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Auman Dam needs repairs

Westside Board votes to close Longleaf Drive over the dam

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An engineering study has found the Lake Auman Dam in need of roughly \$200,000 in preventative maintenance, the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Board learned in a special meeting on Tuesday morning, August 28.

The problem will result in the closure of the roadway across the dam for an indefinite period of time, beginning in the next several weeks, and the temporary dropping of lake levels by as much as five feet — probably next Fall.

Lake and Environment Director Mary Ann Fewkes told the Board that the Association's

dam engineer, Dr. Dan Marks, found that water is seeping though through the top layer of the dam in a manner contrary to the design of the structure, soaking the earth on the back side of the dam. While the dam "is in good shape" and is not an immediate safety hazard, according to Marks, it does need repairs in order to prevent problems in the future. Fewkes said the work could be delayed for up the three years, but that would increase the cost, the risk to the dam, and the potential for the state to mandate repairs. [See page 35 for the full text of Fewkes' report.]

After exploring the details of the problem, Board members voted to proceed with the design and
(See "Dam," p. 37)

School Days



West End Elementary students Zoe Richardson and Riley Nicholson of McClendon Hills, join Westsider Keeley Copper in greeting the first day of school with a big smile.

Restrictions sought on watering from lakes

Northsiders who use lake water to irrigate their lawns and shrubs may soon face the same restrictions as users of the county water system, if the Board of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] completes a rule-making process it set in motion Wednesday night, August 29.

President Don Truesdell opened the meeting with a

reminder to residents that the area remains in a severe drought, with rainfall levels seven inches below normal for the year.

Noting that the lakes are owned by the Association, and that lake levels are dropping with the current drought conditions, Truesdell polled Board members on their support for a new rule that would make irrigation from the lakes subject to

the same restrictions in effect for irrigation using Moore County

water supplies.
Currently, public water users

are under mandatory conservation restrictions that limit irrigation to twice weekly and only between the hours of 5:00 pm and Midnight.

With the exception of Michael Florence, every Board member present expressed support for

such a rule [Donna Stephan was out of town and did not attend Wednesday night's meeting.

Florence, who said he uses lake water for irrigation, suggested the Board might meet with some resistance from lake-front property owners, who paid a premium for their property and may have taken into account
(See "SLLA," p. 32)

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Westsiders question dam roadway closure

More than 150 landowners turned out for the August 28 General Meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association, many apparently drawn by the rapidly-spreading news that the Board of Directors had, earlier in the day, approved the closing of Longleaf Drive over the Lake Auman Dam. [See our report on page 1.]

The roadway will be closed, based on the recommendation of the Association's dam engineer Dan Marks, sometime in the next several weeks, after the Board works out the details of signage and barricades.

Next Fall, the water level in the lake will be dropped five feet while repairs are done on the dam.

Nineteen landowners spoke during the hour-long public comment portion of the meeting — with more than half expressing concerns about the road closure or dam repairs.

Noting that the dam "is not owned by any committee, but by the homeowners," **Lynn Edwards** asked, "Why hasn't his been put to a vote? I think a

lot of property values are going to be devaluated if we don't let vehicles cross that dam."

Later in the meeting **Joe Snell**

to docks and bulkheads.

Maureen Mead, who also spoke during the Tuesday morning special meeting during which the Board approved the dam road closure, said she was disappointed at the lack of debate among Board members before that decision was made.

"There was no discussion of the inconvenience to lot owners just beyond the dam," she said, noting the closure could add fifteen minutes to the commute to Pinehurst." Prospective buyers may not buy a home "seven miles from Pinehurst if it takes 30 minutes to get there," Mead argued.

Mick Herderd said seventy percent of the daily traffic across the dam is delivery and con-

struction vehicles, with automobiles accounting for only 30 percent. "The people killing the dam are people dragging boats, lawnmowers and so on," he added.

Picking up on Herderd's comments **Jeremy Rust** asked whether the board might consider placing barcode gates on either end of the dam, in order to ensure only residents were able to use the dam roadway. He said he supported the Board's decision to make the needed repairs and close the road. Linking the lake and dam to property values, Rust said, "We really need to take this proactive stance to do this maintenance on the dam. A temporary halt to using the roadway is worth it to everyone."

When **Ted Windsor** asked

whether some bypass of the dam might be possible, Infrastructure Director Ray MacKay said he had pulled out his maps and begun to investigate that possibility, sketching out a new roadway that would connect Beacon Ridge to the West of the dam with Morganwood to the East. MacKay said he was putting together some price estimates.

Debra Giovanni asked about the possibility of opening another gate that would allow West End Fire and Rescue to access the portion of the community that lies west of the dam without going through the front gate. MacKay explained that there is no public road that adjoins the community that would offer the squad a shorter route.

(See "Dam questions," p. 36)

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echoed Edwards question about a vote. "In every other community I have lived in, when there is something this major, the whole community is brought in, the situation and options are explained, and you have a vote," Snell said. "I enjoy driving across the dam . . . Why not do the repairs well enough to allow us to keep driving on it?"

Realtor® **Ann Benton** said she had been advised by one of the community's developer that, once lake levels are lowered, it would take 18 months for the lake to refill. She asked if this estimate was reasonable, noting it would be difficult to sell lakefront property for its full value with water levels lowered. "I'm not God," Lake Director Mary Anne Fewkes replied, "and I don't think a developer is either." How quickly the lake will refill once repairs to the dam are done, she said, will depend at least in part on the amount of rain.

Fewkes added that the period of lowered lake levels would be an excellent time for lakefront property owners to make repairs

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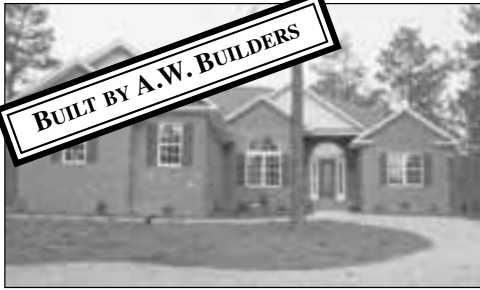
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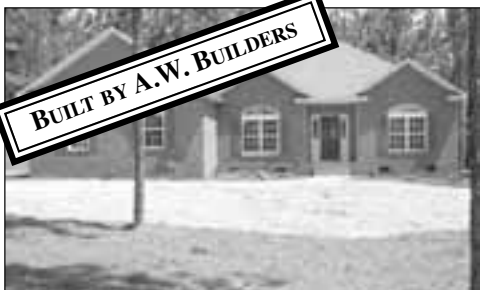
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Lakeway Drive repaving to begin mid-September

Work will begin on the widening and repaving of the lower half of the Lakeway Drive entrance road in mid-September, Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Director Ray MacKay announced during the Association's Tuesday night, August 28, General Meeting.

Barnhill Contracting of Fayetteville submitted the \$129,000 low bid for the contract. MacKay told landowners that Barnhill is "a big outfit" that does multi-million dollar state road construction projects.

During the three week construction process, the lower portion of the entrance roadway will be closed each weekday from

9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Traffic entering through the front gate will be routed through the mailhouse parking lot and down the exit lane of Lakeway Drive. All traffic exiting the community during those hours will be required to use the back gate.

This schedule is designed to restore the normal traffic flow during the busier early morning and early evening hours when residents are traveling to and from work and school.

MacKay noted that parking at the mailhouse will be cut in half during construction hours and encouraged residents to plan their trips accordingly.

Earlier in the day, MacKay told

members of the Board during a special meeting that Barnhill uses the same machine for producing concrete curbs that Hudson Paving used when doing the work on the lower half of the exit lane of Lakeway Drive last year — so the curbs should look consistent.

The contractor is projecting a September 17 start date for the project, MacKay said, though that could be pushed back if inclement weather slows their progress on jobs in line ahead of Seven Lakes West. Similarly, the three-week projected length of the Lakeway project depends on the cooperation of the weather.

Board defers decisions

The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board deferred decisions on liberalizing barcode distribution and authorizing he Loop The Lake trail project during its Tuesday morning, August 28 special meeting.

Barcode exceptions

SLWLA President Jim Haggard, who has been involved in issuing and affixing barcodes on residents' vehicles over the past couple of weeks asked Board Members whether they were ready to consider in which cases exceptions should be made to the current policy that allows only landowners to receive barcodes. Haggard listed a number of other groups for the Board to consider, including:

- Contractors who had purchased transponders for their construction vehicles.
- Non-resident family members who live nearby.
- Caregivers, both family and non-family.

After considerable discussion, at the suggestion of Director Fewkes, the Board decided to stick with the existing policy and evaluate it after a month or two.

MacKay and Recreation Director Jo Nicholas both spoke in favor of a more liberal policy. Nicholas said she felt non-resident family members who live

nearby should be able to have barcodes. MacKay argues that the Association knows more about vehicles with barcodes that enter the community than about visitors without barcodes.

Security Director Blaine Rowland argued for providing barcodes to vehicles used by Moore

County Public Utilities workers, as well as those with other utilities.

Director Mamel said Seven Lakes West is a gated community and should control access more, not less, tightly.

The Board ultimately agreed
(See "Loop the lake," p. 34)

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Commissioners call for vote on transfer tax

by Greg Hankins,
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[This article was posted on
The Times website on August 21.]

If voters approve, buying or selling real estate in Moore County could involve paying a new tax. Moore County Commissioners voted during their Monday, August 20 regular meeting to hold an advisory referendum on Election Day in November on the imposition of a 0.4 percent tax on real estate transfers — \$800 on the sale of a \$200,000 home.

The North Carolina General Assembly recently gave counties the right to impose either the land transfer tax or a 0.25 percent sales tax — after holding an advisory referendum. If voters approve the new taxes, county commissioners can impose them, if they see fit. If the voters reject the new taxes, the county will lose the opportunity to impose them.

The General Assembly's action was part of a Medicaid reform package that removed county responsibility to pay for Medicaid benefits but also took a half-cent in sales tax revenue from the counties. The new taxes were allowed in order to help counties recoup some of that lost sales tax revenue.

In a work session that began at Noon on Monday, Commissioners discussed the advantages of the land transfer tax versus the quarter cent sales tax. County Finance Director Lisa Hughes told them that the transfer tax would generate about \$700,000 per year more than the sales tax — a difference that seemed to tip the balance in favor of the transfer tax. In addition, both Chairman Colin McKenzie and Vice Chairman Larry Caddell suggested they would have difficulty supporting a sales tax. After the meeting, Caddell told *The Times* that sales taxes are regressive — impacting most those who can least afford to pay.

Also during the work session, Sandhills Community College President John Dempsey and Moore County Schools Superintendent Susan Purser asked that Commissioners delay any referendum on the new taxes until May, arguing that both upcoming school bonds and the new taxes would have a better

chance of approval if voters considered them separately.

The commissioners seemed confident that the school bonds — totaling \$69.5 million — would be easily passed by Moore County voters. "Moore County has

never failed to support the schools and the college," Chairman Colin McKenzie said, noting that over the past twenty years, school bonds have been approved by more than sixty percent of voters. "I see no rea-

son that would change now," McKenzie said.

In the Monday evening regular meeting, after the Board approved holding the referendum on the land transfer tax in November, Commissioner Tim

Lea asked that the Board pass a resolution restricting the use of revenue from the new taxes to funding county capital projects. Commissioners agreed to place such a resolution on the agenda. (See "Commissioners," p. 33)



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Small Area Plan nearly ready for public review

For ten months, members of the Area A Small Area Plan Steering Committee have been studying, debating, thinking, prioritizing, and occasionally scratching their heads as they ponder the future of a 100-square mile chunk of Moore County that centers on Seven Lakes and West End.

The objective has been to understand what's there now, how it's likely to change, and how that change might be focused and channeled to create a future Area A that realizes the goals and desires of the folks who live there.

The process began with a series of public meetings designed to identify concerns of Area A residents and to identify Area A residents who would make good Steering Committee members.

On Tuesday, September 18, the

public will once again have an opportunity for input into the process, as the Area A Steering Committee presents its work thus far in a public meeting for West End Elementary School.

The session, scheduled at 6:00 pm, will present the key elements of the proposed land use plan for Area A, as well as a proposed land use map based on the objectives of that plan.

The goal of the meeting will be to take away public input that can be incorporated into the final draft of the Area A Plan.

"I want to emphasize that what you'll see and hear at the September 18 meeting is a first draft," Steering Committee Chairman Dave Kinney told *The Times*. "We will welcome your latest thoughts before the draft gets polished up and presented to the Planning Board then to the Board of Commissioners for their approvals

later this year."

The type of principles that the public is likely to see at the September 18 meeting were still being fine-tuned during the Steering Committee's most recent meeting, on Tuesday, August 21.

They included:

- Conserving wetlands and water courses by
 - Expanding riparian buffers, and
 - Creating incentives for conservation.
- Creating open space in both residential and commercial developments, by
 - Requiring sidewalks or trails, and
 - Maintaining existing tree cover.
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 - Requiring conditional use permits for larger developments, and

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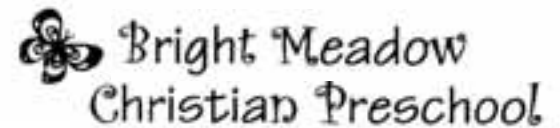
- Promoting economic development, by
 - Promoting agri-tourism,
 - Improving the Seven Lakes Business District,
 - Continuing to encourage home occupations of an industrial nature in rural areas.
- Promoting sustainable growth, by
 - Creating incentives for con-

servation design, and

- Not letting growth outpace infrastructure.

Noting the strong turnout for the initial Area A meeting last year, Kinney said he hopes to see even more folks at the upcoming meetings

"The September 18th meeting at the West End Elementary School is particularly important to residents and others with a vested interest in Area A," Kinney said.



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Karyn Greco is new owner of Curves

Karyn Greco first joined Curves in Mesa, Arizona, where the New Jersey native lived for six years before coming to McLendon Hills.

"When we moved here, I transferred my membership to the Curves in Seven Lakes," Greco told *The Times*. But a new job at West Pine Elementary School meant less time to work out, and, gradually, Greco stopped by less and less often.

"Then one day, when I stopped by Indigo's to shop, found out Curves was for sale."

Greco had recently lost a parent, and come into a modest inheritance. "I thought, 'What

better way to invest the money?'"

Both her parents died before their time, Greco told *The Times*, and, like many in their generation, regular exercise wasn't part of their routine.

"If they had been involved in a program like Curves," Greco said, "maybe they could have lived longer."

So becoming the new owner of Curves in Seven Lakes was, for Karyn Greco, both an investment and a way to help the retirees who settle in Seven Lakes keep in shape. "It was just good timing, she told *The Times*, "and the opportunity to invest in something that would have

a positive impact on the community.

Though she officially took over the reins on in June, Greco will celebrate her new business in mid-September, with an Open House on Saturday, September 15. Games, prizes, refreshments, and a special membership offer are all on the agenda for the celebration.

In addition to being a new business owner, Greco continues

to teach exceptional children — what used to be called "special education" — at West Pine, working with students in grades 6 through 8.

Teaching and running a business gives her a well-honed appreciation of how busy a woman's life can become — and how the Curves 30-minute workout was designed to fit into that busy schedule.

Curves founder Gary Heavin

designed the program to target women 40 and older, offering them a three-day-a-week workout that included strength training, a cardio-vascular workout, and toning, Greco explained. "You get it all in thirty minutes," she said. "You're working on more than one muscle group at a time."

The Curves workout involves a circuit of exercise machines that

(See "Curves," p. 31)



Curves owner Karyn Greco

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In the Seven Lakes on-line bulletin board, notice has been given regarding our limited water reserves citing Stage Three may become mandatory with fines of \$550 per incident. There are many water miser techniques you can employ, however small, can accumulate into providing the much needed water usage reduction by each household. Here are a few tips my wife and I practice each day and you would be surprised at just how much water goes down the drain:

- Wash clothes only when you have a full load, use liquid over powder as it's easier to dissolve, and reduce the amount of soap by one third to one half and eliminate the additional rinse cycle. Manufacturers always suggest using more so you'll buy more.
- Keep a large bowl or container in the kitchen sink and instead of dumping ice, tea, coffee, water down the drain, accumulate in the container to pour on outside plants
- Using the same container, when you are washing your hands or rinsing dishes, do so over the container and collect the water to use outside
- Shower with a bucket...we keep a five gallon bucket in the shower to catch the running water waiting for the hot water to kick in and shower water. We end up with two five gallon buckets that my wife pours on her trees, bushes and potted plants. We're just a household of two...imagine what a larger family can accumulate.
- When you shower, reduce the water flow, get wet, then turn off the water to lather up and then a final rinse. (Method used during our

sailboat years!)

- Run your dishwasher only when you have a full load and refrain from rinsing your dishes before putting them in the dishwasher. Manufacturers state that when you rinse clean your dishes before placing them in the machine, can actually hinder the cleaning action. Scrape clean but don't rinse and let the machine clean your dishes again reducing water usage.
- Keep a bucket at your air-conditioning drain hole to accumulate the condensation run-out...you'll be surprised at how much water can accumulate that you can use to water your outside plants.

These are but a few tips and however small you may think they are, multiply this by the number of households in all of Seven Lakes and it will make a difference. Just as with recycling, we must learn to conserve our resources and step up to take action before Stage Three arrives.

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enjoyed a reception and a Bookmobile tour at the main library branch in Carthage.

They learned that the previous Bookmobile had been in service

for 21 years and had logged 250,000 miles carrying books to far-flung outposts — like Seven Lakes, for instance.

The county's first bookmobile was commissioned in 1941 and funded by the Works Progress Administration — one of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's programs aimed at ending the Great Depression.

The bookmobile accounts for more than thirty-five percent of the Moore County Library system's circulation. More books are loaned through the Bookmobile than through any of the five "brick-and-mortar" library branches.

Librarians Ann Gibbons and Sue Aklus staff the rolling repository and are always happy to locate hard-to-find titles for Bookmobile patrons.

The Bookmobile makes stops in Seven Lakes every Wednesday. Patrons can call the Moore County Public Library at 947-

5335 for information on the schedule — or visit the Sandhills

Regional Library system website at www.srls.info.



Commissioner Larry Caddell and Moore County Library Director Steven Zibrat.



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Leonard "Bud" Miles Darby III, 68, of Seven Lakes, died Saturday, August 18, at his home.

Mr. Darby was born in Watertown, New York, to the late Leonard Miles Darby II and Pauline LaPatra Darby. In 1961, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Clarkson University in Potsdam NY, and a Master of Science degree in engineering from Arizona State University in Tempe. He worked for forty years for the US Department of Transportation. He was a program development manager for the National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies.

Survivors include his wife of five years, Mrs. Tina Keegan Darby; a son, David Harold Darby, of

Rockwell; three daughters, Debbie Darby Pringle, of West Palm Beach, Beckley Kepley of Huntersville, and Jennifer Darby Jarem, of Gold Hill; one brother, Paul Chase of Knoxville, TN; and four stepchildren, Michael Shahan, of Denver, Kerry Johnston of Baltimore, MD, Katherine Shahan of NY, and Christie Shahan, of Washington DC.

A funeral Mass of Resurrection was held Monday, August 20, at Our Lady of Americas Roman Catholic Church in Candor. Burial followed at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Salisbury.

Memorial contributions may be made to, FirstHealth Hospice, 150 Applecross Rd. Pinehurst, NC 28374, or to the American Cancer Society, 8300 Health

Park, Suite 10, Raleigh, NC, 27615.

Boles Funeral Home in Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Louise S. Munoz, 95, of Seven Lakes South, died Wednesday, August, 22 at The

Inn at Quail Haven in Pinehurst.

Ms. Munoz was born in New York City, to the late Ignazio and Jenny Palmiotto Squeo. She retired with the Girl Scouts of America.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richardo Munoz;

a daughter, Carole M. Patterson; and a brother, Frank Squeo.

Ms. Munoz is survived by a sister, Josephine Dowd, of Redding, CA; a son-in-law, Lannie Patterson, of Seven Lakes North, a granddaughter, Nicole; and great-grandson, Wyatt Ian Taylor.

A graveside service was held Saturday, August 25, at Pinelawn Memorial Park Mausoleum. The Rev. Beverly Jessup officiated.

Boles Funeral Home in Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Northrup memorial service

Valerie June Northrup, 71, of Mendham, New Jersey, formerly of Seven Lakes, died on August 1. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 pm, Saturday, September 8, at West End Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested in Mrs. Northrup's memory to the Colgate University Camp, 5074 State Route 30, Saranac Lake, NY 12983.

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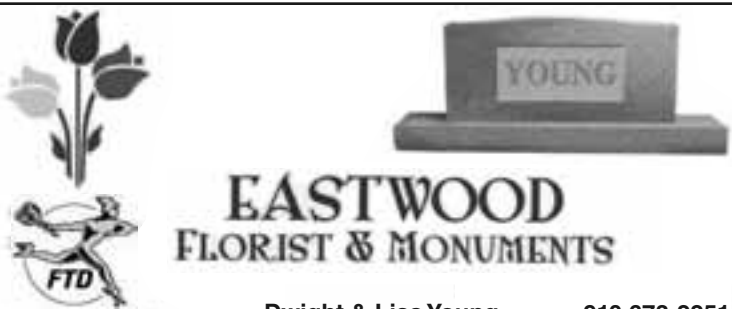


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dents at Calvin College.

Angie finished her AB degree in elementary education at Calvin and Bob transferred to Michigan State University where he graduated in 1960 with a Bachelor's Degree in civil engineering. The couple's two oldest children, Richard and William were born in Lansing Michigan while Bob attended Michigan State.

Upon Bob's graduation, the couple and their two boys moved to Union, New Jersey, where Bob became employed by Exxon Bayway Refinery. The couple later moved to Passaic, where their third child, Beth was born. Their fourth child, Paul was born while they lived in Clifton.

After nine years in New Jersey, Bob accepted a job with Control Associates, Inc. where he worked until retirement. The family moved to Fishkill, New York, in 1969, and resided there until 1984. Bob and Angie moved their empty nest to Westwood, New Jersey and lived there until retiring in 1994.

Bob and Angie moved to Seven Lakes in 1994 and

presently reside in Seven Lakes North. They are both active members of the West End United Methodist Church where Angie has served on various committees and Bob volunteers with the food pantry.

Angie has become very active volunteering with the Coalition for Human Care in the clothing department.

Bob is active with Seven Lakes EMS, Sandhills Overland Search, Inc., Sandhills Team for Assistance & Response, and is a health & safety instructor for the American Red Cross.

The couple recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with their family by spending a week at Holden Beach, North Carolina.



Angie and Bob Haan, circa 1957



The extended Haan family

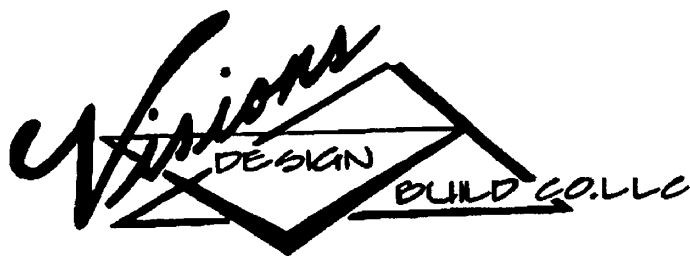
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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Singletary of Seven Lakes West announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacey Ann Singletary, to William Neil Hutto, both of Winston Salem. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L.D.

Hutto of Columbia South Carolina.

The bride is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Simmons of Fairmont, North Carolina, and the late Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Singletary of Row-

land, NC.

The bridegroom's grandparents are Mrs. Emma G. Davis and the late Mr. Laurie D. Hutto of Denmark, SC, and the late Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Atkins, Jr. of Abbeville, SC.

The couple plan to marry at 6:00 pm on September 29, at Corley Mill House in Lexington, SC, with Pastor Dr. Kenneth Catoe of Barnwell, SC, officiating.

The bride-elect received her bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and her doctor of optometry degree from the University of Alabama in Birmingham. She is employed as an optometrist associate at the Eye Care Center in Winston Salem.

The groom received his bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina at Aiken and his doctor of optometry degree from the University of Alabama in Birmingham. He is employed as an optometrist associate with Triad Eye Associates in Greensboro.



William Neil Hutto & Stacey Ann Singletary

Meet the merchants!

The Meet The Merchants Night has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 18 from 5:30 to 8:00 in the Seven Lakes Business Village Commons, with entertainment provided by the McKenzie Brothers. The rain date will be September 25. Businesses who would like to participate can contact Darrell Marks at Phoenix Fashions.

Middle class is Forum topic

The next Seven Lakes Forum is scheduled for Thursday, September 20, on the upper level of the West Side Park Community Center.

Participants should plan for about a two-hour session. All women and men from Seven Lakes, and their guests, are invited to attend.

Ernie Miller, a resident of Seven Lakes, became interested in the 'plight' of the mid-

dle class as a result of listening to, and reviewing the writings of, the controversial Lou Dobbs. He will present the topic entitled "The USA Today...Where We are and Where We Should Be."

For further information, please contact Don Welch (673-6701 or Bill Mamel (673-8970). The next Forum will be conducted on Thursday, October 18.

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Dog Nutrition and Emergency Field Care for Dogs.

The free lectures will start at 2:30 pm in the clubhouse with light refreshments served. The public is invited to attend both lectures and receive a tour of the

club grounds after the presentation. Handouts about the SPBC will also be available for those interested in learning more about SPBC.

The clubhouse is located just ten miles from Pinehurst at 3280 Jackson Springs Road, in Jackson Springs.

Affiliated with the American Kennel Club, the SPBC was founded ten years ago with three goals: to expand individuals' knowledge and skills in the training and development of pointing breeds; to host AKC hunt tests; and to support the preservation and conservation of wildlife habitat.

The SPBC hosts a variety of events from September through May. All pointing breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club are represented in the club's membership.

For more information about the Open House or the club, contact Bonita Austin at boastin@aol.com or by calling 910-246-0926.



SPBC member, and Seven Lakes West resident, Jeremy Rust and his dog, Norman.

Fall Plant Clinic

The Master Gardeners of Moore County will conduct a plant clinic Wednesday, September 5, 10:00 am to Noon, to be held at the Agriculture Building located at 707 Pinehurst Avenue in Carthage.

Taylor Williams, Agricultural Extension Agent, will discuss some ongoing challenges that residents of the Sandhills face, such as Fire ant control, stinging insects like yellow jackets, hornets, and stinging caterpillars. Also, Fall is the time to prepare your lawn for winter with pre-emergence weed control and scouting for white grubs in turf.

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Friday, September 7 – 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm, Cameron Baptist Church, 593 Carthage Street in Cameron. For appointment, call 245-7222.

Thursday, September 13 – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst. No appointment needed.

Monday, September 17 – 1:30 pm – 6:00 pm, Moore ARC Chapter House in Southern

Pines. For appointment, call 692-8571.

Wednesday, September 19 – 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. For appointment, call 673-4931.

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Runners give new meaning to 'marathon'

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

For most runners, a standard marathon is plenty long and difficult. For others, those twenty-six miles are just the warm-up.

Tom Herbst of Seven Lakes West and Tony Rouse of West End call themselves ultra-marathoners and both regularly compete in fifty- and one hundred-mile races. As members

of the Mangum Track Club, they represent just two of the many ultra-marathoners living in this area.

"There are a lot of Seven Lakes West residents in the club," said Herbst. "Every other month, there is a fifteen-mile initiation run."

By completing the so-called 'Shirt Run,' potential members receive an official club T-shirt and become a member for life.

Herbst keeps in shape for ultra-marathons by running thirty to forty miles per week. Three weeks prior to a big race he'll double that level by adding a thirty to forty mile prep run.

"An important part of ultra-marathon training is to stand on my feet a lot and stay awake for long periods," said Herbst.

A civilian contractor at Fort Bragg, he moved to Seven Lakes West two years ago and says he frequently runs along Longleaf Drive on weekends.

While competing in the Umstead 100-mile Endurance Race in Raleigh, Herbst finished in twenty-seven hours.

"Running that long depletes your carbohydrate and sugar stores," said Herbst. "Salt is a big part of staying hydrated."

(See "Runners," p. 15)



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Charlie, a young European immigrant just off the boat at Ellis Island, as he explores the New World and tries to assimilate into the Gilded Age culture. He encounters such period luminaries as Teddy Roosevelt, Zeigfeld Folies star Anna Held,

and anarchist “Red Emma” Goldman.

Tintypes is told mostly through music, and a total of forty-eight pieces of music comprise the score, featuring composers such as Scott Joplin, John Phillip Sousa, George M. Cohan, and

Bert Williams.

“Every old song you’ve ever heard is in this show,” says director Don Bridge. “Together they form a vivid musical picture of our country one hundred years ago.”

Performing Tintypes are Moore OnStage actors Shannon Dalton

[Swing], Lisa Bridge [Big River, Sylvia], Matthew Addison [Forever Plaid, Big River], and newcomers Jamey Helsman and Camille Douglas.

Tintypes will be performing September 8, 13, 14, 15 at 7:30 pm and Sundays, September 9 and 16 at 2 pm.

Opening night is Friday, September 7, and will begin at 8:00 pm with a wine and champagne reception hosted by Billy Erter from Hair Biz @ The Cottage.

All performances will be at the Sunrise Theater in downtown Southern Pines. Tickets are \$18 and \$10 in advance and \$20 and \$12 at the door. All seats are reserved. Advance tickets and reservations may be obtained by calling 692-7118.

Runners

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“The Umstead course is a bridle, or multi-use, path of crushed rock. Some other ultra-marathons courses are much more rugged, single-track trails through natural areas,” he continued. “Those are the runs that Tony Rouse likes.”

Rouse, a West Ender and lifelong Moore County resident, has been running for twenty years and started competing in ultra-marathons in 2002.

“I got hooked. You see a lot of the same people at these events and they are all so laid-back,” said Rouse. “They are just like part of your family.”

Running only five miles per day, Rouse considers himself

a low-mileage trainer and “not a real fast runner.” On weekends he’ll take longer runs but the miles vary.

“Last year I ran quite a few races – thirty-two altogether,” said Rouse. “Sixteen were ultra-marathons and five were marathons.”

The Magnum Track Club sponsors several local races including a few favorite courses of both Rouse and Herbst.

“Not far from here is the Bethel Hill Moonlight Boogie, a fifty-mile all-night run,” said Rouse. “Runners carry a flashlight or wear a headlamp and run most of the night. I really enjoy the atmosphere at night – running in a rural area, hearing the frogs

and crickets.”

The race began at 6:00 pm, and, according to Rouse, this made the first ten to fifteen miles more difficult because of the heat. “Once the sun went down it got a little bit better,” he said. “Then we got rained on at about 3:00 am.”

Between the rain and the heat, Rouse said he ran a little bit slower this year but still made good time.

Traveling with other members of the Magnum Track Club, Rouse also competed in the Grandfather Mountain Marathon in July.

“This is a standard twenty-six mile marathon and about fifteen to eighteen of us stayed togeth-

er at a [Magnum] member’s vacation home. We all ran and that was a neat race.”

The Magnum Track Club also sponsors a forty-mile run in Uwharrie National Forest each February.

“The club is a great support group for long-distance runners and walkers,” said Herbst.

For more information on upcoming Shirt Runs and joining the Magnum Track Club, visit their website at <http://www.mangumtc.org>

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A Yoga for Beginners Workshop will be held on Saturday, September 8, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Weekly yoga classes on Tuesdays at 8:30 am, and Thursdays at 7:00 pm, will begin September 11 and 13. For more information or to pre-register by September 7, please call 673-2000.



Brandon Thomas is the new yoga instructor at Seven Lakes Massage and Body Therapies.

Seven Lakes Lions to host former WWII POW

by Jerry Genaw
Seven Lakes Lions

The Seven Lakes Lions Club will host Bob Levin at their meeting on Thursday, September 6. Levin, a former resident of Seven Lakes, spent considerable time inside a Prisoner of War Camp during World War II and has some very interesting experiences to relay. Those who have heard Levin speak before are anxious to hear him again.

The Seven Lakes Lions meet

on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 6:00 pm in the West Side Community Center. The public is welcome to attend.

For those who desire, a buffet dinner will be available at 6:30 pm, before the speaker's presentation. The dinner cost is \$8.00 each.

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League will hear Woodard on immigration

Immigration will be the topic of the September 18 luncheon of the League of Women Voters of Moore County. The speaker, Ron Woodard, is the director of NCListen, a non-profit immigration reform organization.

Woodard has been a guest on WUNC radio, WRAL-TV's Headline Saturday, NBC-17 TV's At Issue, appeared on CNN Lou Dobbs's Tonight, a guest on Bill Lumaye's WPTF talk radio show, Allen Handelman's WZTK show, Curtis Wright's Big Talker FM show, Lockwood Phillips' WTKF show, and Matt Mittan's WWNC radio show, among others. He also has had numerous op-ed pieces published in the 'News and Observer' and other newspapers and statewide magazines.

Woodard was born in Northampton County, NC and he graduated from UNC at Chapel Hill in 1972 with a BA in Political Science. He previously worked for a Fortune 500 company for thirty-three years in marketing and sales. He is married and resides in Cary.

NC LISTEN partners with the Federation for American Immigration Reform [FAIR] and the Southeast Alliance for Sensible Immigration Policy.

The League luncheon, begins at 11:45 am, will be held at the Paddock Restaurant at the Longleaf Country Club, off of Midland Road, [Route 2] in Southern Pines.

The public is invited to attend; paid reservations are required. Interested people must call Charlotte Gallagher at 944-9611 by September 14. The cost for the served lunch is \$12, inclusive. Checks should be made payable to LWVMC.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Anyone, either male or female is welcome at League luncheon meetings; and both

men and women may join the League.

Seven Lakes is well represented in The League of Women Voters of Moore County. The

president, Jo Nicholas as well as board members, Mary Price, Betty Parker, Ginger Finney, Norma Sullins and Linda Tableman are all Seven Lakes resi-

dents. The League is known for its candidate forums, Directory of Public Officials, and Civics 101 classes.

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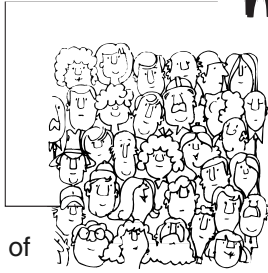
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- **Weymouth Woods: Caterpillar Hunt** – 3:00 pm, Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve, Southern Pines. Join the park ranger for a mile and a half hike in search of caterpillars of all kinds. Learn about their life cycles and some of the neat adaptations that they have evolved to survive. For information call 692-2167.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- **Project Linus Workshop** – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. A new batch of fleece has arrived. Bring your scissors, masking tape, and ruler to make a fleece blanket for a child in need, or use our supplies. No sewing required. Spend a couple of hours with us or bring your lunch and spend the day. For more information or directions, please call Pat Weber at 673-1457.
- **Fall Plant Clinic** – 10:00 am – Noon, Agricultural Building at 707 Pinehurst Avenue in Carthage. Hosted by the Master Gardeners of Moore County, Taylor Williams, Agricultural Extension Agent, will discuss ongoing challenges that residents of the Sandhills face, such as Fire ant control, and stinging insects. Bring samples of plants that show insect or disease damage. For additional information, call the Extension office at 947-3188.

- **Save Our Sandhills** – 7:00 pm, meeting, Southern Pines Civic Club at the corner of Pennsylvania and Ashe Streets. Meeting will include consideration of a resolution on the water situation in Moore County.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- **Women of Seven Lakes Meeting** – 1:00 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Join the group to learn how you can become involved in all the activities that have been planned for a new and exciting year. Marjorie Nurnberg will be speaking on "Yoga, Pilates, and Tai Chi: Incorporating Flexibility into your Exercise Routine." Bring any of the following items to support the men and women of Seven Lakes Assisted Living: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, after shave, body wash, powder.
- **Divorce Recovery Class – West End United Methodist Church.** Class participants will meet once a week for ten weeks. Open to the community, no charge

for the class, 673-1371.

- **Moore Chamber of Commerce: Business After Hours** – 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, Overtons Auto Body Shop in Southern Pines. Food will be provided. Out-back. Reservations, 692-3926.

- **Seven Lakes Lions Club** – 6:00 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Former POW Bob Levin will speak. Buffet dinner available at 6:30 pm, cost is \$8.00. The public is welcome to attend. For information or to make dinner reservations, call Ray Lambert at 673-3006, or Howie Pierce at 673-2087.

What's When Calendar

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- **Seven Lakes Diamonds** – 11:30 am, Seven Lakes Country Club. Luncheon. Join in for the fun. Questions, call Marge Van Liedekerke 673-4080.
- **Margaritaville Night** – 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm, West Side Park Community Center pool. Sponsored by the SLWLA Recreation Committee, live music provided by Joyner Young & Marie. Light snacks and margarita mix will be provided – event is

BYOB with no glass containers. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Call Linda Criswell at 783-7374, or Gloria Williams at 673-2597.

- **Moore OnStage: Tintypes** – 8:00 pm, Sunrise Theater, Southern Pines. A rousing revue featuring forty-eight pieces of music, Tintypes explores the birth of modern America and the Gilded Age. Opening night begins with a wine and champagne reception. Tintypes continues on September 8, 13, 14, 15 at 7:30 pm and Sundays,



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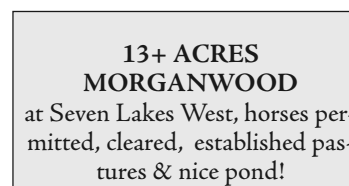
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- **Mixed Paper Recycling** – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Kangaroo Station at Fresh Market in Southern Pines. Sponsored by Keep Moore County Beautiful. 947-3478.
- **Cooking with Carmela & Marjorie: Dishes from the Mediterranean** – 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Class will feature the use of fresh herbs in the local dishes of the French and Italian regions bordering the Mediterranean Sea. Participants sample all the dishes, and receive copies recipes. Cost \$10. For information or register for the program, call 673-5314 Friday, August 31.
- **Sandhills Pointing Breeds Club Open House** – 2:30 pm, 3280 Jackson Springs Road, Jackson Springs. Dr. Carrie Hampton, DVM, will speak on Dog Nutrition and Emergency Field Care for Dogs. Free lectures and receive a tour of the club grounds after the presentation. Handouts for learning more about SPBC will be available. For information about the Open House or the club, contact Bonita Austin at boaustin@aol.com or at 246-0926.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- **Weymouth Woods: Tree Trek** – 3:00 pm, Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve, Southern Pines. Park ranger will help identify different tree species during a hike on the trails. Bring bug spray. Meet at the Visitor Center. 692-2167.
- **Culinary Showcase: A Taste of Moore** – 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Fair Barn, Pinehurst. Sponsored by the Moore County Chamber of Commerce, UNC Pembroke, Crescent State Bank & First Citizens Bank, 16 chefs competing for The Culinary Cup [Best in Show], Best Entrée, Best Appetizer, Best Dessert Awards, and People's Choice. Tickets \$50. Live Jazz performed by Jazz Saxophonist Reggie C. Call 692-3926.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Work Session** – 8:00 am, West Side Community Park Building. Open to the public.
- **Master Gardener Training** – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Agricultural Center, Carthage. The Moore County Center of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Services will hold Extension Master Gardener training on Tuesday and Thursdays, through November 6. Class materials cost \$55 per student and volunteer service hours are required upon completion. Contact the Cooperative Extension office 947-3188.
- **Computer Club of Seven Lakes** – 3:00 pm, Seven Lakes North, Game Room. Rick Edelman, owner & manager of ABC Sells eBay,

located in downtown Carthage, is the featured speaker. Come and learn how to use eBay like a pro. Visitors are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- **N2Flow Skateboard Demonstration** – 6:00 pm, North Side Park basketball court in Seven Lakes. Join William Dean, President of Skaters for Moore, and the N2Flow Skateboard Demonstration Team for an informative & entertaining evening. For information, call Laura Douglass at 673-1817.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- **Seven Lakes Scrapbook Club** – 6:30 pm – 10:30 pm, West Side Park Community Center. A scrapbook crop session for everyone, come for an hour or all night. Work on your albums or drop by to pick up supplies. For more information, call Tracy Stromberg at 673-5839.



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Kiwanis hear Kernan on mental health

by Frank Krohn

Seven Lakes Kiwanis

Marianne Kernan, of the National Alliance for Mental Illness [NAMI], made a return visit to the Seven Lakes Kiwanis at their regular weekly meeting on August 14. Kernan brought the group up to date on what is happening with this vital health management organization.

NAMI works closely with over six hundred children in Moore County who have some form of mental illness. One of its newer programs is Crisis Intervention Training [CIT]. This program has several facets to its involvement with its clients, and is police trained because in cases of emergency NAMI is categorized as a First Responder.

The CIT program operates in several forms including family

to family, peer to peer, and Pathways to Awareness.

Pathways to Awareness attempts to bring information regarding mental illness to the public. A special weekend is being planned for the last weekend in September. Pete Early, author of the best selling book "Crazy," will be the prime guest, and the public is encouraged to attend the informative sessions. Anyone with an association of any kind with someone suffering from mental illness should try to attend these helpful and supportive sessions.

At their August 21 meeting, the Seven Lakes Kiwanis heard from one of their own, Ken Jenkins, the incoming President-elect. Jenkins recently returned from a Kiwanis regional meeting in South Carolina where delegates

had a chance to exchange thoughts with other delegates and also attend workshop sessions aimed at improving the operation of each individual club.

While Jenkins came away with several good ideas that could help the Seven Lakes Club, he said that the most outstanding thing that he took from the meet-

ing was the fact that the Seven Lakes Club is ahead of the curve in almost all aspects of club administration. Many of the topics brought to the attention of the delegates as possible projects/programs are already in operation in Seven Lakes.

The Seven Lakes Club continues to be extremely active in

the community and is proud of its achievements working with and supporting the many projects that, in particular, help the children of Moore County.

The Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at Noon at the Seven Lakes Country Club.



Kiwanian Dave Davies and Marianne Kernan, of the National Alliance for Mental Illness [NAMI].

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‘Luther & Friends’ graduates fifteen

Fifteen canines and their owners graduated on August 10, and became members of Luther & Friends Canine Visitors Bureau for Moore County Schools.

The new teams are; Jack and Linda Belford, Barney and Nancy Miner, Cubby and Marcia Bryant, Bella and Betsy Baldelli, Darby and Jeralie Andrews, Misty and Karen Ogden, Nicholas and Marilyn Johnson, Puzzle and Don Bryant, Ari and Tanya Garner, Princess and Eden Holt, Beary and Sandra Easter, Haku and Kitty Cobb, Eli and Jennifer Furie, Dela and Barb Randall, Holly and Karen Worsham.

All teams have their AKC Good Citizenship designation and are certified by Therapy Dogs International. They will begin volunteering in Moore County Schools this fall.

Luther Diablo Vassallo founder of “Luther and Friends” began his career as a Moore County School Volunteer in September, 2005. Prior to adding Moore County Schools to his weekly schedule, Luther volunteered and continues to do so at the Sandhills Children’s Center, Moore County Literacy Council, Elmcroft Assisted Living, Oakdale Heights, and St. Joseph of the Pines.

A rescue dog from the Haven, Luther is certified through Therapy Dogs International and has a Canine Good Citizenship Certificate issued through the American Kennel Club. He continued his education by becoming the first canine to receive orientation and training for Canine Assisted Reading Education [CARE], a chapter of Therapy Dogs International Children’s Reading to Dogs program. Luther completed his training in June, 2006.

Luther was the motivation for the creation of the canine visitors bureau and the inspiration for the development of CARE.

Moore County schools launched their new volunteer program called “Luther and Friends Canine Visitors Bureau” in April 2006. The Bureau consists of two programs; CARE and Responsible Pet Owner-

ship. Both components will be taught by volunteers.

The mission of CARE is to expand a child’s interest and confidence in reading, thus laying the groundwork for a lifetime of education that will ultimately lead to a higher quality of life.

Twice a year sessions are planned in the future with the goal to place several CARE teams in all primary and elementary schools annually.

The next orientation for Luther & Friends is Friday, February 22, at 8:30 am at the Education Center in Carthage.

For more information about Luther and Friends Canine Visitors Bureau and how to become

a member of the bureau with your very best friend, please call Linda Hubbard, Volunteer Coordinator for Moore County Schools at 947-2342, or Beverly Lashley, Administrator for Federal programs at 947-2976.



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by Jill Margeson
Sandhills Photo Club

Sandhills Photography Club August 13 meeting featured photographs depicting specific shapes: Rectangles and cantilevers for Class B members and triangles and circles for Class A.

Judged and critiqued by long time member Roy Kita, the following members were winners:

First place in Class A was John Wynton, second place went to Gary McGee and 3rd place to Joan Herrmann. In Class B, Len

Barnard won first, June White 2nd and Bob Brown 3rd place.

To view all the winning photos, visit the club web site, <http://sandhillsphotoclub.org/>

From September 12 through October 24 the club will have photographs on display and for sale at First Bank, 205 SE Broad Stree, in Southern Pines.

The Sandhills Photography Club will feature a guest speaker at their meeting on Sept 10. Mark Buckler, professional wild life photographer, will speak on "Photos from the Coast: What I've

Learned from Two Years of Nature Photography on the Outer Banks."

He is an experienced wildlife photographer holding a BS degree in Wildlife Biology. He has taught for many years and offers workshops in wildlife photography and digital imaging.

The club meets the second Monday of each month, at Christ Fellowship Church on Midland Road at Pee Dee at 7 p.m. Guests interested in becoming members of the photography club are always welcome.



Water Wheel — Seven Laker Len Barnard's prize-winning photograph.

Basic Baked French Toast

Some time ago, I put in a recipe for Orange Liquor Baked French Toast. Some people thought it was too fancy, so here is a recipe for a simple baked French Toast. It is good to serve when you have overnight guests and want a nice easy breakfast.

Baked French Toast

Ingredients:

8 small or 6 large slices of French or sourdough bread [1" thick]
3 eggs

3 cups milk [skim if preferred]
3 teaspoons sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla
Butter and cinnamon to taste

Directions:

Spray a large flat casse-
role.

Arrange
sliced bread
in it. Beat
eggs. Add
milk, sugar,
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bread. Cover and refrigerate over night. Dot with butter and sprinkle with cinnamon.

Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Serve with syrup and powdered sugar.



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"We have a great year planned," says MCCS Conductor Anne Dorsey.

The Choral Society, comprised of approximately one hundred members will soon embark upon its thirty-third season and is planning two outstanding concerts that will further the Choral Society's mission "to provide persons in and near Moore County the opportunity to rehearse and perform fine choral music, and to educate as well as entertain both performer and audience."

The holiday concert, "It Must Be the Holiday Season," will be performed twice at Sandhills Community College, on Saturday, December 1, and Sunday, December 2.

Both concerts will feature MCCS Accompanist MariJo Brown, Moore Brass, and Organist, Michael Howe.

The spring classical concert will feature the Cherubini Requiem,

as well as works by Haydn and Handel.

The spring concert will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 27, at Pinecrest High School.

The Choral Society invites serious singers to join. No auditions are required to join and annual dues are \$35, payable at registration.

Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, September 4 at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, at 330 May Street in Southern Pines. Registration will begin at 6:30 pm, with rehearsal following. Rehearsals are every Tuesday night from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm from September through early May (except during the holidays).

Newcomers may register on September 4 and September 11. Male and female voices are needed. Annual dues include the cost of the music; there is an additional expense for concert attire.

For more information, visit the MCCS website at www.moore-choralsoc.org or call MCCS President Sondra Nelson at 692-6979.

Sandhills All-Stars!



The Number One Ranked Sandhills All-Stars, a baseball team comprised of 9 and 10 year olds have recently won two tournaments in Greensboro and Winston-Salem. Players from the Seven Lakes-West End area include Iden Swartz, Carson Maples, Jay Thomas, Zach Martinez and Jack Carpenter. Coaches include Tim Maples, Danny Thomas, and Tim Carpenter.

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Lions welcome Trey Waters

by Jerry Genaw
Seven Lakes Lions

At a recent meeting, President Ray Lambert welcomed new Lion member Trey Waters to the Seven Lakes Lions Club. As a Seven Lakes Lion, Waters joins over fifty men and women members who strive to make a difference in their local community.

The Seven Lakes Lions chapter participates in many community service activities including Adopt-a-Highway Project along Highway 211 through Seven Lakes, sponsoring a Vision Van annual visit to Seven Lakes, providing financial assistance

for eye exams, glasses, and hearing exams, and work with Youth Programming including Backpack Pals, the Seven Lakes swim team, and the local school Peace Poster Contest.

"The Lions community service, as well as their motto "We Serve," closely parallels my own personal objectives," said Trey Waters. "I look forward to joining their efforts for the good of the community."

Waters holds a Doctorate in Pharmacy and earlier this year, took ownership of The Prescription Shoppe Inc. in Seven Lakes, located at 120 MacDougall Drive.



Lion's President Ray Lambert welcomes new Lion Trey Waters.

Take a Chance to help those with MS

This year there's a new wrinkle in Dr. Pete McKay's annual fund raising to help those with Multiple Sclerosis. Clay Walker, a popular country singer and song writer, has donated an autographed hat to be raffled.

Clay Walker has Multiple Sclerosis himself and he does a lot of for the cause through his own organization, BAND against MS. Clay sent Dr. McKay one of the hats like he wears, made by the renowned hat company, Resistol.

It is a special Clay Walker edition and is personally autographed by Clay himself!

Anyone who would like to buy a ticket for a chance to win this special hat can contact Dr. McKay at 673-0113 or go by his office at 120 Grant Street and purchase your ticket.

The hat will be on display until September 13. The drawing will be on September 15.

Tickets for the Clay Walker hat are \$1 for one, or \$5 for seven, and \$10 will get you 15 tickets.



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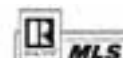
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The Village of Pinehurst Parks and Recreation are sponsoring this outstanding event where the Who's Who of the Dog World will be showing up for one of the most prestigious AKC shows on the east coast. Top show dogs, handlers, and famous dog show judges will provide an exciting weekend.

This annual show draws some of the foremost dogs in the dog show world with the participation of about 130 different breeds, and approximately 1,000 dogs from all over the U.S. competing. Show Chairman Jane Forsyth said there will be the Sanctioned Breed Showing and also the Obedience Competitions and Rally Trials each day with Best of Show and Highest in Trial being awarded both days.

Competition will be among the seven different Breed Groups; Sporting, Toy, Working, Herding, Non-Sporting, Terrier, and Hound. The winner of each of these groups then competes for Best in Show, and one dog will be awarded the coveted Blue Ribbon.

Obedience Chair Cindy Hartman said the Obedience Competition and the ever-popular Rally Trials give a dog and his handler, most often the owner, the chance to go through their routines. These canine participants show their skills and go on to hopefully win High in Trial or High Combined, and first in Rally Trials.

The shows begin at 8:00 am both days and continue on until Best in Show awards at approximately 4:00 pm. There is a parking fee of \$3.00 per vehicle but no charge per person. Bring your own lawn chair for your own comfort.

There will be booths selling pet supplies, dog and human goodies, and a variety of other interesting booths, plus several food spots for the humans.

The Moore County Citizens' Pet Responsibility Committee will be on the grounds each day in support of Responsible Pet Own-

ership Day. The members remind everyone that the shows, etc. are a fun family event.

Participating breeders, owners, and handlers will be more than willing to talk to you about their specific breed and dogs and the caring of canines in general. Moore County Kennel Club members may be found around the grounds and are willing to help with any of your questions. If you are anticipating getting a dog, MCKC encourages you to speak to these folks and also get a good look at the various breeds. President Steve Watson and the board welcome you to join the fun and doggy festivities with these top dogs and to please bring the kids.

The Moore County Kennel Club will sponsor a Microchip Clinic at the greatly reduced rate of \$20.00. The MCKC encourages all pet owners to get their pets micro-chipped and urges the public to support Responsible Pet Ownership everyday and especially the show weekend, which is RPO Day, sponsored statewide by AKC CAR. The

Microchip Clinic will be held at the Barn, located right off the actual show grounds.

Local veterinarians, who are always on site for the shows, conduct the clinic. Veterinary technicians, from the Vet Tech Program at Central Carolina Community College, will be assisting. Anyone caring to have their pets, both dogs and cats, properly identified can bring them to the clinic and have them micro-chipped in a minute. The clinic is open both days, from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. This is an invaluable safety procedure for your pets.

Another responsible act is getting your pets their Rabies shots and in this vein the Moore County Animal Control Center will be offering a Rabies Clinic for the fee of \$5.00. The rabies clinic will be held on site, on Saturday only, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

For more information on either clinic, call Nona Burrell at 295-3909.

For more information on the shows, call Assistant Show Chair, Janet Dalton, at 692-9341.

Get Off the Porch and Play Golf with the Big Dogs

On Monday, September 17, the Moore County Kennel Club presents their 14th Annual Get Off the Porch & Play Golf With the Big Dogs Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held at Little River Golf Club, with a Shot Gun start.

The \$80.00 per person fee includes range balls, greens fee, cart, lunch, and prizes. Prizes will be awarded for net and gross for both the men and women divisions.

Every year the golfing group has a wonderful time and you'll be helping a good cause. All proceeds from the tournament will be matched by MCKC and scholarships awarded to Veterinarian Technologist students at Central Carolina Community College.

For more information about the event, call Chairman Bill Pace 295-2251.



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The beginning of a new year

The pencils were sharpened and packed securely. Breakfast was a hurried affair. Then off they went: my oldest and my youngest. Their excited smiles and cheerful hearts burdened only by cumbersome backpacks filled with delicious lunchtime promises.

Yes, the school year has begun anew again. And I, as always, am rejuvenated as Summer wanes.

Whether as student, parent, or bystander, in my heart, the New Year does not begin in January. The countdown to midnight, the song for forgotten friends, and the dropping of lit apples do not herald for me anything other than a great excuse to have fun.

My homage to the passage of time rings in harmony with the first chime of the schoolyard bell.

Each August, I find joy perusing the brightly colored stacks of

school supplies that sprout up in the stores. Like seeds in a freshly planted field, the rows of lined paper pads, pens, and highlighter markers speak of patience: waiting to yield their harvest in cre-



Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

ativity, not fruit.

Not one to be swayed by seasonal marketing, I cringe aghast at the premature display of Valentine's candy the first week in January and the springtime sandals and swimsuits in chilly December. Surely the worst offense is found each Autumn, when the fake firs of Christmas

share aisle space with clearance sales of leftover sand pails and beach towels.

However, back-to-school shopping is a retail ritual that I do enjoy. I see inspiration and bound-

less potential in those unblemished pages of paper — each sheet, a perfect representation of the proverbial

clean slate.

At no point ever again within a lifetime will one's slate be as clean as the one upon which we write our first day of school memories. Every turn and class is another beginning; a new teacher, a new book, a new friend, a new experience.

I find, as an adult, were it not

for the natural rhythm of the school calendar, my year would simply dissolve from one into the next. As for new experiences, these days this would include benign forays into cookbooks looking for something extra zesty, or taking a different street home while out walking.

On occasion I will find myself blessed by a truly novel experience, however, nothing compares to a first day at a new school. And as a military brat, I endured more than a fair share of those.

As children, we are under a near constant assault of new ideas and experiences and possess a unique perspective of time. I suppose when a few short months represent such a tremendous portion of a young life, it is not profound to view each year as an enormous epoch. Juvenile years then being even further bro-

ken down into eras, halves and quarters, especially when it comes to declaring an exact chronological age.

My daughter is not five, I assure you. Indeed she is five and a half years old. A very important distinction within the Kindergarten set.

And so it was as my no longer five, but not yet six-year old, princess stood proudly on her first day of school this week. With notebook and pencil at the ready and lunch sack stowed neatly in a cubby, she grasped her new teacher with one hand — and waved goodbye to me with the other.

As if it were midnight on a late December eve, when we gather those we love in an embrace, I gave her a hug and a kiss, and thought, "Happy New Year, honey."

Driving range development's a good idea

As you are aware, the desire to sell the current Seven Lakes Country Club's driving range for the purpose of constructing future homes sites has resulted in considerable controversy within the club membership and Seven Lakes Landowners Association. The SLLA Board of Directors and the SLCC have signed an agreement that will allow our

community to continue to grow while eliminating the possibility of a legal confrontation of unknown consequences and cost.

The Country Club has expressed an interest in selling this 5.2 acres tract for the purpose of constructing homes sites. Under the signed agreement any future development

of this site would be under the control of the SLLA and subject to Southside covenants. Thereby insuring any construction of the proposed housing units are in compliance with the ARB standards. The development of this site could result in an investment of approximately \$3,000,000 for our community.

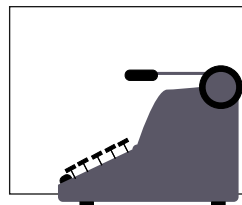
There is however, a small fac-

tion within the community that resists this proposal, citing a green area clause of the covenants as prohibiting any construction.

or cannot be construed in any way to fall within this limiting description voiding this argument.

Your Turn

Terry McPheeters
Seven Lakes South



Post construction benefits to the Seven Lakes communities would include increased annual revenues for the SLLA of

Section V (B) on page 34 of the South Side Covenants states:

"Common/Green areas lie outside private property lines and are used for roads, streets, utilities, and recreational and social amenities. The association and the Board hold the title to these areas and control their use. These areas are held for the overall use, enjoyment, and benefit of all owners and their guests and cannot be put to exclusive use, enjoyment, or benefit of individual owners."

The current driving range has never been considered within

approximately \$12,000 to \$13,000. Should fifty percent of the new residents join as single members of the Country Club, the annual revenue increase to the club would be \$15,960.

Any investment of \$3,000,000 in this community would be advantageous to our area businesses and those residents employed in the construction trades — while the annual joint revenues of \$28,000 can be used to further enhance our lakes and country club.

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Why a lawsuit? Treasurer Hudson explains

I joined the law suit by Alan Shaw because I wanted to represent you, the landowner. We are *not* suing for any money at all. We are suing to stop the

agreement with the Country Club that the four board members voted to sign. They were not looking after your rights. They did not have the right to vote away

the restrictive covenants — no one has that authority! The Country Club feels it does not have to abide by the covenants — the same

covenants that you and I have to live under. The four board members are saying the Country Club doesn't have to either.

in this? Or was it just shoved down your throat! There is a legal term called "lis pendens." It means there is a law suit

Moments to remember

There's no admission charge. It's all free. It's the gift of nature, patiently and unostentatiously doing its thing. Changing sometimes subtly and then, over several glorious days completing the softening of our frayed nerves with a steady march toward brilliance as flower buds curl outward, post-embryonic leaves emerge, birds and four-

legged small animals scamper across the acreage.

In Spring, love of life is boosted. The freshness of the morning reaches clear inside you. It's rebirth, like a new start to another year.

And what of the sky that is irrepressibly there? Some of us seemingly don't take the time to unhurriedly examine closely and enjoy, what with the fast pace of our society.

How many of us occasionally stand outside our homes shortly after sunrise and almost unknowingly raise our eyes in silent appreciation of the birth of another day?

Yes, it's a good thing to realize we can all benefit from at least some intermittent touches of refreshment like this, appreciating even more the creation that made it all possible.

Feelings of wonder: they need to be precious parts of our lives.



Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

MEMO:

Board Notes

Steve Hudson
Seven Lakes
Landowners Board

Is that fair? I don't think so! Do you? Again, we are *not* suing for any money. We want our legal system

to tell the Club that they too must abide by the restrictive covenants and Architectural Review Board. We want to stop this illegal agreement from going forward. It was discussed behind closed doors and voted in by e-mail vote! and you had *no* say in it.

This agreement also has the Landowners Association condoning up to fourteen units being built on the old driving range open space. Did you have a say

attached to a property, and that is what will be attached to the old driving range parcel. It tells any potential buyer that they are buying a law suit — and, if you were looking at buying that property, wouldn't you run from it?

Again, there is *no* money in this law suit — it is about landowners rights.

Join us in saying *no* to the Country Club and the four board members who voted this agreement into effect.



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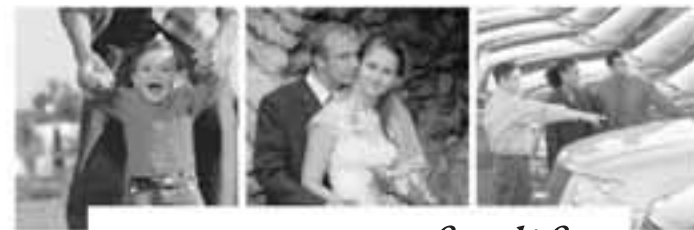
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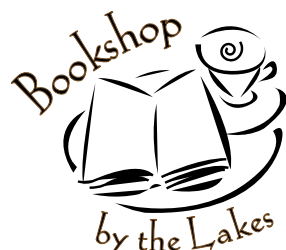
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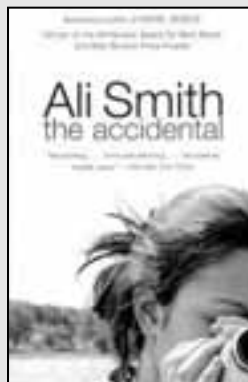


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Why a lawsuit? Shaw explains

Now that the initial shock is over regarding the lawsuit that has been filed against the Seven lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] and the Seven Lakes Country Club [SLCC], let me clarify my position as well as that of my fellow plaintiffs. In this lawsuit, we

ask for no financial damages. Our objective is to simply preserve our community as the planned gated community that attracted us to Seven Lakes.

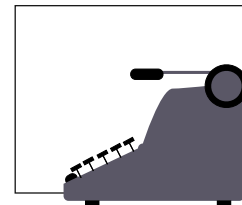
As one of the original developers of this community, I know firsthand what

we the "founders" intended and in fact implemented with the covenants. Each property owner has the right to enforce the covenants of record. If you couple the correct interpretation of NCGS 47B, The Real Property

(See "Shaw," p. 31)

Your Turn

Alan Shaw
Seven Lakes South



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Shaw

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Marketable Title Act, with a careful reading of the original covenants, there is no conclusion possible other than all the SLCC property is covered under the covenants.

The SLLA Board would have you think that, if they had not changed their position and negotiated a compromise with the Club, from two 7-0 votes opposing the subdivision of the range, that then there would be no covenants on the golf course property, because of NCGS 47B.

The purpose of the Real Property Marketable Title Act is to make sure that old, outdated encumbrances placed on the title to real estate do not interfere with the owner's ability to sell it. It provides that various types of claims on title expire in thirty years, if not formally renewed.

The Club apparently has taken the position that this expiration applies to its property in Seven Lakes South and that it is no longer subject to the South Side covenants. But NCGS 47B clearly provides an exception for "covenants applicable to a general or uniform scheme of development which restrict the property to residential use only" — in other words, developments like Seven Lakes South.

SLLA President Don Truesdell has consistently misled his fellow directors and the community on this point. This is particular distressing when, as a Country Club member, he negotiated the agreement for the SLLA and then called for a Board vote by email without any public discussion. Conflict of interest is polite when used to describe Truesdell's performance on this matter.

Every lot owner has the right to expect his or her property to remain as part of the planned subdivision. Case law supports the position that, when property is deeded based on recorded plats, buyers have the right to have the property remain as depicted on the recorded maps. This includes "open" or "green" area that was never supposed to be subdivided for residential use.

There also can be no way that the SLLA can be party to waiving covenants that they are sworn to protect. They cannot abdicate their responsibility and together with the Country Club re-write them. This is not within anyone's legal authority.

While the survival of the Country Club is important to the entire community, attempting to break the covenants and sell the old

range for "found money" is not the answer to the club's problems.

I seek no personal gain. I will donate to the Country Club two lots adjacent to the new driving range for their use. These are valued for tax purposes at \$20,000. I only stipulate that the existing range be sold to the SLLA for \$50,000 to be included as "open area" and preserved and maintained by them "ad infinitum." This is a fair price and the Country Club should realize that it will be worth far less after this case is adjudicated.

In addition to the donation of these lots, I will pledge a donation of \$1000 to the SLLA to be used specifically for the purpose of purchasing this property. The only stipulation is that the SLLA put on record a document that will reaffirm that all property owned by the SLLA will not be subdivided for residential or commercial use.

Let's put an end to this insanity. The Country Club should not be blinded by greed and the SLLA Board should not abdicate their responsibility to enforce existing covenants.

As a final note, the SLLA Board would have you believe that the buffer is critical to the community's welfare. I agree and the proposed compromise settlement will

allow the Country Club to take the high road for the benefit of the entire community rather than

narrowly focus on what some feel is good for the Club.

Curves

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use hydraulic cylinders rather than weights, allowing the user to determine how hard a workout they want. Between each machine is a station used for an aerobic workout. It takes 30 minutes to complete the full circuit.

There's always a fitness coach on hand, Greco said, "someone who is trained in CPR and in fitness and can coach you around the stations."

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I really believe in this program," Greco told *The Times*. "It's not just about keeping you physically fit, but about keeping women healthy."

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Tim Niewald, Owner

SLLA Meeting

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the ability to use lake water for irrigation when deciding to purchase their property.

Given the general support on the Board, Truesdell referred the matter to Director Ed Nuti's rules committee for wordsmithing.

Later in the meeting, Jean Alfano, who lives on Timber Lake thanked the Board for moving to restrict watering from the lakes in times of drought. Noting her own water conservation efforts and struggles to keep her landscape plants alive, Alfano said restrictions are necessary to protect the lakes, which she called Seven Lakes' most important asset.

Rules Changes

Director Nuti presented a PowerPoint presentation during the meeting that summarized key changes in the rules revision his committee has labored over for months. Among the changes are:

- A ban on go-karts and similar recreational vehicles in the community.
- A ban on discharging any firearm, including air rifles and BB-guns.
- A 24-hour limit on the amount of time a garbage container may be left curbside.
- A requirement that unlicensed vehicles be garaged.
- The tightening of some boating and fishing rules.
- Raising the minimum age for unaccompanied children at the pool from 9 to 12 years of age.
- A loosening of the restriction on skateboarding to restrict use only in key common areas, but not on the streets.

The rules have been written but have not yet been approved by the Board. Nuti said he expected Directors would discuss them in at least two future meetings before voting to approve them. The sections of the rulebook to be considered in any Board meeting will be noted on the agenda for that meeting, Nuti said.

He invited residents with comments about specific rules to contact him or other Board members with their concerns.

Debris site monitor

At the request of Community Manager Dalton Fulcher, the

Board approved the hiring of an additional part-time employee for the months of September and October, to be used twenty hours per week to monitor use of the yard debris site. Fulcher and Nuti both said debris is accumulating rapidly and the suspicion is that the cause is unauthorized use by landscaping contractors.

The extra position will cost \$1,700. Fulcher explained that personnel costs in maintenance are currently about that far under budget — so no over budget spending will be required.

Speaking on the issue, Charlie Oliver said he and other residents had suggested the Board explore two possible ways of saving money at the yard debris site: purchasing a chipper for

on-site consolidation of the waste stream and using the Association's dump trucks and personnel to haul away the debris. He asked why these suggestions had not been investigated.

New sound system

The Board also approved the expenditure of \$1,800 for the purchase of new mics and a new sound system for use during Association meetings. Fulcher explained that the existing system is 20 years old; it has functioned marginally at best in recent meetings.

Meeting changes suggested

Picking up on suggestions made by Northsider Ron Erskine and *Times* editor Greg Hankins in discussion on the news-

paper's website, Director Laura Douglass suggested the Board consider providing an opportunity for public comment at the beginning of each Board meeting, including committee reports on the agenda only once per month, and conducting an email based "public hearing" on issues

that result in a 4-3 vote among Board members.

Committee reports

Community Standards.

Director Randy Zielsdorf said his committee has noticed an increasing number of instances

(See "SLLA" p. 34)

Correction

In an article on the August 15 SLLA Board Work Session that appeared in the August 17 edition of *The Times*, we reported that SLLA Director Donna Stephan had suggested that the Board meet in a regular monthly closed session. She actually suggested a regular quarterly closed session. We regret the error.

The Times' editor and some of our readers have expressed opinions related to Stephan's suggestion on the newspaper's website at www.sevenlaketimes.net. You will find those in the website's Opinion section.



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Commissioners

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da of their next meeting.

School bond vote approved

Also on Monday the commissioners approved bond orders and issued calls to public hearing for two school bond referenda aimed at raising \$54 million for Moore County Public Schools capital projects and \$15.5 million for Sandhills Community College capital projects. The public hearing will be held during the September 4 Commissioners meeting. The public will be asked to vote on the bond issues in November.

Financing for land purchase approved

Commissioners approved borrowing \$1.5 million to finance the purchase of the twenty-one acre Grimm property in Carthage, a tract near the existing county courthouse, which will be used as the site of a new county government complex, including a new jail. The county plans to borrow the funds for the purchase from RBC Centura at a 3.9 percent rate of interest. Commissioners held a public hearing on the financing; but no one spoke during the hearing. The commissioners had approved the purchase of the property during a special meeting on July 27. Tim Lea voted against the financing, as he had voted against the original motion to approve the purchase.

Elton Turner, a consistent critic of tax increases and government spending, spoke in opposition to the purchase during the public comment portion of the meeting. Turner said he was "appalled, disappointed, and just plan mad" that Commissioners had agreed to buy the property for more than double its tax value.

"Do we really need twenty-one acres?" Turner asked, saying he doubted even the state's urban counties had governmental complexes so large. Turner thanked Lea for his opposition

to the purchase.

De facto moratorium extended

Commissioners were asked back in April to implement a six-month moratorium on new subdivisions in Small Area Planning Area A. Faced with considerable opposition, they instead voted to "continue" that issue for 60 days, which had the effect of imposing a de facto 60-day moratorium. Monday night they extended that de facto moratorium for another 60 days — until mid-October — without a peep of opposition from the Moore County Home Builders Association, which has been a vocal opponent of the delay.

Planning Director Andrea Surratt briefed commissioners on the progress toward a rewrite of portions of the County's subdivision and zoning ordinances, which the Planning Staff has been working on with the consulting firm LandDesign. At Surratt's request, the Commissioners scheduled a joint public hearing with the Planning Board for September 20 to review the updated ordinances.

Other Business

In other business, Commissioners:

- Approved a request from Moore County Schools to the State of North Carolina to allocate \$591,370 in state lottery funds for use in school capital projects. Moore County's share of lottery funds collected thus far is just under \$746,000.
- * Approved a grant of \$100,000 to the Moore County Airport Authority as part of a local match that will make it possible for the authority to accept \$3.5 million in Federal Aviation Administration funds. The Airport will also receive \$100,000 in state funds.
- Approved minutes of the August 6 Regular Meeting and unsealed and approved the minutes of the July 18 Closed Session.
- Approved various budget amendments, as well as tax releases and refunds for July 2007.
- Recognized Hunter and Kyle Ochletree, two boys who pulled Don Thomas out of Holly Lake at Pinewild Country Club when

his boat capsized. Thomas was working with his border collies on control of Canada Geese at the time.

- Recognized Moore County Employee Chanda Cole, who is leaving the Information Technology department to accept a position with the Village of Pinehurst.
- Recognized Tristan Britt, Vir-

ginia Priest, and Charlotte Gore as graduates of the Kids County Government 101 program.

- Approved the naming of four new roads in the county. None of the newly named roads are in the Seven Lakes/West End area.
- Approved the acceptance of a \$10,791 grant to the Sheriff's

Office that will be used to purchase tactical bullet proof vests for the Sheriff's Office Special Response Team.

- Tabled until the October 1 meeting a proposal to make all County property smoke free.
- Reappointed Joseph Pius Gabriel to the Moore County Airport Authority.



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SLLA Meeting

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of vehicles parked on lawns rather than in driveways and plans to step up enforcement activity to correct those violations. After the meeting, Zielsdorf said violators will be notified by

letter and should not be insulted by this attempt to improve the community's appearance.

Recreation. Director Douglass said a new playground equipment is installed and ready for business at Sequoia Point — the result of

a generous gift from the Women of Seven Lakes. A dedication ceremony to formally thank the group will take place in the next several weeks.

Douglass said she has scheduled a skateboard demonstration

at the basketball courts on September 13.

The pool, which closes on September 9, has been visited by 8,000 registered swimmers this season.

Summer day camp served 124 different campers.

The contractor selected to install the new pool fence has been in the hospital, slowing progress on that project, Douglass said.

Finance. Through the end of the Association's first quarter, which ended July 31, revenues totalled \$1,103,000 and expenses were \$353,000, Treasurer Steve Hudson reported.

He said four of the eight SLLA departments are running 22 to 24 percent under their expense budget for the quarter. Clubhouse and Grounds and the stables ran slightly over budget,

he added, noting that the drought is driving up feed costs at the stables.

Agenda requests

Community Manager Fulcher told Board members that requests from residents who want to be placed on the Work Session agenda — as well as requests from Board members for items to be placed on the agenda — should be received in the office no later than the Friday preceeding the Wednesday meeting.

Residents who wish to speak at the work session must request a spot on the agenda.

Loop the lake

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to delay any decision on liberalizing the policy for now. MacKay suggested creating a form on which to track requests from non-landowners, so that the Board has a better sense of who actually wants a barcode.

Loop the Lake

President Haggard then asked Board members to discuss a request from the Loop the Lake project that the Board authorize the use of the Association's right-of-way on Longleaf Drive to build a walking and cycling trail.

"If I were to vote today, I would say no," MacKay responded. "My phone is jumping off the hook. None of the Longleaf people say they were asked to sign the petition in support of the project."

MacKay said more input from the community is needed and noted he has some technical issues with the trail design.

Though Legal Director Hugh

Beckwith was not able to attend the Special Meeting, he emailed Haggard some comments on the subject, including a question about whether the Association would suffer additional liability exposure if it authorizes the trail. Though the Loop The Lake Committee has expressed a willingness to raise funds to pay for the trail, Beckwith said the Board should not consider authorizing it unless Directors are willing to spend Association money to finish it if committee fundraising falls short. Beckwith was also

against allowing golf carts to use the trail, Haggard said.

MacKay said the Board should also consider the on-going cost of maintaining the trail once it is built. "They're giving us a nice cute puppy dog, but we're going to have to feed it the rest of our lives," MacKay said.

The Board decided to invite the Loop the Lake Committee to give a presentation on the project to landowners during the September 25 SLWLA General Meeting.



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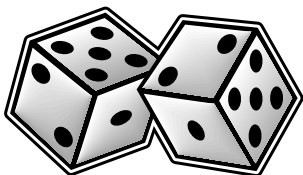


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Director Fewkes' report on Lake Auman Dam

[What follows is the full text of Westside Lake and Environment Director Mary Anne Fewkes report on the repairs needed to Lake Auman Dam. — GHJ]

In the past, we have shared that our dam is rated by the state of N.C. as a high hazard dam. It is our responsibility to maintain Lake Auman Dam according to best practices.

Our dam engineer, Dr. Dan Marks, is in the process of collecting field measurements needed for the Comprehensive Dam Evaluation Report that goes to the State.

As mentioned at previous meetings, there will be some work on the wet spot below the dam.

In order to respond proactively to new information from the field measurements, we are initiating plans for a more comprehensive maintenance project.

In July 1996 there were eighteen piezometers installed in the embankment of Lake Auman Dam for the purpose of monitoring the progression of the seepage line through the dam embankment. These piezometers were monitored on a regular basis during the initial filling of Lake Auman.

Our Approval to Impound permit was issued by DENR on November 25, 1997 following substantial completion of the dam in about 1985.

Thanks to Paul Kirst, the piezometers in the embankment of Lake Auman Dam have been monitored on a regular basis since March of 2004.

Analyses and evaluation of piezometer data throughout 2004 through 2006 led Marks Enterprises to a preliminary conclusion that Lake Auman Dam was performing more nearly as a homogeneous earth dam embank-

ment (that is, a dam without a core) than that of a zoned earth embankment dam (dam with an impervious core).

The permeability of the core has deteriorated due to the nature of the clay used in construction. Factors of safety of the downstream embankment slope are anticipated to continue to decrease to a critical level within the next five to ten years unless a dam remediation project is undertaken.

In the near future, we need to develop a dam remediation plan to address elevated seepage line conditions in the embankment of Lake Auman Dam. A dam remediation plan is needed to control embankment seepage and to increase embankment stability.

This is not an emergency; our dam is safe. However, the core is deteriorating and needs to be fixed before it becomes a bigger problem. Being proactive now will ensure that our dam will last for many years to come.

It would cost over \$8 million to build a dam like ours today, and we need to protect this investment.

A dam embankment seepage plan must be developed and implemented. This process will include development of the plan, presentation to the state for

approval, and implementation. Our dam engineer is in the process of developing the plan, and we hope to have it approved by July of 2008. Furthermore, it is the engineers' opinion that the road across the dam should be closed to traffic indefinitely.

The remedial work will require the lake level to be lowered 5 ft. in the fall of 2008, so work could begin on the dam.

We would expect that work to be completed in about three-to-six months, after which the lake would be refilled to its original level. We will keep the com-

munity informed as the project progresses.

Mary Anne Fewkes, Lake, and Dam Director
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Dam questions

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Cheryl Woodard, who said she lives on Morris Drive by the dam, expressed concern that rescue vehicles would have to make a much longer trip to reach her home in case of emergency. After several residents echoed that concern, Board members and Community Manager Tony Robertson explained that Moore County's EMS base is adjacent to Seven Lakes Volunteers Fire Department, and so would enter the front gate. The community is also served by Seven Lakes EMS and Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department, both of which are likely to use the front gate, as well as West End Fire and Rescue, which is located on NC Highway 73 and more likely to use the back gate.

Craig Giovannni encouraged the Board to make sure the roadway across Lake Auman dam would be able to be reopened in the future. "Let's try to make sure that we can continue going over the dam," he said. "I would rather wait a year or two, so that we can have that freedom back — it's

part of why I came to the community."

Lisa Quinlin asked why the dam must be closed in the next few weeks, if the repairs aren't expected to take place until next Fall. Paul Kirst explained that the water-saturated soil on the back side of the dam is like an avalanche waiting to happen. Vibrations — which are typically what set off avalanches — could cause a large section of the dam's face to slump off. While this wouldn't cause the dam to fail, Kirst said, fixing it could be very expensive.

Tammy Stone, who said she ferries children to both West End Elementary School [WEE] and West Pine Middle School said moving more vehicles through the front gate in the morning will create a backup at the exist, as well as adding to the congestion on NC Highway 211 near WEE, since a greater volume of vehicles will be turning left on Love Grove Church Road to enter the school, rather than coming up from West End and turning right to enter.

Francis Fike, who said she lives on the corner of Lawrence and Longleaf, asked why not start the repairs now, rather than waiting a year. President Haggard explained that the repairs must be designed by the engineer, approved by the state, and then put through a bidding process — all of which Dam Engineer Dan Marks estimates will take ten months. Director Fewkes said the only Board-induced delay is to move the actual repairs from June 2008 to September 2008, in order to allow residents to enjoy the summer boating season before the lake level is lowered.

Kimberly Gillespie, a resident on Longleaf, said "It would have been nice to have been given some other option than shutting it down immediately." Fewkes said she and Kirst have used Association meetings and the SLWLA newsletter for at least the past eighteen month to warn residents that speeding and truck traffic were threatening the dam. "This is not new," Fewkes said, "though I know it

may be new to some people." She encouraged residents to make use of the various communication media the Board uses to get the word out to the community.

Asking for a show of hands of those familiar with the pontoon bridge that carries traffic to Sunset Beach, Ronnie Milligan asked whether a similar structure might be floated near the Auman Dam.

Jim Schrum, who said he had lived in the community for seven years, closed the comments by noting that their is sometimes a difference between acceptance and approval. "Sometimes I have to accept things

that I don't approve of," Schrum said. "So let's get a little bit of acceptance here and applaud the fact that we have a board that is going to do the right thing."

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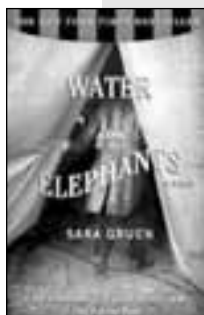
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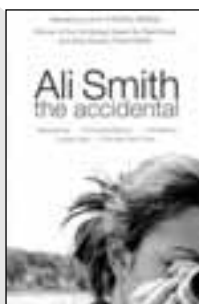
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Dam

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implementation of the remediation plan and to close the roadway across the Lake Auman Dam for an indefinite period of time. The Association has approximately \$200,000 in its capital reserve for the dam, Treasurer Kathy Kirst told the Board, but could pull resources from its contingency reserve if necessary to pay for the repairs.

Roadway will be closed

No date was set for the closure of the dam roadway, though discussion among Board members suggested it would occur in the next several weeks — once the details of signage and barricades are worked out.

Marks expressed concern a couple of years ago about the impact of traffic-induced vibrations on the dam, prompting the Board to lower the speed limit and banning large trucks on the dam. But the seepage problem makes vibrations even more risky, Paul Kirst told Board members, because they could cause a large section of the saturated soil on the back of the dam to "slump," i.e., slide down the surface of the dam, potentially weakening it.

As a result, the engineering firm wrote, "It is our opinion that the road over Auman Dam should be closed indefinitely."

Lake level will be lowered

The remediation plan for the dam will have to be designed by the engineer and then approved by the state; the actual work is likely to take place in the Fall of 2008. In order to complete the work, the level of the lake will have to be dropped five feet and will likely be kept at that level for three-to-six months. It is not known how long it will take for the lake to refill after the work is complete — a timeframe that will undoubtedly depend in part on the amount of rainfall at the time.

Since 2004, Paul Kirst has been monitoring water levels within the dam with a piezometer, through a series of 18 tubes set into the structure. A long metal rod is dropped into the tube, sounding an alarm when it hits water. Kirst's reading show that the water level within the dam has been rising.

The Lake Auman Dam was

designed with a solid core that was expected to be impervious to water. But that core has not proven to be as impervious as was expected. "The material they used isn't holding up as well as they thought it would," Kirst said.

After Tuesday morning's meeting, Fewkes told *The Times* that the dam's clay core was constructed in two sections — the lower section was built and then the upper section was added later. It is the clay in the upper section that has begun to allow water to seep through at a point higher on the back side of the dam than is appropriate or

healthy for the structure.

Kirst told Board members that the dam remediation plan would likely involve digging a ten-foot deep trench on the lake side of the dam and then filling that with an impervious clay or concrete slurry. This will stop the movement of water through the core and the saturation of the soil on the back side of the dam.

Landowner objects to road closure

Westsider Maureen Mead, speaking during the pubic comment portion of the meeting, strongly objected to the closure of the roadway over the dam.

"You have annihilated the property values of people on that side of the community," Mead said. "I own a couple of lots back there. You might as well cut their property values in half."

Mead, who said she had recently sold her home in Seven Lakes West, objected to the Board taking its decision on closing the dam roadway without first gathering public input.

She said the Board should have explored installing more effective speed bumps to control speeding on the dam, as well as ways of stopping truck traffic over the dam.

"I would have never, ever, ever,


have moved out here if I thought the dam roadway would be closed," Mead said.

Fewkes explained that traffic was allowed over the dam in the first place because the dam was built with a core.

"The top of that core has disintegrated," Fewkes explained. "It is not acting like a dam with a core. Instead, it's acting like an earthen dam."

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