroughbred gelding, Fraley suffers from chronic arthritis.

Stable staff member Dana Old said, "Throughout his years of work, he has given confidence

to hundreds of kids and adults."

According to Old, the stables would normally adopt new horses during the slower Winter months, but they decided it would be in Fraley's best interest to retire him and a second horse, Daisy, now, rather than later.

Due to the stables busy Summer schedule of riding lessons, horse camps, and trail rides, the two new community horses have already begun work. Fraley is being fostered by Stable Manager Karen Reeder at her own barn while a new permanent

home for him is located.

"We hope to find him a good home with a young child or donate him to a therapeutic riding center," said Old.

Also retired from the stables due to arthritis was Daisy. A relative newcomer to Seven Lakes,

being adopted just last August, Old said he would get very stiff standing in the stall, plus he "ate like a moose!"

"We decided to move him out before Thunder," said Old. Thunder, a thirty-year old horse, is next on the list for retirement. Thun-

der has been with the stables for at least fifteen years and is a favorite of Reeder, who intends to adopt him when he is retired.

For more information on trail rides or lessons, please contact the Seven Lakes Stables at 673-4738.



Fraley

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Swimming lessons will be offered July 10-19th on Tues, Wed, Thursday (six lessons). The certified instructor is Patty Domingues.

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School Board looks at impact of growth

by Laura Douglass

Predicting growth in Moore County Schools [MCS] for the next ten years was a topic of discussion at the Board of Education regular monthly business meeting, held on June 11. Mike Miller, the program manager for Operations Research and Education Lab [OR/Ed] at NC State provided an update to the IPSAC study completed in December 2004.

"Integrated planning for schools and community includes community interviews with municipalities and with county stakeholders," said Miller.

County growth is occurring not only because of the construction of new subdivisions, according to the report, but also because younger families with children are purchasing homes previously built for and owned by retirees. The schools are also growing because of their good reputation.

Miller continued saying that growth constraints in Moore County come from the lack of municipal water and or sewer lines and the lack of "easy transportation service," especially in northern Moore.

The land use 2006 updates include 200 new lots in Aberdeen;

100 lots in Pinehurst; 200 lots in Southern Pines; and 312 in other parts of Moore County. The report updates do not include the proposed new subdivisions in Small Planning Area A.

"There is a conceptual number of 2,700 lots in Area A but those are not counted because they have not been approved through county planning process," said Miller. "But they are poised to be a major factor in growth for Moore."

Miller's report said that Moore County has seen a consistent, stable growth of 193 new students per year for the last six years. Using an allocation of gain formula, in 2004 the report expected 48% of new students to feed into Pinecrest High School. The 2006 updated report shows that 60% of new students will feed into Pinecrest.

The 2006 update also provided capacity analysis for all county schools. West End Elementary and Pinecrest High School are currently over capacity and, the report predicts, West Pine Middle will be over capacity by the 2009-10 school year.

MCS Board member W. Joe Vaughn asked if the 2,700 new homes will affect not just Pinecrest but other county

schools. Miller responded that these proposed homes have the potential to have significant affect, especially on West Pine Middle.

Miller also said that the military Base Realignment and Closure [BRAC] affecting Ft. Bragg would influence growth in Moore County but that the historical data does not show that this would be an adverse effect. A University of North Carolina study of BRAC predicts one hundred new students will come in the next year.

MCS Budget

The Board of Education passed the revised budget proposed by the County Commissioners. Dr. Susan Purser, Superintendent of Schools, said the new \$23.6 million proposed budget was "98 percent of our original request. It's not 100 percent, but I am extremely pleased with the process and the work of both staff."

Purser continued, "There have been hundreds of folks involved, some volunteer and others employees. The commissioners asked us to come have a workshop to discuss our needs and

I was very comfortable that the commissioners would do what they could to support us."

Moore County Schools will receive Impact Aid, this year, from the federal government and Purser said that right now she does not know what the North Carolina General Assembly is going to do financially which makes it premature to discuss what programs or projects will need to be eliminated due to lack of budget funding.

"The General Assembly seems to be moving a little more rapidly," said Purser, "hopeful we will have the main picture – the state

piece – soon."

Purser said that there were several time critical items that she would like the Board to approve including permission to hire new assistant principals, to extend current contracts, and to hire new athletic directors and coaches.

"These are essential in getting schools prepared to begin," said Purser. "We will hold on other items and not go forward with the spending but these critical requests are well within the range of money that the County Commissioners have approved

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Archie Raymond LeCompte Jr., 82, of Seven Lakes West, died Friday, June 15, at First-Health Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes.

Sgt. Daniel Hays Scott, 48, of Foxfire Village, died of natural causes on Tuesday, June 12, in Baghdad, Iraq.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 23, at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines with Dr. Grady Perryman officiating.

Full military honors will follow on the front lawn of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church. Burial will be a later date at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

Born in Indianapolis, IN, he was the son of Larry Scott and Diane Hays Scott. A graduate of Deerfield High School, he attended Illinois Wesleyan before joining the Army.

Mr. Scott retired from the US Army after twenty years of service to his country. He was a highly decorated veteran with many awards, including six Army Commendation medals, three Army achievement medals, an Army superior unit award, Army of occupation medal, NCO professional development ribbon, Army service ribbon, six Army good conduct medals, three overseas service ribbons, multinational force and observers medal, and expert marksman-ship.

In 1984, Mr. Scott was the Berlin brigade team leader of the year. He also was nominated and received the Soldier of the Year award.

After retirement, Mr. Scott was a deputy sheriff in both Hoke and Moore counties. Mr. Scott was employed by DynCorp International as a training instructor for international police, including Iraqi police officers, and had been in Baghdad for more than a year.

Mr. Scott is survived by his wife of three years, Tilly Snipes Scott of Foxfire Village; his son, Adam Lineberry of Foxfire Village; his daughter, Lauren Scott of Pinehurst; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Scott of Pinehurst;

and his sister, Ann Deranleau of Sioux City, Iowa.

Mary Ina Parsons Lamonds, 92, of Jackson Springs, died Sunday, June 17, at Manor Care in Pinehurst.

A native of Montgomery County, and the daughter of the late Claude and Nancy Ellen Chisholm Parsons. She was a seamstress and a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband Hulan Lamonds, of the home; two daughters, Gathel Hinson, and Wanda Black, both of Jackson Springs; one son,

Dwight Lamonds of the home; and six grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, June 20, at Eagle Springs United Methodist Church. The Rev. Donald Burns officiated.

Memorials may be made to the Jackson Springs Cemetery, PO Box 7, Jackson Springs, NC 27281, or to Eagle Springs United Methodist Church, c/o James Freeman, PO Box 123 Eagle Springs, NC 27242.

Briggs Funeral Home assisted the family.

Nancy Garrison Chavez, 62, of Seven Lakes, died Monday, June 18, at her home.

A native of Moore County, Mrs. Chavez was the daughter of the late Paul and Opal Currie Garrison. She was employed by the Moore County Department of Social Services as a processing clerk.

She was preceded in death by her son, Carl Chavez, in 1997.

Mrs. Chavez is survived by her husband, Paul Chavez; a son, Paul H. Chavez of the home; a sister, Paula Garrison of West End; two brothers, Wesley Gar-

ison of Cleveland, TN, and Marshal Garrison of Murfreesboro, TN; and two grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Thursday, June 21, at Doub's Chapel United Methodist Church. The Rev. Eric Joyce and Chaplain Nancy Garrison officiated. Burial followed in Culdee Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

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Review by Patrick Crawley

The Mysterious Benedict Society, written by Trenton Lee Stewart, is the tale of the bonding and teamwork of four young children. These children Reynie,



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Throughout the novel the kids also slowly develop from a dysfunctional, rag-tag group kids to a caring, if somewhat unconventional, family. The novel shows how the four children truly do need to rely upon each other to succeed.

Whether it is Constance's determination to be difficult, Sticky's memorization capabilities, Reynie's leadership abilities and die hard attitude, or Kate's

resourcefulness, each of their defining characteristics comes into play in some vital form.

From start to finish, the book draws you into these four young lives and keeps you on the edge



of your seat wanting to hear what happens next. Whether it is what happens to Sticky in the ominous Waiting Room, or how Kate fails on her solo mission to the flag tower.

The author also employs fabulous character development that explains character flaws

and quirks.

As the story starts out the four children each have their separate personalities but there are no reasons why and this tends to leave the reader asking questions such as: "What's with Kate's bucket?" or "Why is Sticky such a nervous person?"

But as the book goes on and answers these questions as well as the characters mental growth to fit their roles even more extraordinarily — such as Sticky conquering his fears and Constance

learning to better communicate with a group, contributing to the general togetherness of this haphazard family of children.

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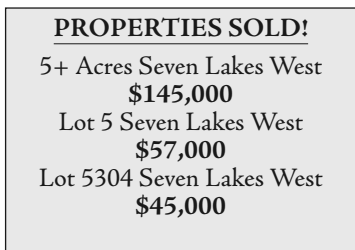


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Fran Stark to head Chapel's Outreach Ministry

by Rollin Tomberlin

The Chapel in the Pines has installed Rev. Fran Stark to head their new "Visitation and Outreach Ministry" for the Seven Lakes community. Long a supporter of benevolence and charitable projects within this area and

beyond, the Chapel is placing new emphasis upon providing love and necessary services to persons of all ages that have special needs.

"Many Seven Lakers require occasional help," said Reverend Stark. "Our new outreach efforts will fulfill this need." Typical services will include such items as relief for a caregiver, mail pickup, emergency transportation, and some mundane "gofer" chores. The latter might reflect help with grocery shopping, picking up prescriptions, trips to the dump, minor trash pickup, handyman functions, and infrequent meal preparations.

Reverend Stark is no stranger to developing outreach programs. Prior to her retirement in June of 2005, she has served as pastor at two separate United Methodist Churches in the greater Rochester, NY area. She

also was Chaplain to 400 older adults who were part of a Rochester General Hospital program called "Independent Living for Seniors." She has worked arduously in the community of Trondequoit, NY — population 52,000 — for a group called Faith-Link. She was one of a handful of people responsible for procur-

ing the funds and coordinating the establishment of a citywide transportation service for the pickup and delivery of seniors to their medical, dental, and hospital therapy programs.

Rev. Stark has also served as the Director of United Ministries of Irondequoit. Her assignment was to determine the needs

of seniors and effect appropriate methods to meet these needs.

If you would like to become a volunteer for the Chapel's "Outreach Ministry," or if you are aware of a person who may need an assist in some of the areas noted above, contact Rev. Stark at 910 673-5493.



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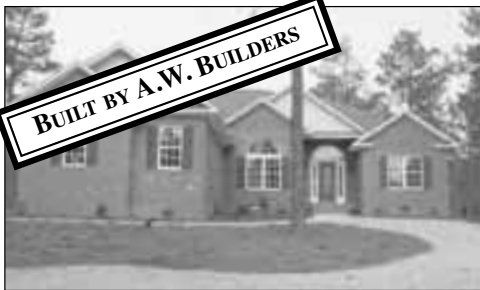
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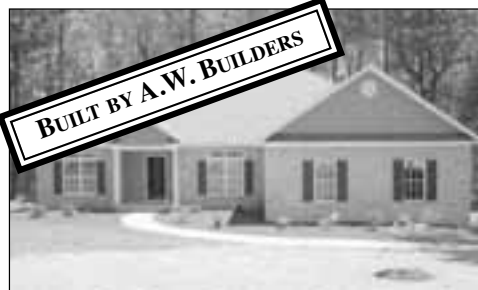
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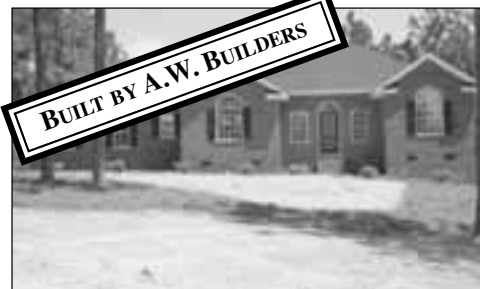
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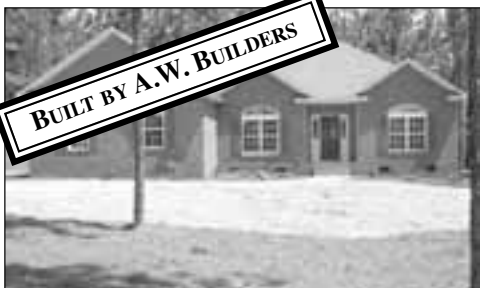


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Troupe delights Elmcroft residents

by Angie Huber

In the month of May, the Sophisticated Ladies performed at many of the local nursing and assisted care facilities.

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The dances were performed to the songs; Me and My Shadow, City Lights, New York – New York, and All that Jazz. The costumes were a mixture of silver and black sparkling outfits with hats and canes to fit each routine.

The Sophisticated Ladies are a senior group of dancing ladies devoted to charity events and also paid performances for special occasions. Please contact manager Jo Ann Duncan at 295-2590, for more information.



Sophisticated Ladies at Elmcroft — In front: Mary Crusius, Jo Ann Duncan; In back: Mary Sheridan, Carol Collins, Madeline Carson, residents Joseph Garcia and Irene Rothbeind, West-siders Lois Owen and Angie Huber, and Dance Director Joann Olson.

Beaconette Member-Guest

by Marge Lambert

The nine-hole ladies golf team at Beacon Ridge Country Club held their annual Member Guest Golf Tournament and luncheon on Thursday, May 24. Over fifty women from many area courses participated in the event.

Barbara Mercer and guest Linda Geiger took first place with a net score of 21; Mary Price and partner Carolyn Meal-ing took second place with a net score of 24; Marlyn McDonald and guest Lillian Schaffer came in third place with a net score of 26.

Karen Milligan won a prize for closest to the pin on Hole 5, and Barb Mercer won a prize for

hitting the straightest drive on Hole 10.

Chairperson Paula Hill thanked everyone for participating especially the local businesses for their generous contributions toward door prizes, floral arrangements, and gift certificates.



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Smith will coach Canadian women

Peter Smith, son of Art and Doreen Smith of Seven Lakes North, will be the Head Coach of Canada's National Women's Hockey Team for the 2007-2008 season.

Smith's appointment was announced by Hockey Canada's Director of Women's Hockey Julie Healy and national women's team general manager Melody Davidson.

The upcoming season will include the 2008 International Hockey Federation World Women's Championship in Harbin, China, the 2007 Four Nations Cup in Sweden, and all national team camps for the upcoming 2007-2008 season.

Head coach of the women's hockey team, the Martlets, at McGill University, Smith was an assistant coach under Davidson during the 2006-2007 season, which included gold medals at the 2006 Four Nations Cup in Kitchener, Ontario and 2007 IIHF World championship in Winnipeg and Selkirk, Manitoba. He also served as an assistant coach with Canada at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games, capturing a gold medal.

Smith has led the Martlets to the Canadian Interscholastic Sport women's championship tournament in seven of the past eight seasons, including a silver medal performance at the 2007 tournament, and was named CIS Coach of the Year in 2002-2003. He has record of 185-98-26 as the Martlets' coach.

He was also a coach with Team Quebec at three Esso women's nationals, winning silver medals as an assistant coach

in 2000 and 2001, and a gold medal as head coach in 2002.



Peter Smith

Sports Club stocks bluegills

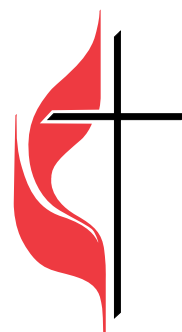
Six hundred and sixty breeder bluegill were purchased by the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] and placed by the Lake Auman Sports Club in Lake Auman at sixteen different locations on Saturday, May 26. The Bluegill stocked were large and should spawn several times before the end of the year.

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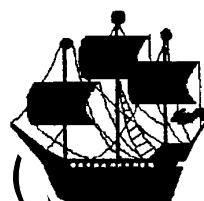
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Idol finalist David Radford keeps on singing

David Radford is still singing — and not just the jazz and pop standards that won him a slot as a finalist on American Idol last year.

Radford, the grandson of Judy and Loren Swearingen of Seven Lakes North, stopped by Bookshop by the Lakes when he was in town on a family visit. As an Idol contestant, the then 17-year-old Radford captured the hearts of the young teen set across the country with his good looks, charm, and convincing renditions of the sorts of songs that made Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, and Ray Charles famous.

Though the phone-in voting eventually eliminated him from the competition, Radford says participating in the Show was a “one in the lifetime deal” that has won him both confidence and contacts in the music industry.

He’s putting those contacts to work as he prepares to go back into the studio to record a second CD. His first CD, released last year, featured his interpretation of standards. The new recording will feature Radford’s original compositions.

“I’ve been composing, and I have about eight songs ready for the studio,” Radford told *The Times*, noting that he has three producers — two in LA and one in New York — listening to his demos.

The new songs are “a lot more modern,” Radford said. “I love the standards, but I love today’s music as well.” He has rewritten the standard “Summertime” with more of a “jazz pop fusion” feel.

“You see a whole different side of things when it’s your own material,” Radford said. “It’s your baby and you get to see it come to life. It’s your own art — you expressing your musical individuality and creativity. It’s really exciting to me.”

Radford told *The Times* that he does about half his composing on the guitar and half at the piano.

A rising sophomore at the University of Illinois, he plans to major in Vocal Performance and Music Education — and that involves some music of a very different style.

“You’re singing operas, performing in recitals and for juries

— singing stuff completely out of your comfort zone,” Radford said. “Classical music is your foundation, what you go back to.

Once you learn everything, know what you can and can’t do, you can bend the rules in ways that work for you.”

But jazz is Radford’s first love. “What draws me towards the jazz-pop performing . . . you can still make the piece your own, where the classical is more formal. I like my way of singing the song. But you need that foundation, that home, in classical music.”

Radford said he had an offer to perform in the musical *Grease* this summer, but turned it down because it was going to eat up too much time. Instead he is working as a swim instructor and lifeguard at two lakes near his home in Crystal Lake, Illinois, earning the capital he’ll need to fund his upcoming recording

sessions.

Teaching swimming is more than a source of income for Radford, who says he loves working with children — and hopes ultimately to include teaching music in his career.

Radford told *The Times* that he comes from a family where faith is a very important part of life; he has sung in church for years. If he’s successful in the world popular music, he said, he would like to cross over into the world of Christian popular music as well.

When *The Times* asked what advice he might have for young folks considering a career in music, Radford’s strong faith came to the fore.

“I don’t know what I can say that hasn’t been said by so many people. What I try to do to is to

completely feel okay with the choices I am making with my career.”

“Being strong in my faith and really religious, I just pray about it. You have to really feel okay with it from that standpoint. If I don’t see it as something fruitful or something the Lord wants me to be doing, then I don’t want to be doing it.”

Radford hopes to be able to release his new CD later this year, or early in 2008, depending on his success in finding a producer.

If that search doesn’t pan out, he told *The Times*, he’ll produce the new material independently and release it through the Internet.



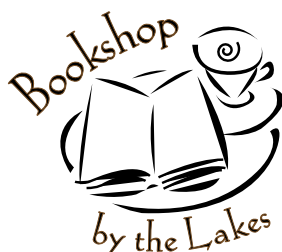
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- **Amateur Radio Field Day** – 2:00 pm, Hillcrest Park in Carthage. The Moore County Amateur Radio Society [MOCARS] welcomes visitors to their annual Field Day. Events continue until Noon on Sunday, June 24.
- **My Favorite Things, Art Show** – 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Wednesdays and Saturdays. The Gallery at Seven Lakes, located on Seven Lakes Drive at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 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. Local artists interested in showing their work at the gallery contact Carol at 673-0362, or Helen at 673-6347.
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MONDAY, JUNE 25

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TUESDAY, JUNE 26

- **Sandhills Quilters Guild Meeting** – 9:30 am, Brownson Memorial

Presbyterian Church, 330 S. May Street in Southern Pines. Augusta Cole will

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

- **Independence Day**
- **Lakes Sequoia Boat Parade** – 11:00 am, the parade will travel around the shoreline.
- **Seven Lakes Country Club Independence Day Golf and Picnic** – 9:00 am, Shotgun start. Cocktails 5:30 pm, picnic 6:30 pm. Cost: \$33 Members, \$49 Non-Members (Golf, Prizes)



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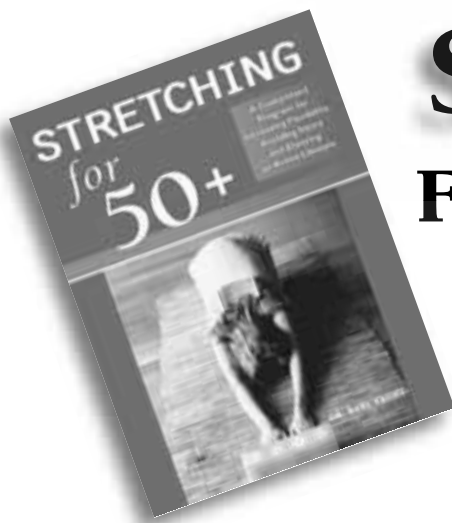
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- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Work Session** – 8:00 am, West Side Community Park Building. Open to the public.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

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

SATURDAY, JULY 14

- **Sandhills Teen Challenge Captain's Choice Golf Tournament** – Shotgun starts are scheduled for 8:00 am and 2:00 pm, at Longleaf Golf & Country Club in Southern Pines. Registration will be held at 7:00 am and 1:00 pm, lunch served from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. The \$75.00 entry fee includes greens and cart fees, lunch, and on-course beverages. All golfers will receive a gift package with two complimentary green fees at Longleaf G & CC, and two complimentary green fees at the Pit Golf Links. Contact Linda Hubbard, tournament co-chair, at 692-6476, or Sal DiBianca, director, Sandhills Teen Challenge at 947-2944.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

- **Pet First Aid Class** – 6:00 – 9:00 pm. \$15/person. Sponsored by the American Red Cross and Tim Boyete, DVM. At the Senior Center, US Hwy 15-501 (2 miles north of the traffic circle). To enroll call 910-692-8571. Limited to 20 pet owners, call to reserve your space.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

- **Moore County Literacy Council Volunteer Orientation** – 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm, Emmanuel Episcopal Church Youth House in Southern Pines. Orientation workshop required before beginning Tutor Training. A

twelve hour course scheduled for Wednesdays; July 25, August 1, August 8, and August 15, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. To register, 692-5954.

TUESDAY, JULY 24

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association General Meeting** – 7:30 pm, West Side Community

Park Building. Open to the public.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association General Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Open to the public.

MONDAY, JULY 30

- **Vacation Bible School** – West End, Bensalem, and Jackson Springs Presbyterian Churches joint summer Vacation Bible School Program. At West End Presbyterian Church from July 30 to August 3. Program will run from 9:00 am

until 12:00 Noon and is for Preschoolers through rising sixth graders. Participants must be at least four years old. The curriculum, "The Great Bible Reef," is God-centered with an ocean habitat theme. To register your child for this program, call West End Presbyterian Church office at 673-4341.



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Kiwanis honor Project Linus' Pat Weber

by Frank Krohn

The prestigious Seven Lakes Kiwanis Human & Spiritual Values Award for 2007 was presented to Pat Weber on May 29. This award is presented annually to recognize the person selected for his/her leadership and accomplishments in the Seven Lakes Community during the past year.

Taking charge of the Project Linus chapter in November 2005, after it had been inactive for 9 months, Weber not only reinvigorated the program but large-

ly through her efforts expanded the blanket program to include Lee and Cumberland Counties, as well as Moore County. In 2006, 1,200 blankets were distributed.

Weber is also active in the Women of Seven Lakes and recently was a key member of the committee that organized a golf tournament which raised over \$6,000 for the Moore County Backpack Pals Program. She is a most deserving winner of this award for 2006-2007.



Honoree Pat Weber, with Jack Fetzer, Past President and member of the Kiwanis Human & Spiritual Values Committee.

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Open House will honor BB&T's Dawkins

After 37 years with BB&T, Bob Dawkins is hanging up his green eyeshade to spend more time with the grandkids.

Dawkins came to West End in 1993, to manage the old BB&T branch on Mode Road. He's managed the Seven Lakes/West End BB&T ever since.

The bank will host an Open House in his honor on Wednesday, June 27, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, and is inviting the whole community to come out and celebrate and wish Dawkins well in his retirement.

A native of Fayetteville, Dawkins joined BB&T in that city in 1969, rising to branch manager in 1972. He moved up to Aberdeen to serve as City Executive in 1988, and covered both Aberdeen and Southern Pines until moving out to West End in 1993.

"I've met a lot of good people out here in West End and Seven

Lakes," Dawkins told *The Times*. "That's what's been so rewarding for me. I have really enjoyed getting to know the people here."

Dawkins moved his home to Seven Lakes North about five years ago.

The Seven Lakes branch has grown and prospered under his leadership, winning awards for both him and his staff.

Dawkins has won BB&T's Sterling Performer Award eight years in a row — an achievement matched by only four other peo-

ple in the company. He told *The Times* that the branch's business has tripled in the 13 years he has managed it.

Banking has changed over that time period, Dawkins told *The Times*. "It used to be you could do a mortgage with three pieces of paper — now it takes fifteen!"

Dawkins was born and raised in Fayetteville. His father represented Cumberland County in the NC General Assembly in the 1940s and 1950s — during the same time period that Clyde

Auman represented Moore County.

Bob's brother J.L. Dawkins served as Mayor of Fayetteville for fourteen years.

Bob himself served for a while on the Fayetteville Board of Education. He's an East Carolina graduate, and holds advanced

degrees from the School of Banking at UNC-Chapel Hill.

In 2005 he was inducted into the Fayetteville Shaggers Hall of Fame.

The whole community is invited to BB&T's Open House in honor of Bob Dawkins on Wednesday afternoon, June 27.

Patriotic Music Program

Join Cornerstone Baptist Church in Biscoe for their patriotic musical, *In God We Trust*, at 11:00 am on Sunday, July 1.

This presentation by the sanctuary choir is especially dedicated to those serving in the Armed Forces, all Veterans, members of the VFW, Ladies Auxiliaries, and all patriotic citizens of this great country. Cornerstone Baptist Church is located at 303 Lambert Road in Biscoe next to Autumn Care Nursing Home.



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What this place needs is a good motto

"It's a beautiful day in Pinehurst," as they say. And surely it was this week after the announcement that the resort will again host the Men's U.S. Open tournament. Forget mandatory water restrictions, forget the subdivision moratorium vote, forget the Women's U.S. Open – that was the big news of the week.

Certainly Pinehurst has the benefit of a catchy little slogan. Perhaps this is what Seven Lakes needs to improve community relations and put itself on the map. Let's see: 'Seven Lakes – we're worth the drive from town.' Or, 'Seven Lakes – yes, we actually have seven lakes.' Or, 'Seven Lakes – an encompassing place of North, South,

& West,' ah...cricket chirp. Hey, didn't I hear they're building East?

Dutch Wonderland is another place with an appealing slogan. With family in the Lancaster, Pennsylvania area, my kids fre-

ful Day!"

Now, that's not terribly hard to do considering the park is filled with rides and attractions designed just for the under-10 set. Of course, it's also well stocked with all the required parent traps

that keep mom's wallet open; gift shops, snack counters, crafts booths.

D W ' s management team

have obviously attended the Disney School of Business. Disneyworld slogan "The happiest place on Earth," would be much more accurate as "We promise

you'll have so much fun you won't even hear the money falling out of your pocket."

In anticipation of a family vacation to visit "The Mouse," I'm actually trying to teach my six-year old son how to budget his spending money. He's taken to it like a cat to tap dancing. That is to say, not at all.

This week when he wanted to spend two dollars on a carnival game, I suggested to him that he could instead save his money for a bigger toy at the gift shop. Jack thoughtfully considered my suggestion and then asked why I couldn't simply refill his wallet with money after it was empty. I think I should try a different approach: Math was never my strong suit.

Not that adults are much better at budgeting, especially when on vacation or doing something special. Did anyone take a tour through the merchandise tent at the last U.S. Open? Yikes! I expect that at this very moment, Pinehurst marketing gurus are already hard at work designing a new U.S. Open Putter Boy logo and scouring the countryside for new objects to affix said logo to.

I think they should welcome a new slogan too, how about "It's a beautiful day in Pinehurst – and Seven Lakes is pretty nice too." Has a ring to it, don't you think?



Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

quent this children's amusement park each summer. Blaring from the parking lot speakers is a perky little voice commanding visitors to "Have a Dutch Wonder-

The human tragedy that is Africa

The clear ring of bells that ushered in the Twenty-First Century with the usual upbeat mentality was not heard by the hundreds of thousands of dangerously undernourished children in six sub-Saharan countries of Africa. Just to be able to survive each day was their unaware priority at that moment, as it is today for those who barely managed to survive. Now, once again, the grim specter of

death threatens.

It was only a few decades ago that a disastrous drought took the lives of hundreds of thousands of Africans, helplessly in the grip of starvation and disease related to that condition.

This continuing tragedy of holocaust proportions borders on the unbelievable, as this newspaper headline suggested: "Ten million may die as result of

droughts, UN food agencies report." No, that is not a misprint. Ten million!

What is it that pulls at your heartstrings whenever you see that little African child on the screen, in sharp contrast with the carefree and often boisterous enthusiasm of children in many other corners of the world?

Perhaps it's because for those who barely manage to escape the scythe of death, there's little

hope beyond. The chances for thousands of African children to reach adulthood in any but the

Not just drought, but occasional super torrential rains and floods have destroyed crops or sharply reduced yields, already poor because of deficient soil and the use of primitive tools and methods.

Other problems compound the situation. In several nations, there is only one doctor per 60,000 people, compared with

1 per 1,000 in the western world. Poor hygiene, poor housing, illiteracy, remoteness, and relentless civil wars retard progress on many fronts. It's an uphill battle for many international agencies and charities to cope with.

In some sub-Saharan areas, children are afforded a mere handful of grain per day. Some are never reached. And so the graves are filled.

America, say a prayer for these wretched members of the human race. Our benevolent nation will continue to help.

Thank God that some will be saved.



Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

most minimal circumstances make one shudder at the thought. And life expectancy is only fifty-two years old for all of Africa; only thirty-seven years in two of the sub-Saharan nations.

A small child dies every thirty seconds in Africa, due in large measure to malaria, but also as result of AIDS contracted at birth from an infected mother. Malaria is the biggest killer of African children from ages two to five years, claiming more than a million lives each year.

Add the lethal ravages of drought to the equation and the situation is more desperate than the imagination can conjure up.

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Thanks for the support

Dear Editor:

Last Monday night the Board of Commissioners did not fully approve our request for a six month moratorium on major subdivision in Area A.

They did authorize hiring a consultant to help write and rewrite certain ordinances. Once these pass through the required

approval steps, they will contribute to a better Area A Small Area Plan with action plans and recommendations. Commissioners will revisit the matter of a moratorium in sixty days.

There were some fifteen speakers supporting the moratorium. But there were as many speaking in opposition. I want to thank

those Seven Lakers who supported us with their presence — and especially those who supported us with well-chosen and well-spoken words: Nancy Chumley, Mary Anne Fewkes, Jim Haggard, Don Welch, and Charlie Flinchum.

*Dave Kinney, Chairman
Area A Steering Committee*

It's adopt-a-cat month

Dear Editor:

June is Adopt-A-Shelter-Cat Month and Moore Humane Society encourages everyone to consider opening their hearts and homes to a feline friend. While cats are available for adoption anytime of the year, June is always the busiest month in terms of the number of cats and kittens that arrive at shelters. By adopting, not only are you giving a shelter cat a second

chance, but you will also have a lifelong companion who will bring many years of love and devotion to your family.

Moore Humane Society has many cats and kittens awaiting adoption. To find your new friend, visit them at 5355 NC Hwy 22.

If you can't make a lifelong commitment, please consider becoming a foster parent. For more information, please contact us at 673-3009.

*Elizabeth Siebenhar
Moore Humane Society*

Temple Auditions

The Temple Theatre Company in Sanford will hold general auditions on July 28 for the 2007-2008 Mainstage Season. Auditions are by appointment only between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Appointments can be made by calling (919) 774-4512 ext. 221.

Those auditioning should bring a headshot and resume and prepare two contemporary, contrasting monologues lasting no more than five minutes total. Singers may also prepare a short song selection. An accompanist will be

provided. For those interested in auditioning for musicals, there will be a dance choreography session as well.

The 2007-2008 season includes:

"Annie" (October 19-November 11), "A Carolina Country Christmas" (November 29-December 16), "Super Sounds of the 70's" (January 31-February 17), "Godspell" (April 10-27) and "Ain't Misbehavin'" (May 29-June 22). Information on these and other productions are available at www.templeshows.com.

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She will attend Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC.



Abby Johanna Jackson

DC Everest High School
Weston, WI

Abby is the daughter Tom and Susan Jackson 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.



Rachel Rutledge

Parsippany High School
Parsippany, NJ

Rachel is the daughter of Kathy and Joe Rutledge of Parsippany, NJ & the granddaughter of Mike and Marie Hruby of Seven Lakes North. She was a member of National Art Honor Society, Student Council, Marching Band & drama. She will attend Alfred University Performing Arts in Alfred, NY.

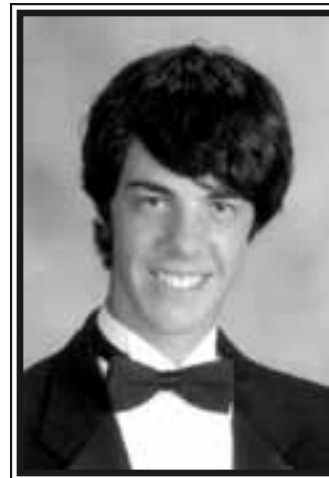


Steven M. Shadwick

Pinecrest High School
Southern Pines, NC

Steven is the son of George and Misty Shadwick of Foxfire. His grandfather is Harold Dowden of Circleville, Ohio.

Steven will attend Sandhills Community College in the Fall.



Brandon Steven Zoellner

Pinecrest High School
Southern Pines, NC

Brandon is the son of Steven and Patricia Zoellner of Seven Lakes West. His grandparents are Howard Zoellner of Seven Lakes North and Paul & Betty Rabaut of MI. He received his IB Diploma and the Coaches Award for Soccer. He will attend College of Charleston, SC.

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**Samantha Ann
Colleran**

College of St. Catherine
St. Paul, MN

Samantha is the daughter of Jay and Claudia Colleran of Burnsville, MN. She is the granddaughter of Bud and Do Shaver of Seven Lakes North. She received Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. She hopes to work in a pediatric unit or the local VA hospital.

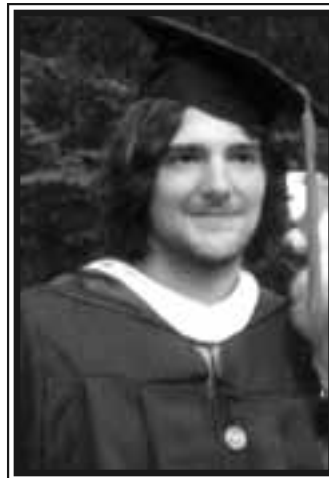


Katie Gunn

Wofford College
Spartanburg, SC

Katie is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William U. Gunn of Spartanburg, SC. Her grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Don Welch of Seven Lakes North.

She graduated a BS degree with Honors majoring in Political Science and Government.



Justin H. Jernigan

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Justin is the son of John and Barbara Jernigan of Rockaway, NJ. He is the grandson of Helen and the late Lew Jernigan of Seven Lakes North and Linda and the late Henry Brunatti of Sarasota, FL.

Justin graduated with honors.



**Rhiannon Marinna
Kopynec**

Brown University
Providence, RI

Rhiannon is the daughter of Bo and Suze Kopynec of Seven Lakes North. Her grandparents are Michael & the late Wasalya Kopynec of Seven Lakes North and Walter & Charlene Davis of Burlington, NC. She graduated with a BA degree in International Relations and is manager of a Providence business.



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School Board

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for us.”

MCS Board Vice Chair Dr. Lorna Clack said “For the assistant principals, this is hiring time. This is when the good candidates are out.”

Purser agreed. “We don’t need to move on hiring a mechanic or Information Technology [IT] professional staff. Instead we need to look at the most critical staffing issues first.” She continued, “We will have to do some reductions.”

Charles R. Lambert, a Board member said, “We should fund positions that directly affect the teaching of the children.”

Purser said that a final budget will be brought back before the board as they make more adjustments. Her immediate request of funding was due to the time sensitive nature of this hiring. “We typically continue the hiring process through the summer and this is the area that we really need to move on now.”

The MCS Board approved the superintendent’s request.

Finance Officer

Michael C. Griffin was named the Chief Finance Officer for MCS. Griffin presently serves as Chief Financial Officer for Pine Needles /Mid Pines Resorts, a position he has held for the past

three years. Prior to that, he served for seventeen years as Deputy County Manager and Finance Officer for Moore County Government.

“We are very fortunate to have someone of Mr. Griffin’s skills and experience join our staff,” said Purser. “He also has a strong commitment to Moore County contributing to the community not only through his job, but through volunteer work and other areas of service. Mr. Griffin is a welcome and valuable addition to our administrative team.”

Science Program

Beverlee Beale, Executive Director for Curriculum, and Susan Livesay provided a report on the first North Carolina Science Summit. Held in May, the Summit promoted national and state initiatives for enhancing science education.

Livesay said the Summit identified the direction of science education at the national level which is to develop scientific literacy. This includes addressing preconceptions, conducting inquiry through discovery, and metacognition.

“We need to know where we want to go,” said Livesay, “to develop biology and chemistry

courses with pacing guides developed around concept-based instruction with embedded inquiry activities and literacy support.”

The MCS summer academy sessions for teachers, to be held in August, will provide inquiry activities and techniques.

The Summit also addressed the small number of science teachers coming out of university today. One reason identified was that most academic hours in college are taken up with general teaching courses and are not science-based.

Electronic Board Meetings

Jim Tagliareni, Chief Officer for Technology for MCS, presented a report on options available that would allow the MCS Board to modify its current system to a paperless electronic meeting style. Electronic meetings would provide print and materials cost savings and would reduce staff time spent on agenda preparation. Electronic meetings also would allow the board clerk to work more efficiently to

produce and publish board meeting packets, agendas, notices, and minutes.

If the electronic board meeting style was adopted, each board member would have a computer stationed at their place at the board table. The members could access the agenda from home using their existing internet or Broadband accounts. During meetings, the members would bring the laptop computer with them.

Tagliareni said that there are several software applications available for school board use or

that Moore County could develop one in house to best meet the board’s needs.

Board member Susan Black suggested that whatever costs would be incurred to adopt this system would be quickly reimbursed through savings on paper materials.

Board member Kathy Farren agreed and said that using such a program would also be good for the cabinet and committee members. “It’s not just the board that would benefit and be able to use it.”

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SLWLA

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problem drive to some degree by the topography of the sites.

"We are looking to strengthen position with contractors in terms of what we expect before issuing a certificate of completion," Mamel said, noting that, under the Planned Community Act, the Association may be able to link a SLWLA certificate of completion to the certificate of occupancy issued by the county. "This could make a great deal of difference in terms of landscaping and erosion control," Mamel said.

Recreation. Director Jo Nicholas reported that fifty children attended the summer fun kick-off program. Swimming lessons are scheduled for June and in July. Cooking and crafts classes are also in the works, as well as an attempt to bring Sandhills Community College classes to the neighborhood.

Infrastructure. Director Ray MacKay reported that the contract for the next phase of the Lakeway Drive repaving is out for bids, which are due after July 4.

Mailhouses. President Haggard reported that a letter had been received from Congressman Howard Coble's office indicating that the law would not allow him to interfere with the US

Postal Service. Hugh Beckwith noted that the current covenants will have to be changed to allow mailboxes at individual homes.

"We need to put a window on this," Mamel said, noting that, if home delivery is not going to work, the Association is going to need to make a decision about upgrading the current mailhouse, adding additional mailhouses, and so on. "This is a big-ticket area," Mamel said.

Environment. Director Mary Anne Fewkes said it is possible that, during periods of extreme heat, the community could experience additional fish kills. The buildout of properties around the lake have reduced cover for fish, she noted, adding that hot weather can reduce the oxygen level in shallow coves beyond what is needed to support fish.

Emergency notification system. President Haggard proposed creating two new signs for the bulletin board at the front gate, like those used to indicate that there is a Sailing Club Race. One would indicate "Breaking News;" the other, "Emergency." This would alert residents to check the website or mailhouses for more information.

Cooperative Purchasing. Haggard told Board members

that the Association had been invited to participate in a cooperative purchasing agreement that will include the county and most of the Moore County municipalities. "There appears to be no cost and no commitment to participate," Haggard said. "So there appears to be no downside." He indicated that he would provide additional details when they became available.

Moratorium. Director Fewkes said she felt "the entire board should make a showing at the June 18 Commissioners meeting" in support of the proposed

moratorium on new subdivision in Area A. After some discussion, board members agreed

that the Area Reps should be utilized to circulate a petition in support of the moratorium.

Literacy Council volunteer orientation

The Moore County Literacy Council will offer Volunteer Orientation workshop on Wednesday, July 18, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm, followed by twelve hours of Tutor Training to be held from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Wednesdays; July 25, August 1, August 8, August 15.

Volunteer Orientation and Tutor Training will be held at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church Youth House on the corner of N. Ridge Street and Indiana Avenue in Southern Pines. The Orientation workshop must be completed prior to beginning Tutor Training. Please call 692-5954 for more information or to make a reservation.



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aged residents to call their guests in early to the gates — and to consider hosting an after-fireworks party to help ease the congestion at the exits once the display is over.

Recreation. Director Laura Douglass reported that two horses have been retired from duty at the stables and two new ones added to the herd. Day camp has started and is attracting 24-30 children per day, about half of whom are taking advantage of new extended afternoon hours.

Board members discussed various aspects of a proposal

from a vendor who would like to provide food service from the North Clubhouse kitchen during times when the pool is open. They asked Chad Beane to share their comments with the vendor and see if a more favorable agreement could be negotiated.

Finance. Treasurer Steve Hudson distributed a printed year

end report on community finances, showing total revenues of \$1,279,000 and total expenses of \$1,390,000 for a net loss of \$111,000. The report broke out expenses into various departments and line items.

Boating regulations. President Truesdell reviewed some new boating regulations that have been proposed by members

of the new Lakes and Dams Committee, including a change to the required ages of boat operators and observers, limits on the number of boats a landowners may register, and size limits for Lake Echo and Lake Sequoia.

The board discussed but took no action on the recommendations.

Cooperative purchasing. President Truesdell said the SLLA has been invited to join in a cooperative purchasing agreement with the County and its municipalities. The arrangement could help reduce costs, he said.

Closed session. The board ended the meeting with a closed session; the topic was not disclosed.

VVA plans Vets Day DC Trip

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 966, of Moore County is organizing a November, Veterans Day weekend, overnight bus trip to Washington, DC, to visit the Vietnam Wall, The Korean Memorial, Women's Memorial, and the new World War II Memorial. All memorial sites are within walking distance from where we will be dropped off.

Hotel reservations will be made with a group room rate of \$121.00 per double occupancy, and the cost of a seat on the bus will be \$62.00, if all fifty-six seats are occupied.

The tentative schedule is to leave the Pinehurst area [location TBA] at 7:00 am on November 9, and to arrive back in the Pinehurst area at 1:00 am on November 11.

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application is eligible for this round of awards and Mayor Erickson and the Village Council intend to draft a letter to include with the revised application which will outline how the previously identified deficiencies have been corrected, including details on a recently created parks and recreation program staff position, demographic information, and discussion of the survey. In addition, the Mayor and Council plan to meet with the regional representative for PARTF.

"We will try to get a better handle on exactly what they say. We met with them before and then when we got up to Raleigh, it's you didn't do this and you didn't do that," said Erickson.

Councilman Carl Munro asked if it would make sense to start again from scratch.

"No," Park Committee Chair Jack Olsen responded, "We have completed 80-90% of what needs to be done [in the application process]. We don't need to go through more expense." Olsen continued, "We've been through an awful lot of work."

"We will try again," said Erickson. "We're not going to give up."

Water Moratorium on Private Wells

Councilman Ed Lauer proposed a resolution placing a 120-day water moratorium on private wells located within village corporate limits. Lauer asserts that increased development and the near draught conditions have placed a burden on existing water resources. An initial study recommends no future private well drilling. However to facilitate more detailed research on how to best provide for future water needs and to provide the time necessary to develop ordinances specifically for private wells, the moratorium was requested and the Council approved unanimously.

"Call them what you will," said Lauer. "These are convenience wells for irrigation, and they draw from the same water that our village wells draw from." He continued, "We're better off than the rest of Moore County. We are not in a serious position – we are about the same as where we have been in previous droughts. These actions are simply to protect the resources for the entire community."

Foxfire Village is currently under voluntary water restrictions that call for a 20% reduction in water use.

"The moratorium is on new wells, not current. But I hope that all well owners will obey the same rules for water conservation," Lauer continued, "I only water twice a week. That's all it needs. Those plants do not to be watered all the time and people waste water by dumping it on their lawns in the middle of the day. You lose 60% to evaporation."

Councilman Lauer said that the new computer software billing program is now in use and that water bills will go out in June

and again in July. "The new system will generate bills on a monthly basis," said Lauer.


Public Safety Report

Councilman Carl Munro reported there have been four to five cases of village residents leaving their garages open and people walking in and taking items. A recent case involved a new home in which a range and new oven were stolen.

"We weren't even notified because the builder wasn't back for several days. The builder estimates there was a ten-day period between the theft and notification," said Munro. "In many cases, there is nothing to go on to even start to track it down."

Munro said residents should

lock both doors and their garages. Fourth of July fireworks displays will be held in several communities. (See "Foxfire," p. 32)



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nities around Foxfire, said Munro. Displays are scheduled "all around us — Aberdeen, Pinehurst, and Seven Lakes. You shouldn't have any trouble finding a display if you want to go."

Moore County has been selected as a test site for the 2010 Census. The Census Bureau

will need to fill 3,000 census taker jobs, which will pay \$11.50 an hour, during the 2008 test census. These jobs can be worked at your own pace. Councilman Munro said interested persons should contact George Pence in Whispering Pines for more information.

Munro said over twenty com-

munity standards violations were reported last month. Nineteen letters were sent out and several violations were handled by telephone. If the violations remain unresolved after the fifteenth of June, Munro said citations will be issued.

"We hope to get by with just a warning. The violations include not cleaning up lots, trailers storage, garbage cans being left out. A wide variety of things," said Munro. "Years ago the violations were primarily lot clean up, but this time it's more diverse. A few lots have trees down but that's not the dominant problem."

Councilman Munro reported that fifteen residents have completed the twenty-one hour Citizen Emergency Rescue Team [CERTS] training program and are now qualified and would be able to assist in a disaster sequence. A practice drill was held which included responding ambulances and mock disaster work. Munro thanked Craig Ramey for coordinating the drill.

"The primary job of these people is to save lives if necessary,

to eliminate dangerous situations, and to be a transition to more qualified people such as police, fire departments, and EMS," said Munro. "I was happy and pleased with the performance."

Several CERTS participants are also taking three hours course instruction in first aid and CPR.

Munro expressed concern regarding anticipated growth in Moore County, "An awful lot of [Small Planning] Area A comes up close or even overlaps village property and there are several thousand homes planned for the next few years."

Munro suggested that village residents concerned about

growth around Foxfire should consider attending the public hearing on the proposed subdivision moratorium, which was held on Monday, June 18, before the County Commissioners. "Every realtor and every home builder will be there signing up to ask for no moratorium. If you feel differently," said Munro, "you might want to go."

Finance Report

Councilman Wally Peckitt reported the village bank balances "are depleting but not at an alarming or surprising rate." Peckitt reported the General Fund balance at \$278,037, the

(See "Foxfire," p. 33)



Retiring Foxfire Village Police Chief Rick Rhyne is presented with his badge and gun by Foxfire Mayor George Erickson. Rhyne retired after 26 years as Foxfire Village Chief of Police.

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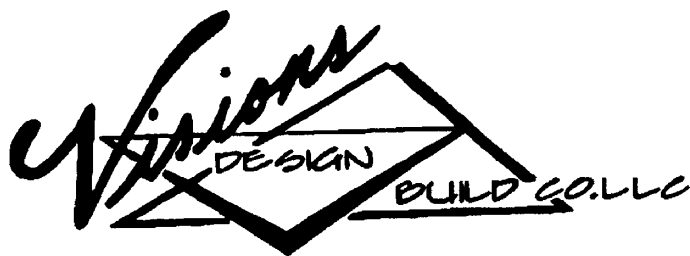
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Water Fund at \$136,897, the Water Capital Reserve Fund at \$106,140, and the Supplemental Police Fund at \$14,730.

Providing a summary report of the past fiscal year, Peckitt said that while there has been an increase in expenditures there has also been an increase in revenues; approximately \$3,000 was transferred from the Police Fund to the General Fund and several budget amendments were made . . . We had unexpected changes in the Police Fund due to a new officer, a new chief, and the retirement of our chief."

Peckitt also reported that if a police officer retires after a certain period of service, he is entitled to an annual retirement to be paid by the municipality until the officer reaches 62 years of age.

"Chief Rhyne is entitled to receive an annual amount of \$13,000," said Peckitt. This amount will be paid by the town by monthly installments.

Peckitt's summary report also included that water lines were assessed, the annexation of twenty-nine acres of Pineland Preserve, that the village was engaged in a hydro-structure study of Grande Pines and a water study of future village needs, that the Woodland Circle extension estimated to date costs were \$1.5 million, of which the town has paid \$15,000 to be reimbursed through assessments, a contract was made for extended maintenance of the water tower, and that Foxfire had received all reimbursements of the original Village Green PARTF grant.

Streets Report

Councilman Gene Petrie reported that in the past, the subdivision ordinance has not been followed. He said that before subdividing, the developer must go to planning and zoning for approval first, and then go to the council for approval.

"Robert Edwards wants to subdivide and he's in a bind," said Petrie. "We need to go through this process before he can subdivide and sell."

Petrie also reported on the status of the property across the street from Town Hall. The owner was asked if he would

sell a portion of the land back to village, "and he said no," said Petrie. "He also said he would not clean up the mess that was left behind and said if people wanted to complain that they should call him."

A resident asked if village community standards rules applied to this property. Munro responded that while growth of underbrush and tree stumps does not apply, "We can do something about fallen or dead trees. The laws are specific about what you can or can't do. We can ask him to do some things and cite him."

Mayor Erickson asked if Petrie was aware of the owner's future plans for this land. Petrie responded that the owner said it would be developed into commercial property, but Petrie said there hasn't been any progress yet.

A resident asked if there were ordinances limiting sign dimensions. Petrie said that commercial signs may be larger than residential signs and that in the past, the owner was forced

to move his sign further away from the road to comply with ordinances.

Petrie also reported that while current ordinances state that side entry garages are preferred, "We have one contractor who has built four houses in Foxfire and has plans for six more but all of his homes have front entry garages. Petrie suggests that the current ordinance is not specific enough and should instead read that except for cul-de-sac lots, all houses must have a side-entry garage.

"We'll call our attorney and get her opinion and make sure we're well covered," said Petrie. To change an ordinance, a public hearing must be scheduled before the council can vote. "The ordinance reads now that side entry is "where feasible" which is not definitive," said Petrie. "We won't approve plans in process without this change."

Petrie added that while a community appearance committee can make recommendations to a builder, they can't enforce an

ordinance and that builders usually don't abide their recommendations.

Zoning Report

Councilman Gene Petrie reported that five sets of plans are under review, and there were four or five others in last week. Mayor Erickson commented that he has recently walked the village and counted forty-seven homes being built.

Mayor's Report

Mayor George Erickson reported three recent appointments; Robert Thorne and John Hunter to the Board of Adjustment; and Craig Ramey to Planning and

Zoning Board.

Last year, Foxfire issued 400 pool passes and this year the village has already issued 900 passes – some of which are one-day passes. Village residents may purchase a pool pass for \$1; non-residents may purchase a family membership for \$300.

Public comment

A resident asked if newcomers building houses in Foxfire were receiving list of applicable ordinances. Mayor Erickson said no, not to his knowledge.

The resident suggested it was not fair to give community stan-

(See "Foxfire," p. 35)



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Moratorium

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involved. Building permits will continue to be issued for homes in existing subdivisions.

The planning staff is working on several changes to the zoning and subdivision ordinances:

- Revising the Planned Unit Development [PUD] standards to include two types of development — one with more open space for rural areas and a one with greater density for areas within the Urban Services Boundaries. PUD-style subdivisions may become more common under the new rules currently under development.
- Developing regulations that encourage conservation subdivisions — setting more acreage aside for open space and asking developers to identify the best ground to reserve for open space before laying out streets and lots.
- Resolving some inconsistencies between the Land Use Plan, the Zoning Ordinance, and the Subdivision Ordinance.

Before making their decision, Commissioners heard literally hours of testimony from more

than two dozen speakers, with both opponents and proponents of the moratorium well represented.

Seven Lakes West builder Todd Meade was the first to speak. Opposing the moratorium, he asked those who shared his position to stand — which brought more than half the gallery to their feet. Setting the tone for opponents of the measure, Meade said a moratorium would hurt workers in the construction trades. He argued that a moratorium, under North Carolina General Statutes, is an emergency measure to protect the public health and not appropriate as a means to buy time to revise ordinances.

"Please do not send the message that Moore County cannot handle the kind of growth that is coming our way," Meade asked Commissioners.

Several officers and members of the Moore County Home Builders Association echoed Meade's points, as did Ray Ogden, Director of the Partners in Progress economic development initiative. Planning Board members Aaron McNeill and Ron Jackson also urged the

Commissioners to reject the proposed moratorium, as did McRae Smith, the developer who has proposed a "Seven Lakes East" development that would lie just north of Seven Lakes North.

Speaking on the other side of the issue were Planning Board Chair Nancy Roy Fiorillo and Vice Chair Kim Vancannon, along with a number of members of the Area A Small Area Plan Steering Committee. Both Jim Haggard and Mary Anne Fewkes, members of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Board, spoke in support of the moratorium. Haggard said a petition circulated in Seven Lakes West during the past few days had attracted 120 signatures in support of the moratorium.

Other Seven Lakes residents who spoke in favor of the moratorium included Don Welch, Nancy Chumley, and Charlie

Flinchum.

Surratt will be expected to report back to Commissioners on her progress in hiring a consultant and revising ordinances at their next meeting, on July 16, and again at their second meeting in August. At that meeting, the Commissioners are likely to revisit the request for a moratorium based on the progress the planning staff has made.

Until then, the county will accept no more applications for major subdivisions — those involving five or more lots.

Brenner tract rezoning

Despite opposition from a number of citizens, the board unanimously approved the rezoning of a 377 acre parcel within the 1,000-acre Brenner Tract located on NC Highway 73 between Beulah Hill Church Road and

Rubicon Road. The area was rezoned to PC Public and Conservation District from a combination of RA Rural Agricultural and RA-40 Residential and Agricultural.

Prior to the vote for approval, Commissioner Tim Lea made a motion to table the rezoning request to allow Commissioners more time to study the project; his motion died for lack of a second.

MHK Ventures, which submitted the rezoning application, plans a 219-home golf course development on the 1,000-acre tract; the 377 acres to be rezoned PC will accommodate the golf course and a driving range. MHK has submitted a sketch drawing for the associated residential development to the county Subdivision Review Board, but has not asked for rezoning or pre-

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Brenner tract

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liminary plat approval for the residential area. Monday night's action dealt only with the acreage reserved for the golf course.

In a work session prior to Monday night's regular meeting, Planning Director Surratt told commissioners that the rezoning requested by MHK would reduce the density allowed on the Brenner property, which, under current zoning, could be developed to hold 600-800 homes.

"I have stated all along that I am comfortable with this proposal, Surratt said. "I feel comfortable with the rezoning." She noted that the use is "in character with the area" and "reduces the density that could be available in that area."

"It is an example of setting aside open space that we haven't had to date," she noted. "We haven't had anyone ask for public and conservation lands zoning in the past."

Last month, the Planning Board, in a four-to-three vote, had approved MHK's request

for rezoning, though the current Planning Board chairman, vice chairman, and the previous chairman all voted against the request. They apparently felt that the entire development — homes and golf course — should be considered as a whole, rather than in parts.

The 377 acres for the golf course lie astride the headwaters of Little River. Many objections to the proposed rezoning focused on the potential for the proposed golf course to both pollute the watershed and to pull too much water out of the river, negatively affecting those downstream. Florence Keith of Whispering Pines told Commissioners that Little River nearly dried up during a drought a few years ago, dropping the level of Thagaard Lake four feet. She asked them to consider the downstream

impacts of allowing development upstream.

Joe McDonald, speaking for a new citizen's group called Save our Sandhills, told Commissioners that he had worked on land use plans in a number of counties. When a new major development is proposed, McDonald said, it increases "pressure to cave in and give up on parts of the land use plan. At some point we have to start devising land use plans and sticking with them."

Bob Stolting noted that the Commissioners had previously turned down a proposed rezoning on an adjacent property — the Larsen tract — in 2005, after which the property was purchased by the state as a plant preserve. He called their attention to the presence of wetlands and floodplain areas on the Bren-

ner tract. The proposed golf course is a "large commercial enterprise," not the "public recreation and community facility," appropriate to the PC zoning designation.

Ruth Stolting reminded Commissioners that sections of the Land Use Plan stress preserving rural areas. "Golf courses are not conservation designs," Stolting said. Noting the large number of golf courses already in the county, she added, "There are better solutions than this rezoning to PC for the purpose of a golf course." She suggested that a development centered on a nature preserve, or an equestrian development, would be more marketable and appropriate than another golf course.

Dr. James Gregory, a professor in the Department of Forestry at NC State, cautioned that both the golf course and the subdivision proposed for the Brenner property involve numerous crossings of wetlands and suggested that the developer should consult with the Army Corps of Engineers and the state Division of Water Quality in order to reconfigure the development to minimize wetlands impacts.

Gregory's comments were rebutted to some extent when developer Bob Hanson, the project developer, introduced his environmental consultant, Dr. Jay Carter, who described the work that he had already done with the Corps and state officials.

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dards citations out to citizens unaware of the ordinances. "They don't have clue what they are. We need to treat them with a little leniency," she said. As plans for a house go through the application process, she suggested, the future resident should be given ordinances. "We need to provide them the opportunity to know what they can and can't do without a hassle."

A significant obstacle, said Mayor Erickson, is that the book of ordinances was now several inches thick. Someone suggested having a committee draft a summary that would highlight key ordinances.

A resident said that such a summary would allow homeowners to know what is acceptable and what is in violation. "We should not force neighbors to have to confront neighbors."

Charles Coker said "Ordinances are basically rules that we have to live by in this community. I wanted to live in community where they would be enforced." He concluded, "Rules should not be made unless you are going to enforce them."



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Commissioners

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cials on wetlands issues, including crossings.

Hanson spoke at length about the concept underlying the golf course development: "Less is more."

Though 309 acres is being set aside for the 18-hole golf course, he said, only about 80 of those acres will be planted with grass, leaving more than 200 acres in natural Sandhills forest and grasslands. Hanson said the golf course architects he plans to hire "have a perspective of design that limits the playable area."

The goal is a course more like Pinehurst #2 would have looked in the 1960s, before substantial additional acreage was planted in grass. The result will be a largely natural landscape which will actually provide corridors for wildlife, Hanson added.

Other elements of the "less is more" philosophy include a 13,000 square foot clubhouse, as opposed to the more common 40,000 square foot structure, and a goal of 16,000 to 18,000 rounds of golf per year, rather than 40,000 or 50,000.

Reacting to comments from speakers who suggested the county has enough golf courses, Hanson argued that golf is in fact Moore County's primary industry, though no new golf course had been built in the county since 1996. "Without golf this would be a ghost town," he said. "Everyone who lives here benefits from golf."

The Board of Commissioners' approval clears away one hurdle for MHK's golf course, though various permits will have to be obtained from the Corps, state, and county before construction can begin.

Any applications for the residential portion of the development will be delayed by the defacto 60-day moratorium on new major subdivisions in Area A.

Other business

During Monday night's meeting, Commissioners also:

- Returned to the Planning Board for further work a proposed ordinance for the creation of Family Subdivisions. The Commissioners asked that the ordinance include tougher language on minimum road standards — par-

ticularly if lots are eventually sold outside the family. They also suggested adding language that would encourage the preservation, as opposed to the division, of larger tracts of family land.

- Approved an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow public utilities structures — pump houses and lift stations

— to be built within the setbacks of the Highway Corridor Overlay Districts.

- Authorized the acceptance of a \$500,000 state grant for the Moore County Airport, to be used in the construction and improvement of taxiways.
- Authorized the issuance of \$7.7 million in bonds to help fund construction of Phase II

of the East Moore Water District.

- Appointed Roger Bone to the Planning Board, Katherine Ewing to the Aging Advisory Council, and Jimmie Ann Lassiter to the Jury Commission.
- Recognized Lanie Wade Garner for 20 years of service as an EMT for Moore County,

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- Recognized Carthage Rescue Squad for attaining "Light Rescue Provider" status through the North Carolina Association of Rescue and Emergency Services, Inc.

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Summit

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Second, Realtors® and builders oppose the fee. They have powerful lobbies in Raleigh. 'Nuf said.

Third, it's almost certain that any bill before the legislature will include a provision requiring a county referendum. Considering the alternatives —substantial increases in annual property taxes and in every-day sales taxes —the one-time land transfer fee would be a bargain.

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Initiating the first type is far more complex than initiating the fourth — designing the system, impact on employees, significant up-front costs, possible legal issues. Initiating the fourth type is not without its possible problems, but it is really relatively simple.

Initiating the fourth type was chosen. It's an example of "you better walk before you try to run."

After brainstorming ideas and considerable deliberation, the sub-committee agreed to pursue a cooperative purchasing agreement through which any two or more jurisdictions could participate in a Request for Proposal for any purchased item — goods or services — with the aim of a better price than with individual RFPs.

In addition to economies of

scale, specifically as lower prices — a tangible benefit — intangible benefits include learning from each other, better RFPs, opportunities for standardization and good and ever-improving working relationships among those folks in the various jurisdictions responsible for purchasing.

To some extent joint purchasing is not exactly breaking new ground. Today the county provides a number of services for several municipalities — tax collection, fuel purchases, water purchases, GIS services, many to a limited extent, most on an informal basis.

A resolution and the cooperative purchasing agreement are now being signed off by the various jurisdictions. Seven Lakes (West, North/South) is included in this initiative. The SLWLA has already signed off; SLLA is expected to sign off at their meeting later this month.

This initiative is clearly walking before trying to run. There are no up-front costs, no operating expenses, no negative impact on employees. With experience, it can be the basis for more complex shared services with greater benefits.

To wrap up, let me say that during many meetings, I observed a very significant change from the first meeting about two years

ago and our recent meetings. What started out as a "what's in it for me?"— reserved and guarded discussions and a rather pervasive feeling of distrust — evolved into a "what's in it for us?" — open and frank dialog and mutual trust.

This is a monumental step forward that bodes well for the entire county. As a good friend and member of the Area A Steering Committee recently said "Dear God, don't let us mess this up!"

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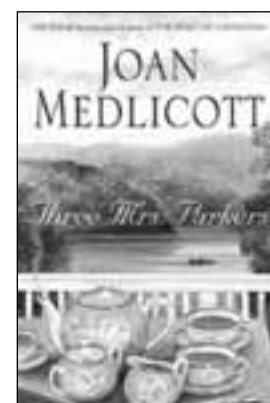
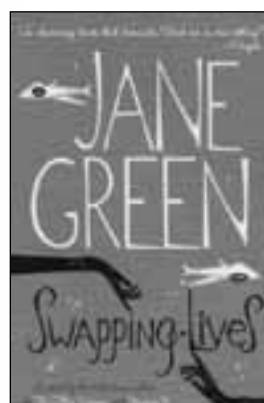
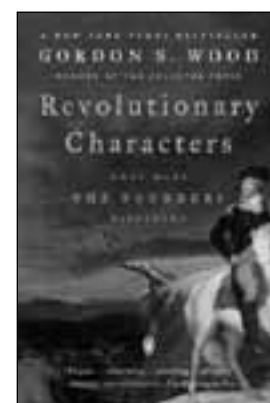
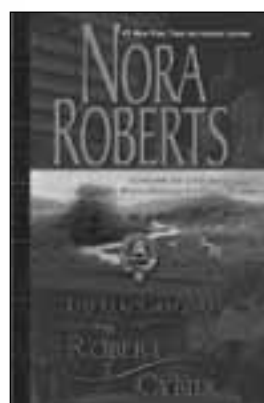
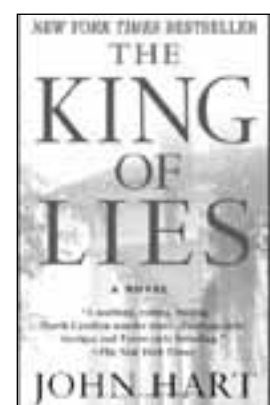
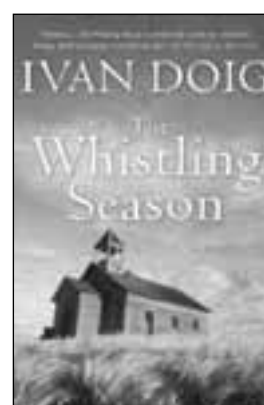
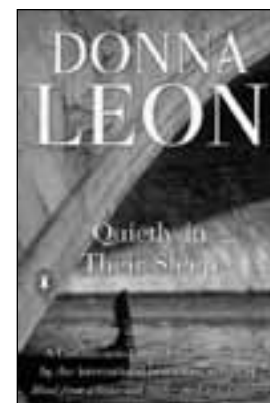
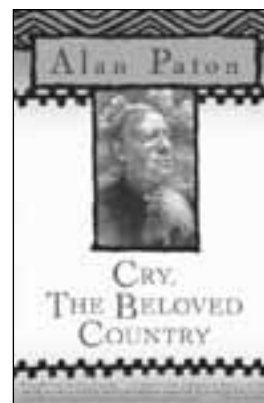
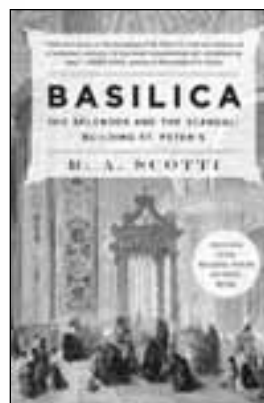
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