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## Holiday Hayride



A dip in the temperature had these revelers bundled up tightly for a holiday ride in a mule-drawn wagon at the Seven Lakes Stables. (Thanks to Jan Hudson for the photo.)

## County study seeks more water for 7 Lakes

Seven Lakes figures prominently in a new long-term plan for meeting Moore County's growing need for water, presented by Mike Apke of the engineering firm McGill and Associates to the Board of Commissioners in Wednesday, December 13 work session.

McGill's number one recommendation was to bring up to 500,000 gallons of Montgomery County water per day to Seven Lakes via a new water line from Candor that would be installed along NC Highway 211. The

number two recommendation is to reactivate and upgrade a currently mothballed Robbins water treatment plant to, again, bring more water to the Seven Lakes area.

Extraordinarily dry weather this summer caused usage in both the Seven Lakes and Pinehurst water systems — which are linked via a water main and pump station — to exceed for brief periods that amount of water those systems can produce. Work is already underway to bring an additional million

gallons of water per day to the Pinehurst system through a connection with the East Moore Water District and, thence, to Harnett County, which draws its water from the Cape Fear River.

As the wells that used to supply Seven Lakes with water have been taken out of service because of contamination with radium and other chemicals, the community has become ever more reliant on the single pipe that connects it to Pinehurst. The McGill consultants high-

(See "Water," p. 34)

## Board removes Leach from ARB

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Southsider Jane Leach was removed from the Architectural Review Board [ARB] of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] by a four-to-three vote of the Directors during a Wednesday, December 12 meeting. The ARB is one of the Association's standing committees, specifically called for

in the by-laws, with its chairperson and members appointed by a vote of the Board.

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Director Donna Stephan, who chairs ARB, voted against Leach's removal, as did Directors Michael Florence and Steve Hudson.

(See "Jane Leach," p. 33)

## Directors debate funding options

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

How to pay for repairs to the

Three primary options are on the table. The first, developed by the Finance Committee, would raise dues for Seven Lakes West and Morgan Woods [SLA] residents by twenty percent, while raising the dues of Beacon Ridge, Pinnacle, Carriage Park, and Beacon Ridge [BR/PSL]

### West Side Landowners Meeting 12/11

Lake Auman dam remains a key decision point for the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors, who reviewed the options during their November 11, Work Session.

landowners by the twelve percent maximum called for in an agreement signed when the West-side associations merged.

The merger agreement complicates the revenue picture in

(See "Westside," p. 36)

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# Gallery at Seven Lakes presents new artists

by Carol Burgess  
Gallery at 7 Lakes

The Gallery at Seven Lakes is now presenting works by two new artists. Carol Yoeman and

Lori Fitchler have unique and unusual pieces of art featuring glass painting and art created by using "found" items.

Discerning and thoughtful shoppers will find many unique gift items at the Gallery at Seven Lakes.

The Gallery is open Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Watch for the colorful 'Open' flag and the Gallery sign in the front garden

at the St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church building located on Seven Lakes Drive.

Many of your other favorite local artists also have works featured at the Gallery, including artists Helen Pardue, Lenard Herman, Gladys "Gin" Hern, Ann Bright, and Andrea Schmidt.

Come on in any Wednesday or Thursday afternoons for a quiet browse around and a chat with one of the artists.

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Keeping the every-other-week production schedule for *The Seven Lakes Times* on track means that every few years we must insert an extra week into the schedule.

So it will be three weeks — not the usual two between this issue and the publication of our first issue in 2008, which will arrive in Seven Lakes and Foxfire mailboxes on January 11.

Our complete 2008 publication schedule may be found

in the box to the far lefthand side of this page.

Both *The Times* offices and Bookshop by the Lakes will be closed from Sunday, December 23 through Wednesday, January 2.

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# Hudson calls for vote to remove Truesdell

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

A new front was opened in the on-going battle among members of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors last Wednesday night, December 12, when Treasurer Steve Hudson called for a referendum on the removal of President Don Truesdell during the Association's regular business meeting.

Citing paragraph 6.4 of the SLLA Bylaws, Hudson directed Community Manager Dalton Fulcher and his staff to include on the Annual Meeting ballot a question asking whether Truesdell should be removed from the Board of Directors.

Paragraph 6.4 provides for the removal of an elected Director by "a majority of owner-occupants in an annual meeting or special meeting," "whenever in their judgement the best interest of the Association will be served by such removal."

Hudson said Truesdell had tried "to get rid of me three times" and accused him of a "vendetta."

"I am ready to return the favor," Hudson added. After delivering his instructions to Fulcher, Hudson said of Truesdell, "He does not have best interest of landowners at heart and should be voted off the Board."

The Bylaws are silent on the mechanism for actually placing such a question on the ballot, so it is unclear at this writing whether

Hudson has the authority to do so individually. The SLLA President, any two Board members, or ten percent of landowners can, under Paragraph 4.4 – Special Meetings, call a special meeting for the purpose of putting a question before the membership. But Hudson called for the referendum on Truesdell's

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removal unilaterally.

On Monday, Fulcher told *The Times* he was consulting with the Association attorney about how to proceed.

A second question concerns the number of votes needed to unseat Truesdell. Paragraph 6.4 says: "Removal shall be approved by a majority vote of owner-occupants who are members in good standing (in the case of an elected Director) in an annual meeting or special meeting. . ." Taken at face value, that language suggests that nearly 600 votes — more than half of all owner-occupants — would be required to remove Truesdell from the Board. Obtaining that many votes could be a tall order, since it is rare for 600 votes in total to be cast in an annual meeting election. Last year's balloting attracted 416 voters.

### Bylaws vote postponed

Also during the November 12 meeting, the Board voted to postpone a decision on a Bylaws amendment that would have prevented Hudson from running for reelection.

The decision will be delayed until a lawsuit that Hudson, Alan Shaw, and others filed against the SLLA is resolved. The lawsuit seeks to overturn an agreement between the

Association and Seven Lakes Country Club concerning the residential development of the Club's driving range.

President Truesdell opened the discussion on the proposed  
(See "SLLA meeting," p. 30)

## Judge refuses motion to remove SLLA from lawsuit

The lawsuit by Seven Lakes Landowners Association Treasurer Steve Hudson, Alan Shaw, and others had its first hearing in Superior Court on Wednesday, December 12.

The hearing was on a motion by Association attorneys that the suit against the SLLA be dismissed, largely on technical grounds.

The Association argued that the suits "fails to state claim upon which relief may be granted" and that it was within the powers granted the Board of Directors by the SLLA governing documents to sign an agreement with Seven Lakes Country Club regarding the potential development of its driving range.

Further, they argued that "no set of facts" shows that the Board acting in bad faith or without due care in executing the agreement.

Judge James M. Webb took those arguments under advisement on Wednesday and, by the end of the week, had decided not to dismiss the case, which will continue its journey through the civil court process.



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# Fourth youth arrested in Westside break-ins

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

The Moore County Sheriff's Office has arrested a fourth Seven Lakes North youth — Andrew Pfeiffer of 127 Pleasant View — on felony charges relating to October 10 break-ins in Seven Lakes West.

Detective James Threadgill told *The Times* on Wednesday that Pfeiffer had been arrested on Wednesday, December 12 and had his arraignment on Monday, December 17.

The charges were the same as for three young men arrested in the same incidents over the past several weeks: two counts of first degree burglary, one count of felony larceny, and one count of possession of stolen goods. Pfeiffer's bond was set at \$25,000 secured.

Two of the young men that have been charged in the October 10 break-ins — Pfeiffer and Blake Ralph Hanson — are under investigation for other incidents in the Seven Lakes community, Threadgill told *The Times*, though investigators have yet to make those cases. Two others — Daniel Wescott Widman and Daniel Adam Johnson — are not under investigation for any other crimes, he said.

Threadgill said Widman had been instrumental in helping investigators solve the October 10 crimes.

Addressing landowners attending a Seven Lakes West Security Meeting on December 10, Threadgill said, "I had the privilege of meeting Mr. Widman. A fine man. He was very cooperative. His son spoke to me with his father, and by his assistance we were able to solve two of

the burglaries that occurred."

"This young man made a poor decision . . . But by him assisting us we were able to get two others that were involved in the burglaries."

Threadgill said he could not discuss the details of the crime or the alleged actions of any of the suspects.

Law enforcement officials are often guarded about disclosing details of an on-going investigation to the public, particularly when additional arrests are still pending. Under North Carolina law, the results of a police investigation are not a matter of public record until they are disclosed at trial.

During the Westside Security Meeting, Threadgill characterized the activities of the young men as a "raiding party" — something akin to a teenage prank.

"These kids went out this night on the tenth of October, went into a gentleman's garage and took some golf clubs," Threadgill said. "It was a joke. The gentleman

recovered his own golf clubs about fifteen days later. But the thing of it is, the charge is the same, whether it was a joke or not."

And the charges are serious, Threadgill added. "A first degree burglary charge is a Class D felony," he told the Westside meeting. "That's ranking right on up there with a homicide. You're looking at mandatory prison time."

"I believe that these young men were doing this not because



Andrew Pfeiffer

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# New Village Council gets down to business

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

New Foxfire Village Council members Page Coker and Vic Koos brought plenty of energy, ideas, and agenda items to the table for discussion during their first regular monthly meeting held on Tuesday, December 11.

Coker, recently installed as Public Safety Director, reported Police Chief Campbell graduated from the North Carolina Justice Academy, Officer Shue completed a six-month probationary period, and Officer Rhyner has been on the job for thirty days.

With the recent addition of Auxiliary Officer Tony Evans, the police department is providing Foxfire with an exceptional level of protection with the officers rotating on flexible schedules to provide for better coverage.

Coker will be riding along with the officers "to get a better feel for their work and the community." She said she will make sure the department is aware of village ordinances "and that we use a systematic approach towards complaints," said Coker.

"We all want to be good neighbors and have respect for each other."

Coker suggested residents not hesitate to report any suspicious activity as "neighbor helping neighbor is what will

prevent crime," and that residents should dial 911 if they have an emergency as the Foxfire police telephone system was having some technical difficulties.

"Our police department monitors all 911 calls," said Coker.

Coker said she met with West End Fire Department Chief Wayne Kennedy to discuss the availability of employing a full-time attendant at the Foxfire station. Coker said the village's Hazard Mitigation Plan needs to be upgraded and a new survey will

be sent out. A second CERTs [Community Emergency Response Team] class will be offered to allow for better coverage and assistance to the village in case of an emergency. Approximately ten to fifteen volunteers are needed.

With the holiday season approaching, Coker recommends luminaries not be used as decoration due to the risk of fire during a time of drought and water restrictions.



*Foxfire Mayor George Erickson presents outgoing Councilman Carl Munro with awards recognizing his service to the Village.*

## Streets

Councilman Vic Koos said he conducted an inspection of road signs in Foxfire and noted any that were damaged or crooked.

"Some replacements were needed and ordered," said

Koos, "but on other hand, if the ones we have are not badly damaged, who is going to fix those?" Koos answered by volunteering to do the work himself.

"Why do we need to farm that work out? Call me and I'll fix it!" exclaimed Koos. "Depending on the damage we may need different tools but I see no reason

to contract this out."

Koos said the replacement signs will be installed immediately once they are received and asked residents with experience in repair to consider donating their services to the community.

"We should look to people in our community to do the things they can do because it will get done quicker," said Koos.

Addressing the privately-owned dam and damaged road on the east side of Foxfire, Koos said the council has sent notification to the dam owner with an estimate of

(See "Foxfire" p. 24)

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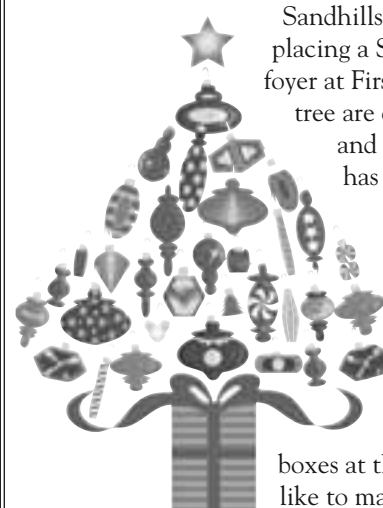
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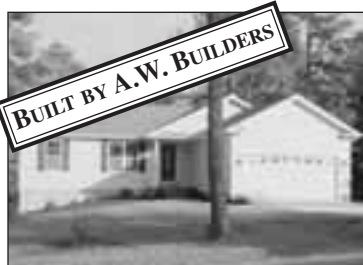
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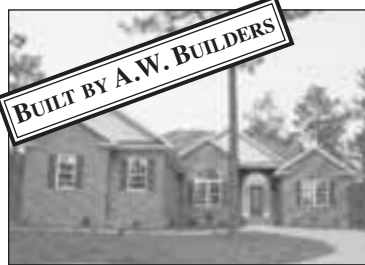


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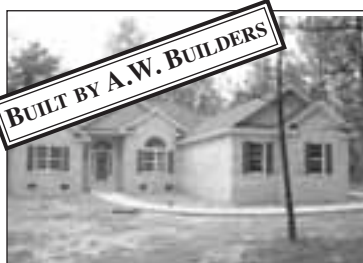
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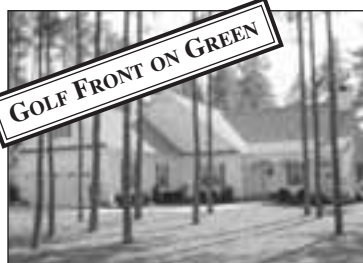
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# Cyber Ed tailors service for each child

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Cyber Ed Learning Center, the only privately owned, five-star rated preschool and after school program in Moore County has expanded its operations and opened a second location in the Seven Lakes Business Village. Following the same philosophy developed for her award-winning Southern Pines location, owner Sharyn Trinko said she blends together a range of styles.

"Not every child learns from

one specific philosophy or approach so we like to keep ours open which allows us to respond to each child individually," said Trinko.

Trinko has a degree in early elementary education and is certified by the North Carolina Division of Child Development as a Level Three Administrator. Formerly a second grade teacher, Trinko opened Cyber Ed in Southern Pines nine years ago. That location features programming for preschoolers and

K-5 after school care. Her new learning center in Seven Lakes expands upon that programming to accept even younger children.

"In the beginning, it was just after school but as we've grown we've incorporated the preschool into it and now infants and toddlers," said Trinko.

"We are a learning environment rather than just a daycare," said Trinko. "Our motto is 'expanding the learning curve' and we are changing the way we look at learning."

Cyber Ed Learning Center in Seven Lakes is a full-time care provider with rooms dedicated to infants, one year olds, two year olds, a multi-age three to five year old room, and an after school program for Kindergarten to Fifth graders with several additional dedicated rooms including a computer lab. Children enrolled at all levels also have access to a fenced outdoor playground and infants are taken for stroller rides outside when weather per-

mits.

Trinko said she and her staff have been very busy cleaning and painting the 2,000 square foot facility. They have also added playful underwater and outer space murals, set up new room arrangements, and added six computer terminals. After school students will have access to the computer lab and the Internet with parental software controls in place.

"Our after school program computer lab uses programming on our own website as well as approved portals to education

games and curriculum," said Trinko. "Students are provided with some fun, social time and then are directed towards completing homework. We will assist them as needed and check it too."

Lin Rock, a Level Two Administrator and formerly the assistant director of the Southern Pines location, will direct the Cyber Ed Learning Center in Seven Lakes.

"We are very proud to be here in the community and we look forward to serving the children and

(See "Cyber-Ed," p. 25)



Lin Rock & Sharyn Trinko of Cyber Ed Learning Center in Seven Lakes.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

to all my friends in and around Seven Lakes.

May 2008 be a good year for everyone!

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# Volunteers needed to help build 13 homes

by Ellen Airs  
Moore County Habitat

Habitat for Humanity of Moore County needs construction volunteers!

"Yes, we can always use volunteers in other aspects of Habitat's mission, i.e. the Moore Store, committees, office help," said Judie Wiggins, Volunteer Coordinator for this affiliate. "However, with plans to build thirteen houses in Moore County this fiscal year, we need more regular construction volunteers," she clarified.

Tom Compa, Construction Manager, adds, "One doesn't need to have any experience in carpentry work or building to join us on site. You just need a desire to help with the mission of Habitat - building houses that build hope."

Habitat site coordinators assess each volunteer according to his or her skills when they arrive on site and then assign them to the appropriate construction task.

Building days for volunteers are Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturdays, beginning at 8:00 am with snack and lunch provided and departing about 2:00 pm.

Volunteering on Habitat's construction team gives one an opportunity to build lifelong friendships.

These volunteers put into action their human principles and bond over their shared goal of helping those less fortunate. Potential homeowners meet

specific criteria and work a minimum 300 hours on their home or others as their "sweat equity" to homeownership.

Habitat for Humanity is not a giveaway program, but one designed to promote successful homeownership for those in need who agree to partner with our affiliate.

This nineteen-year affiliate has built over 143 homes throughout Moore County, including Habitat developments in Taylortown and two off Roseland Road. It is just beginning another one of potentially twelve homes in the Berkley section of Aberdeen, "whose town government has been a wonderful partner to work with," stated Elizabeth Cox, Executive Director of

Habitat.

This development will be known as Bonsal Place, named in honor of Patsy Bonsal, one of the founding members of the affiliate and continuous fundraiser since then, and in memory of her husband Rocky, a great supporter of Habitat.

Appropriately, the second

"Apostles Build" home sponsored by area churches had its kickoff on Saturday, November 10.

If you would like to join the Habitat team as a volunteer on

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## Boylan visits Kiwanis



by Frank Krohn  
Seven Lakes  
Kiwanis

On Wednesday, December 12, State Representative Joe Boylan spoke to the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club.

Boylan discussed several of the bills that he has sponsored and also some of the things he hopes to be involved with in the future.

Answering a question about partisan politics, he said that while the representatives tend to vote the party line, there is surprisingly little fighting and bickering between the two blocs.

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

Representative Joe Boylan and Kiwanian Frank Hayes.

## Meet new residents at the Newcomers Open House

The Women of Seven Lakes will sponsor an open house for newcomers to Seven Lakes, though all residents are welcome and encouraged to attend this interesting and informative event. The open house will be held on Thursday, January 24 at 7:30 pm at the Seven Lakes Country Club and refreshments will be served.

Many of the area's organizations and groups will be on-hand to give information about their activities and volunteer opportunities in the Seven Lakes area.

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# Harmony Chorus entertains at Beacon Ridge

The barbershop quartet Southern Connection entertained at the Sandhills Harmony Chorus Fashion Show Luncheon held at Beacon Ridge Country Club in Seven Lakes, on November 30.

Southern Connection is a quartet composed of four ladies from the Sandhills Harmony Chorus. This performance was their debut in the local community. Sue Sikes, the baritone who holds the chords together, is from Seven

Lakes West and is the newest member of the quartet. Betty Suther, the rich sounding bass, is from Jackson Springs. RuthAnn Porter, the lead with the extraordinary voice, lives in Pinewild, and MaryScott Arnold, the tenor with great comedic timing, lives in Pinehurst.

The Sandhills Harmony Chorus Fashion Show Luncheon also featured singing by the chorus. Seasonal fashions by Stein-

Mart were modeled by chorus members. The luncheon was catered by Beacon Ridge Country Club.

Sandhills Harmony Chorus is the local chapter of Sweet Adelines International. Chorus members from Seven Lakes include Ann H. Doster, who is serving as co-chair of the SHC Fashion Show, Georgia Pollnow, Sue Sikes, and Priscilla Snee.



**Seven Lakes members of the Sandhills Harmony Chorus** — Sue Sikes, Ann Doster, Priscilla Snee, and Georgia Pollnow.

## Water's the Topic for Women

Ben Vaughn, the Operations Manager for Moore County Public Works will address the Women of Seven Lakes on water concerns in Moore County. This is a timely subject and should be of interest to all.

The meeting will be held Thursday, January 3, at 1:00 pm at the West Side Park Community Center. You do not need to be a member of the Women of Seven Lakes to attend. Anyone from the Seven Lakes area is invited.



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*Love Letters*, sponsored by Central Carolina Hospital, will be presented January 3 to 6.

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# Handbell Choir puts women in the spirit

by Jo Nicholas  
Women of 7 Lakes

The Women of Seven Lakes celebrated the Holiday Season at their monthly meeting on Thursday, December 6, in the North Clubhouse, with a program of Christmas music.

Program Chair Brenda Massimo introduced the featured guests, four members of the Brownson Memorial Presbyteri-

an Church Handbell Choir. Led by Shirley Reardon, the quartet entertained the Women with several selections of holiday songs as well as arrangements composed by the group.

In between songs as the ladies reset the order of bells, the group shared stories of their musical adventures as well as technical information about the handbells and their construction.

Reardon explained that the group travels with approximately forty-five bells.

After their selections, special guest Reverend Don Welch, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Claus [aka Jo Nicholas] led the Women in a holiday sing-a-long.

President Peggy McCallum then held a brief business meeting and after adjournment, mem-

bers and guests enjoyed Christmas cookies and refreshments. The next meeting of the Women of Seven Lakes will be held Jan-

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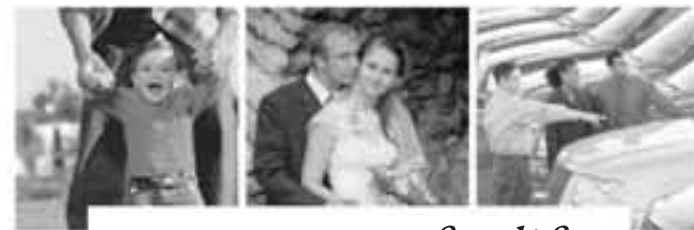
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# In memory of . . .

**Gertrude T. Jaquay**, 94, of Foxfire Village, formerly of Norwich, NY, died Friday, November 30, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Jaquay was the daughter of the late Frank and Emma Utter Thompson.

She worked for a number years with W. T. Grant Company, and later with S&H Green Stamp Store as its manager. She was a longtime member of Broad Street United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women of Norwich.

She and her husband moved to North Carolina in 2005. Since his death, she resided with her daughter in Foxfire Village.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lucius Jaquay; a son, Maurice Frank Jaquay; a brother, John Thompson; and sister, Ella Peabody.

Mrs. Jaquay is survived by a daughter, Florence LaShomb of Foxfire Village; a brother, Alvin Thompson of Syracuse, NY; four grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were held Sunday, December 9, at R.J. Fahy Funeral Home in Norwich, NY. The Rev. Jeff Hale officiated. Interment followed in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Broad Street United Methodist Church, 74 North Broad Street, Norwich,

NY 13815.

R. J. Fahy Funeral Home of Norwich assisted the family.

**James Amos McLean**, 86, of West End, formerly of Ann Arbor, MI, died Wednesday, December 5, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mr. McLean was born in Flint, MI, and served with the U.S. Army in Germany during the Korean War. He practiced medicine for many years in Ann Arbor, and taught at the University of Michigan School of Medicine. He enjoyed the study of archaeology.

He is survived by two sons, Thomas McLean of West End, and David McLean, of Brooklyn, MI; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

Memorials may be made to the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, University of Michigan, 434 South State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, or Camp Michi-MAC, American Lung Association of Michigan, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 401, Oak Park, MI 48237.

Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines served the family.

**Robert Nathaniel Steele**, 93, of Jackson Springs, died Wednesday, December 5, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mr. Steele was born in Richmond County, the son of the

late Nathaniel and Sarah Catherine Dunn Steele. He was a farmer

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ed Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Louadgie McDonald Steele, of the home; a daughter, Shirley Steele Craven, of Norman; a son, Thomas Nathaniel Steele, of Jackson Springs; five grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; two stepgreat granchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 7, at Marcus United Methodist Church. The Rev. Donald Burns officiated. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Marcus United Methodist Church, c/o Linda Williams, 141 Research Farm Rd., Candor NC 27229.

Briggs Funeral Home of Candor assisted the family.

**Thomas Hooper Averitt, CPA,** 77, died Friday, December 7, at Onslow Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, NC.

Hooper, was the son of Leighton Herbert and Nancy Nell Land Averitt.

During the Korean War, he served in the U.S. Army beginning in 1951 before returning to Aberdeen to work in the Tax Dept. at the Moore County Courthouse. He received his bachelor's degree in Accounting UNC-Chapel Hill .

He was preceded in death by his sister, Lillian Winkie Stevenson.

He is survived by his wife of fifty years, Cha Averitt; a daughter, Ann Caliri of Seven Lakes North; brothers, Leighton Herbert Averitt, Jr. (John) of Long Island, NY, Eldridge Landon Averitt of Aberdeen; a sister, Nancy Averitt Seawell of Aberdeen; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 10 at Boles Funeral Home Chapel in Southern Pines. The Rev. Mike Branscome officiated. Burial followed at Bethesda Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Aberdeen Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 308, Aberdeen, NC 28315 or to the American Heart Association, PO Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058.

**Bessie Emma Hearn,** 98, of West End, died Saturday, December 8, at her home.

Mrs. Hearn was born in Moore County, the daughter of the late John and Alphonsine Letien Fry. She worked for many years as a seamstress, and was a member of the Bible Tabernacle.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel Price Hearn; a son, Dan Hearn; and a daughter, Carolyn Smith.

Mrs. Hearn is survived by three sons, Joseph Hearne of Vass; Fred Hearne of West End, and James Hearn of Union, SC; three daughters, Mildred Medlin, of Aberdeen, Ann Hunt of Whispering Pines, and Gloria Hutto of Lexington, SC; a sister, Jeanette Baldwin, of West End; twenty-one grandchildren; thirty-three great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 11, at the Bible Tabernacle, Whispering Pines. Burial followed in the Bible Tabernacle Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to FirstHealth Hospice, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines assisted the family.

**Ruth J. Baldwin,** 70, of West End, died Sunday, December 9, at her home.

Mrs. Baldwin is survived by a daughter, Sharon Drakeford; two sons, Ernest G. Baldwin of Marietta, GA, and Craig Baldwin of Raleigh; four sisters, Esther McNeil of Pinehurst, Ruby McLendon of Ellerbe, Lenoir Terry and Emma Lewis both of West End; a brother, Carlton Baldwin of Pinehurst; eleven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 15, at Cedar Grove Baptist Church, West End. The Rev. Pascal McNair officiated. Burial followed in Community Cemetery.

Jones and Little's Funeral Home of Aberdeen is assisted the family.

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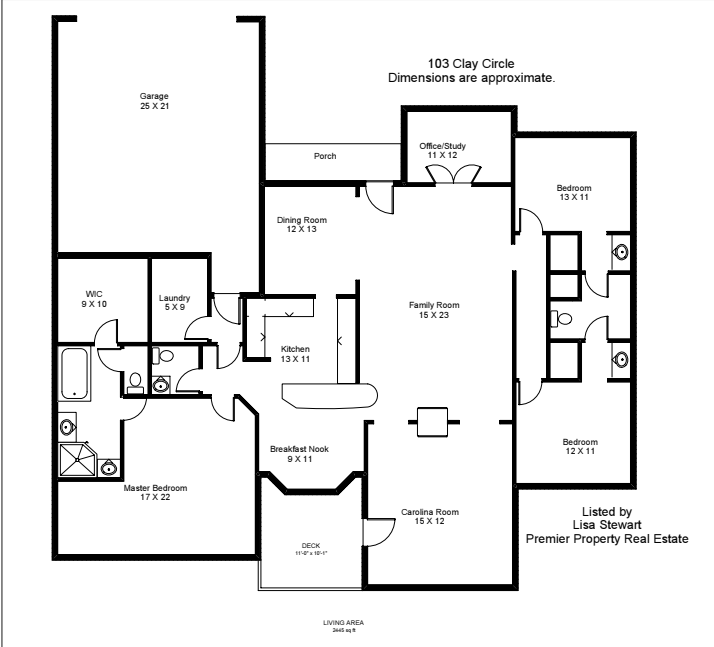
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**Olga Chase**, 92, of Seven Lakes, died Tuesday, December 11, at HCR Manor Care in Pinehurst.

Mrs. Chase was born in Brockton, MA.

Survivors include three sons, Peter Chase, and Stuart Chase of Seven Lakes, and Samuel Chase of Jonesboro, GA; four grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Friday, December 14, in West End Cemetery. The Dr. Larry Lyon officiated.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes served the family.

**Grace Broiels Fellema**, 68, of Foxfire Village, died Sunday, December 16, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Born in Patterson, New Jersey, she was the daughter of the late Fredrick and Carie Katzma Broiels. Mrs. Fellema worked for many years in the medical industry in claims and billing departments. She was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughters; Lorinda Fellema Saunders of Fayetteville, and Karen Fellema of Foxfire Village; two brothers, Jacob Broiels of Aberdeen, and John Broiels of Colorado Springs, CO; and one grandchild.

Memorial services were held

Wednesday, December 19, at Boles Funeral Home Chapel in Pinehurst. The Rev. Greg Newton officiated.

Memorials may made to the Sandhills Children Center 1280 Central Drive, Southern Pines, NC 28387 or to the Charity of your choice.

Boles Funeral Home of Pinehurst assisted the family.

**George Jackson Myers, Jr.**, 92, of Seven Lakes died Friday, December 14 at his home.

Mr. Myers was the son of the late George Jackson and Anna Buden Myers. He was born in Mays Landing, NJ, and graduated from Atlantic City High School and he was a graduate of Rider University in Lawrenceville, NJ.

His was active in politics in New Jersey and North Carolina. He was a charter member of Trenton, NJ Jaycees, a member of the Masonic Lodge in Hopewell and North Carolina. He was active in the Sons of the Revolution, North Carolina Chapter.

He was a veteran of World War II, and served as a Chief Storekeeper in the United States Naval Reserve in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters.

Mr. Myers is survived by his wife Winifred (Peg); daughter Daryl Baughman of Florahome, FL; son Keith J. Myers of Seven Lakes; four grandchildren and

several great-grandchildren; and a sister; Thelma Emper.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 5, at the West End Presbyterian Church at 3:00 pm with Dr. Larry Lyon officiating

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: FirstHealth Hospice, 150 Apple cross Rd.

Pinehurst, NC 28374, or West End Presbyterian Church, PO Box 13, West End, NC 27376.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes is serving the family.

**Joseph Edward Bruno**, 82, of Seven Lakes West, died Monday, December 17, at his residence after a brief illness.

Mr. Bruno is survived by his wife, Carol Snyder Bruno.

A Celebration of Life was held Wednesday, December 19, at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Southern Pines.

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Principal Waller welcomed everyone to the celebration. Entertainment was provided by The Divine Spirituals and Jordan Catering provided dinner.

Heartfelt memories of retired teachers were offered by several of the present teachers and then special gifts were given to all.

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In order to keep our every-other-week schedule on track, the next issue of *The Seven Lakes Times* will be published on January 11 — three weeks from the date of this edition. (See page 2 for our 2008 schedule.)

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

- **Christmas Eve**
- **Candlelight Service** – 8:00 pm, West End United Methodist Church.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

- **Christmas Day**

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

- **Kwanzaa**
- **Seven Lakes Christmas Day Camp** – 9 am – 3 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. A special three-day day camp for children. Bring your own lunch and snack and plan for plenty of games, crafts, and fun activities. Cost is \$10 per day, per child. Pre-registration or drop-in. Chad Beane 673-4931.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

- **New Year's Eve**

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

- **New Year's Day**

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

- **Women of Seven Lakes Meeting** – 1 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Ben Vaughn, Operations Manager for Moore County Public Works, will speak about water in Moore County. A timely subject & should be of interest to all. You do not need to be a member of the Women of Seven Lakes to attend. All are invited.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

- **Artie Shaw Orchestra** – 7:30 pm, Owens Auditorium at Sandhills Community College. Emerson Cole and the FirstHealth Hospice Foundation present the Big Band sounds of Artie Shaw Orchestra featuring Dick Johnson. Tickets \$15, and available at Sears in Aberdeen; Gentle-

man's Corner, Pinehurst; Clothes Horse, Country Book Shop or Bill Smith Ford in Southern Pines; and the Foundation of FirstHealth in Turnberry Woods. 695-7500.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

- **Mixed Paper Recycling Drive** – 9 am – 3 pm, Kangaroo Station in the Fresh Market Shopping Center, Southern Pines.

Sponsored by Keep Moore County Beautiful. Acceptable items: anything paper including paper grocery bags, flattened boxes,

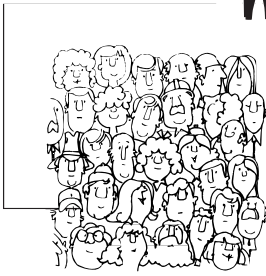
telephone books, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, flattened corrugated cardboard, office paper, and newspapers. Also accepting any type of household batteries and Inkjet, Laser, and Toner cartridges, and cell phones.

- **Christmas Tree Recycling** – 9 am – 3 pm, corner of Hwy 15-501 and Murray Hill Road beside Tripps Restaurant, Southern Pines. Christmas trees will be mulched on site. Keep Moore County Beautiful will provide bags for individuals to take free mulch home to use around shrubs, trees or in flower beds. Contact Joan Neal at 947-3478 or jneal@moorecountync.gov

## MONDAY, JANUARY 14

- **Moore County Board of Education Business Meeting** – 7 pm, MCS Office in Carthage.

# What's When Calendar



## MONDAY, JANUARY 7

- **Moore County Board of Commissioners Meeting** – 4 pm, Historic Courthouse, Carthage.
- **Learn to Shag** – 6:15 pm, West Side Community Center. Beginner to Level III. Contact Paul Sowell, 673-8180 or Nanci at 690-9176.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Work Session** – 8 am, West Side Park Community Center.
- **Foxfire Village Council Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Town Hall.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

- **Moore County Planning Board** – 6:00 pm, Carthage.

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## TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

- **League of Women Voters Meeting** – 11:30 am, Club at Longleaf in Southern Pines. Robert Wittmann, Health Director of Moore County Health Department will discuss The

State of Health in Moore County. Luncheon \$12, payable by check. Reservations Charlotte Gallagher at 944-9611, by January 11.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

- **Silent Auction & Raffle** –

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

#### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 17**

- **Seven Lakes Forum** – 9 am, West Side Park Community Center. Dr. Paul Hardin, Chancellor Emeritus, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, will present the topic entitled "College Athletics: Are They Out of Control?" All residents of Seven Lakes and their guests are welcome to attend. Information, Don Welch 673-6701, or Bill Mamel 673-8970.

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 19**

- **Cut Out Cancer Crop** – 9 am – 9 pm, Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst. All day fun, activities, shopping, and scrapbooking to benefit the Cancer CARE Fund. Special room discounts available and there is a \$50 registration fee. Information, at

www.cutoutcancercrop.com or 295-4064.

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 21**

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- **Moore County Board of Commissioners Meeting** – 6 pm, Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 22**

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

#### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 24**

- **Newcomers Open House** – 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes Country Club. Women of Seven Lakes sponsor an open house featuring many organizations and groups in the area, their activities, and volunteer opportunities. All Seven Lakers, new and old, are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

#### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 25**

- **MOPS Parenting Lecture** – 7 pm, Pinecrest High School Auditorium. Sponsored by MOPS, Family psychologist, author and popular parenting speaker John K. Rosemond will address "Assuming the Power of Parenthood." Advance tickets are \$15, and \$18 at the door. Information www.sandhillsmops.com

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 26**

- **MOPS Parenting Lecture** – 10 am, Pinecrest High School Auditorium. Sponsored by MOPS, Family psychologist, author and popular parenting speaker John K. Rosemond will address "Bringing Out the Best in Your Child." Advance tickets are \$15, and \$18 at the door. Information www.sandhillsmops.com

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 28**

- **Westside Candidates Night** – 7:30 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Meet — and question — the candidates for the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Board of Directors. Moderated by Linda Tableman.

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30**

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

#### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 31**

- **Bookgroup by the Lakes** – 7:30 pm, Join the conversation about Richard Ford's *Lay of the Land* at Bookshop by the Lakes.



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# Some gardening thoughts for the holidays

The holiday season is here and landscape gardening is secondary in priority for most of us. Also the dry weather hasn't been cooperative for avid gardeners. Our water needs continue to be a problem.

I don't recall after being in the Sandhills for many years that in mid-December the lateness of this season, when hardwoods, especially oaks, haven't completely shed their leaves. Every year each season generally appears to be a little different.

Let's reverently enjoy the festivities of the holidays. Everyone is involved with parties, family, and friends. Visiting, decorating, exchanging gifts, and numerous other activities.

Here are a few gardening suggestions based on questions and recent observations:

First, let's all practice safety during the holiday season. Drive safely, carefully, and defensively. Don't drink alcoholic beverages and drive. If you drink, have a designated driver.

Seven Lakes and our neighboring communities have beautiful decorations and lighting displays. Be sure your lights and connections are properly installed and safely grounded. Use only small, cool, and low wattage light bulbs. Turn off all lights, including Christmas tree lights,

when leaving home or retiring for the night.

If you are using a live cut Christmas tree, treat it before setting it up with an anti-transpirant and fire resistant retardant to reduce water loss and help

punch holes in it before watering to allow good drainage and aeration. Contrary to belief, poinsettias are not poisonous. According to toxicologists, some people may be sensitive to their white sap which might cause skin irritation.

The traditional mistletoe plant is toxic. Pets and small children should not be allowed to come in contact with its berries and foliage.

If either are eaten, serious complications will likely result.

The Christmas or Holiday cactus is another flower plant that is

popular during this season. Water them thoroughly when needed and let them thoroughly dry out between waterings. Keep them away from extreme heat.

## Suggested outside tasks:

Now that numerous leaves are rapidly falling, the question arises, how to dispose of them?

Mulch mowing them into the lawn offers several benefits but most important is that it adds plant residue nutrients from the leaves decomposing back into the soil. The primary disadvantage to this practice is it promotes and causes unwanted species of weed and grasses from seeds.

Rake the leaves up and deposit them in a mulch pile.

Spread the leaves out on the

vegetable garden spot. Till them in for nutrition and organic matter.

You might think of additional disposal methods, or rake them up and haul them to the community brush dump.

Check your irrigation pump, connecting pumps, valves, and sprinklers to make sure the system is completely drained.

The question when to plant shrubs, trees, and other plants is still pending on hold because of water restrictions. Let's wait until we get a ground soaking soil before planting because of the water shortage.

If you have bulbs, you might consider planting them because they will not stay viable for long

(See "Gardening," p. 25)



## Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

protect your home from the risk of fire. Keep the live tree turgid and green by filling the tree stand with water as needed to aid it from drying out and shedding needles.

Poinsettias are popular during the holidays. Having been grown under greenhouse conditions, they must be conditioned to the home environment. They do well in brightly lighted areas but not in direct sunlight. Keep them away from drafts. Never place them in hot areas near the fireplace or on top of the television.

Poinsettias will last longer if one keeps them in a room where temperatures are seventy degrees or a little less. Do not overwater them. If the plant is wrapped in foil, remove it or



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# Medlicott featured at Book Club Christmas Lunch

by *Ethel Oliver*  
*Seven Lakes North*

Ninety members and guests of the Seven Book Clubs of Seven Lakes gathered for their annual Christmas luncheon on Friday, December 14, at the beautiful West Side Park Community Center for a box lunch catered by Panera's Bakery, followed by coffee and homemade Christmas cookies.

The event was hosted this year by "The Bookies," the oldest book club in Seven Lakes. The delicious repast was followed by a delightful and informative talk by Joan Medlicott, well known North Carolina author of more than fifteen books. Medlicott is responsible for the lively "Ladies of Covington Series," and, if you have not read at least one of them, you are missing something.

She is a fine contemporary writer, who writes about women and how they cope with their relationships in the face of the multifaceted situations arising in today's hectic and ever changing lifestyles.

A native of the Virgins Islands, now residing in Asheville, Medlicott is an arresting speaker with a fascinating background. She was assisted by her charming companion, Celia Miles, a former English professor, also the author of several books. The two later held a book signing at Bookshop by the Lakes, which served refreshments at the Coffee Scene next door.

Arrangements for Medlicott's appearance were made by The Bookies' Judy Pendleton. The luncheon committee was headed by Barbara Gerhardt, assisted by Carol Barnard, Nancy Welch, Carol Burgess, Jan Patton, Judy Kencel, and Georgia Pollnow. The table decorations were "old world" with red candles and greens. A series of Walt

Disney Children's Books, donated by Bookshop by the Lakes, also used on the tables as decorations, will be donated to the West End Elementary School.

A gorgeous Victorian St.

Nicholas, arrayed in silk, the handiwork of Carole Burgess, was raffled off at the close of the party, the money to be donated to the Moore County Literacy Council.

All of "The Bookies" ladies graciously lent their time for set-up and clean-up operations involved and baked hundreds of delectable, artistically decorated cookies, for the occasion;

a splendid complement to a charming afternoon.

Extra goodies were taken to Diversicare Assisted Living of Seven Lakes to be further appreciated by the residents there.

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# Foxfire

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costs to fix the road but have not received return contact. The village-owned road will be repaired with municipal funding.

"The owner has flown down a few times and is usually very cooperative," said Mayor George Erickson, "but for some reason in the last six months for whatever reason he is not answering. We have faxed, left messages, and written him saying this repair is on our nickel we just need an okay."

Koos suggested necessary repairs excluding that area should commence if the dam owner has not responded by January 2.

Resident Jack Olsen asked about the damage being caused by grass growing up and around the edges of the roads. "Is our lawn service aware of it and will they edge along the roads?"

Mayor Erickson said the village has a three year contract with a grass cutting service and currently there are no specifications stat-

ing they are responsible for edging along the road.

Koos will assess additional cost to have contractor edge and asked residents to contact him if they noticed deterioration along secondary roads.

Olsen said grass damage to the roads was a long term issue. "We may not like the cost [of edging] but redoing the road will be a lot more expensive."

Koos said a drain pipe has been installed under the Village Green Park fitness trail and additional drains would need to be added.

## Zoning

Zoning Administrator Mimi Ainsworth reported twenty-five homes for sale. Nine are established homes, and nine homes are under construction — all are custom builds. Two duplexes on Foxtail Lane are framed and roofed, and several others with foundations only.

## Community Club Relations

The club had a good year reported Coker and asked for a limit to the number of white boundary stakes being placed along the course by residents. Coker said the stakes are not uni-

form, are not attractive, and causing confusion.

"The course is responsible for marking boundaries at each corner," said Coker.

A resident complained that golf carts are coming into his yard and suggested the stakes are being installed by residents to prevent that.

Acknowledging that carts are not permitted off course, Coker said, "Some residents are preventing golfers from retrieving balls on their property," said Coker. "Golfers have the right to retrieve a ball but do not have

(See "Foxfire," p. 25)



Former Councilman Gene Petrie is presented with awards recognizing his service by Foxfire Mayor George Erickson.

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## Foxfire

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the right to hit ball from your yard."

A resident asked if the course was under the same ordinances for clearing dead wood off their lots.

Coker replied the club was responsible for those lots and

would be given no preference over obeying village ordinances.

### Finance

Councilman Wally Peckitt reported the current budget is \$587,000, compared to the 1983 budget of \$10,000.

"We continue to grow but there

is nothing on the horizon that will give us difficulty and that we will not be able to fund."

Peckitt reported current receipts exceed expenditures by \$4,600. Water Fund is \$236,000, and Police Fund is \$14, 800.

### Water

Councilman Ed Lauer said he will present an ordinance resolution permanently banning private wells up for vote in January. He also reported that one new well is "looking really good and in the final stages of construction."

Lauer asked residents with private wells already in place to voluntarily conserve per present water restrictions.

### Mayor's Report

Mayor George Erickson said the updated North Carolina Parks and Trust Fund [PARTF] grant will

be submitted to the North Carolina Parks and Trust Foundation by January 31. He reported that recreation surveys sent out to residents came back with number one request of more walking trails.

In response, Erickson said a 0.3 mile walking trail has been added to the Village Center Complex plan forming a double loop around the pool and tennis areas and extending onto the adjoining village property.

"We added the walking trail and perhaps one day we will link the trail all the way to the Village Green Park trail," said Erickson.

Other additions to the proposed plan include an outdoor shower, storage space for tables and chairs for use in the proposed exercise/multi-purpose room, expanded pool decking,

and a hard walking surface from parking to pool.

### Other items:

Jim Smith appointed to Planning Zoning Board

Councilwoman Coker resigned from Board of Adjustment creating a vacancy on that committee

KR Mace will install six fans and four light boxes inside the Village Green Park shelters, at a cost of \$2,900

## Cyber-Ed

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families," said Rock. "We've caused quite a buzz and it's all been very positive. All the businesses in Seven Lakes have been welcoming and it's been a great experience."

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## Gardening

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## Editorial

### Until proven guilty

Innocent until proven guilty.

That's the way it's supposed to work. In these United States, folks accused of a crime are supposed to be presumed innocent until they are proven guilty. It's a cornerstone of our legal and law enforcement system.

Some folks in Seven Lakes took a couple of whacks at that cornerstone in the last two weeks. In our November 21 edition, we reported that three young men had been arrested on felony charges in connection with break-ins on the West Side. [See page 4 for an update.] We reported, based on information provided by the Moore County Sheriff's Office, that those arrested were suspected of involvement in other break-ins in the community.

As soon as that issue hit the street, the family of one of the young men began receiving harassing — even threatening — phone calls from other folks in Seven Lakes. The people doing the calling jumped directly from arrests, charges, and investigators' suspicions to guilt — and not just guilt for the October 10 incidents for which the young men were arrested, but guilt for everything that's gone missing or been broken in Seven Lakes in the past couple of years.

Those harassing phone calls were wrong; they were unacceptable behavior; and they betrayed a shameful lack of the neighborliness, sense of fair play, and generosity of spirit that is normally a hallmark of Seven Lakes.

We deeply regret the fact that our news article played a role in sparking that reaction from the community — but it is our job to report the news. It's the job of our readers to consume that news intelligently — and not jump to conclusions while the jury is still out.

### Enough already

Months ago, before any compromise was reached, any suit was filed, this newspaper suggested that the issues surrounding the potential sale and residential development of the Seven Lakes Country Club driving range were complicated, thorny, and ultimately involved two incompatible interpretations of a legal document.

We wrote: "It could be better for the future of both the Club and the Association if the resolution to this dispute has the authority of the court stamped on it."

The Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board of Directors looked at the legal options and decided that route was too expensive. They wound up in court anyway — but at least with their insurance company footing part of the bill.

Now the matter is in the hands of the court, and it is past time for it to disappear from the conversation in the regular business meetings of the Association. Some members of the Board — as well as some members of the public — seem to delight in debating the fine points of the case over and over again.

But the fact is, nothing that is said in a meeting of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association, at this point, will have one iota of impact on the ultimate decision reached by the court.

So, Board, Candidates, Landowners, let's leave this issue in the capable hands of the civil justice system and focus on the important long-range planning issues that we *can* affect — as Charlie Oliver, Donna Stephan, Dave Kinney, and Randy Zielsdorf have been recently urging us to do.

## Westside funding options

The Board of Directors is wrestling the weighty issue of trying to increase the budget income in a way that is fair to all members of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA]. Several plans are on the table, but the crux of the issue is what should drive any increase in our dues. Should achieving parity be the main goal or should the main goal be planning for future operating expenses and reserve needs?

Without special circumstances, most of us believe that everybody should pay an equal share of our expenses. That is only fair. But, fairness needs to be viewed in light of the merger agreement between The West Side Landowners, Morganwood, Beacon Ridge, and the Pinnacles.

### Background

Years ago Beacon Ridge paid their dues to the developer. He ran things at Beacon Ridge. He kept both dues and improvements at a very low level. The West Side Landowners Association had a challenge collecting for community operation and maintenance expenses that we thought should be shared by the whole community.

Eventually the Beacon Ridge Landowners gained control of their association, but we still had trouble defining what the responsibilities of the West Side

Landowners were and what the responsibilities of the Beacon Ridge Landowners were.

The Master Agreement was signed in an attempt to define things, but it was still unwieldy.

Eventually Beacon Ridge was convinced, that for the peace and harmony of the community, they would

"if" and insisted on the twelve percent cap. We were not frugal. We tapped the reserves.

### Current Situation

We have a crisis with respect to our reserves. We shouldn't wait to address the problem.

If we had decided to raise dues in small increments to address the past spending by the Board, that would have been responsible financial management. But it also would have stretched the time to achieve, parity, per the agreement. The agreement anticipated that we

could have increases so we should have no expectation of parity now. SLWLA voted for the agreement that capped Beacon Ridge increases to twelve percent and both sides should expect to live up to their part of the agreement.

It is not a black and white issue as to who benefits the most from the lake. Surely everybody's property values are increased by the lake. It is there for everybody to use. But those who move to Beacon Ridge do so because they want to live on a golf course. If the dam fails they live on a golf course. We live on a mud hole. It certainly can be argued that we have a larger interest in the lake.

That said, there are now three plans now on the table:

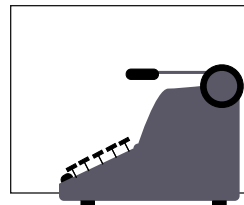
Plan 1 would drop the dues of those of the former West Side Landowners and Morganwood members back to the level that the twelve percent increase by Beacon Ridge and the Pinnacles will achieve next year [\$630]. Assuming this morally and legally achieves parity, an equal special assessment could then be requested of all members to balance next year's budget.

Plan 2 would leave the dues of the former Westside Landowners and Morganwood at \$665 for the next two years and let Beacon Ridge and the Pinnacles catch up. This would require either borrowing or further depletion

(See "Westside options" p. 29)

### Your Turn

Kathy Kirst, Lois Rocco,  
and George Ellis  
SLWLA Finance  
Committee



negotiate a merger agreement. They did this not because they thought it was in their financial best interest but to quiet the discord in the community. They had a Board and a treasury that they believed could manage their interests effectively. They turned over their treasury of approximately \$70,000 to the West Side Landowners when they merged with us.

During the negotiations, it was realized that the Beacon Ridge membership would not pass the agreement if we just increased dues to our level in one step. A schedule was established. The schedule assumed that our dues could stay constant while Beacon Ridge caught up. Everybody realized that this was a goal that could only be reached, if we were very frugal during the catch-up years. Beacon Ridge realized this was a big

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# Water supply to meet growing needs

Moore County's consultants, McGill & Associates, have made their recommendations — some seventeen of them — for increasing the county's water supply. [See page 1.]

Of particular interest were the four recommendations for greater capacity to serve not only Seven Lakes, but also our neighbors in McLendon Hills and Foxfire. This

was most heartening to hear — the good news.

But, here's the bad news. Any significant increase in our supply, in all probability, won't be available for the 2008 summer. Before the summer of 2009, we should be in good shape.

There is much analysis and other work yet to be done by Dennis Brobst's Public Utilities

Department before the first shovel is put into the ground. There are trade-offs to be

dancy and the cost to achieve that redundancy. A better, complete understanding of Inter-

basin Transfers law, and the likelihood of favorable changes, is necessary especially because of

years.

To ensure a doable plan that serves the greater need, it's critically important that politics do not make the decisions.

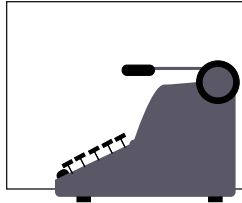
A lot of good can come from the McGill report. It is a loud and clear wake-up call to every water system in the county, both large and small.

But, not if the report is, as the editorial in the December 16 *Southern Pines Pilot* warns, put on the shelf. And not if there is any delay in getting at the details.

The Seven Lakes Civic Group will be pushing hard for timely implementation of what's best and, at the same time, practical.

## Your Turn

Dave Kinney  
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examined including:

- Between a line from Montgomery County to Seven Lakes along NC 211 and a line from Robbins (after upgrading their existing water treatment facility), or both,
- Between purchasing treated water for a contracted price (current practice) and buying water treatment capacity (offers the county better control),
- Between the benefits of redun-

Seven Lakes unique location in all three of the river basins within Moore County.

The devil is in the details. Consideration of the trade-off issues, and others, listed here is more than just considering details. The decisions reached are the basis for establishing a new forward-looking water policy.

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# That holiday classic: 'The Graham Cracker'

Somewhere between the pages of my FaceBook account, overflowing inbox of email forwards, and answering machine, I have misplaced my ability to put pen to paper and simply hand-write a letter. Luckily, I do not seem to be alone in my misfortune.

God bless the greeting card industry! Each year, I stand vigil over my December mail stack treasuring each and every incoming holiday card. Envelopes exhibiting the merest hint of extra padding are torn greedily open with high hopes they will

contain a short missive detailing how my loved ones spent the last twelve months. Quite often these notes are my only ongoing communication.

So this year, in case you aren't on my enormous Christmas mailing list yet, I'll share that the Douglass family communiqué is uncharacteristically brief and includes a color photograph of my eldest child sticking out his tongue. It's a really cute picture though!

With great concern, I sent same son — and tongue — out last week on a first grade field trip

to see, according to my daughter, "The Graham Cracker." Of course she meant The Nutcracker. [Aren't children so wonderfully witty as they describe their world while hindered with such a limited vocabulary?]

I can only imagine the patience and gymnastic ability required as the teachers attempted to corral several dozen six-year-old boys long enough to watch a ballet?

My husband, a sensitive romantic soul nonetheless burdened with Y-chromosomes, told me sometime around our third date that he secretly hated ballet and that he would be forever grateful if I would release him from any future obligation to attend.

I kept my end of that bargain for a solid thirteen and a half years.

Last Spring our youngest

debuted in her first dance recital and, as we watched her twirl with if not grace at least reckless abandon, Darling Hubby was

imposed ballet ban.

And I'll tell you a little family secret: father and daughter have been known to 'pas de deux' through the kitchen — with *Waltz of the Flowers* blaring, of course.

Now there's an image worthy of our holiday greeting.

Seriously, if I'm only going to send out one letter a year, a tutu tango trumps a tongue!



**Laura's Learning Curve**  
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## Big Christmas hug

Dear Editor:

This letter is written to thank everyone who donated to the kettle drive of the Salvation Army on December 1 and 15.

First, a big thanks to our local Food Lion for allowing us to collect at their store. Everyone at the store that I worked and talked with was very nice and more than willing to support our efforts.

Next, to my fellow Kiwanians who volunteered their time these two Saturdays to collect in the cold and, believe it or not, even rain for the children of Moore County.

Finally, thank you to all the nice people of Seven Lakes, West End, and other parts of Moore County that actually put

that change or dollars in the kettle.

It is because of all these people we were able to donate \$1,064 to the children of Moore County at this very needy season.

A fact you may not know, all the money we collect in the kettle stays right here in our county but if you sent the envelope donation in that can go anywhere the Salvation Army needs it.

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"She is the finest Christian I

have ever met," said the volunteer. "She said she was so blessed to be able to live so long, blessed to be able to have had a fine family, blessed to be given the chance to live honorably, sensitively, and constructively.

"Why can't we all be that way?"

was the question on the volunteer's mind as she returned from her tour of duty and told her friend: "That lady has shown me a perfect example of steadfast faith, lived with quiet and deep conviction."

It's a trait greatly to be admired, regardless of one's own beliefs.

There's a deep serenity that carries believers to and through seemingly impenetrable barriers to happiness. It's positively heartwarming to see someone work through the twists and turns that setbacks in life can bring.

That old lady has trusted her serenity to help carry her through life. She has smelled the roses, sensed the feelings of others, rejoiced, shed tears, comforted, mused, and taken Christ's words to heart,

within the ebb and flow of her time on Earth.



**Mason's Musings**

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## Westside options

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ing our reserves.

Plan 3, proposed by the Finance Committee, would require a \$135 increase for former West Side and Morganwood Landowners while Beacon Ridge and the Pinnacles are raised only twelve percent or \$67.

The merits of the three plans must be judged over at least a three-year time frame and not just the consideration of the next budget year.

Plan 1 achieves parity by placing both the merger agreement increase and an assessment on Beacon Ridge and the Pinnacles next year. It balances the budget next year but anticipates a large dues increase or assessments in the following years. Since the assessment requires a two-thirds vote of those voting, there is a strong likelihood that it will fail. This would result in either borrowing or dipping into the reserves. This is a short term solution that focuses on the 2008-2009 budget year.

Plan 2 achieves parity in two years but does nothing to fund our reserves for two years. Funding the reserves to the same level as plans 1 & 3, would likely require a large assessment and a large dues increase in the third year. This would be a "do nothing" plan that would require future Boards to address severe shortages in reserves. Relying on special assessments to fund necessary projects is not a sound financial practice.

Plan 3 requires the West Side

Landowners to shoulder the \$135 increase in the first year but anticipates no increases for the next two years for West Side Landowners while Beacon Ridge and the Pinnacles catch up. During the three year period, the \$135 increase will allow us to begin funding our reserves properly as we manage spend-

ing. At the very least the increased reserves will provide a cushion for the unexpected.

Please examine the options and decide what is best for the community.

If you favor the Finance Committee's plan, we urge you to let the Board know either by letter, email or by response to this in

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## SLLA meeting

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amendment the Paragraph 6.2.3 — which would have excluded anyone who is a named plaintiff in a lawsuit against the Association from running for the Board — by attempting to limit debate and move summarily to a vote on the question.

The Board had had “full dis-

cussion” on the proposed amendment during its November 7 work session, Truesdell said. But landowners in the audience quickly raised objections — among them, that Truesdell had skipped over an agenda item.

Backing up to the skipped item, Truesdell allowed Secretary Michael Florence to speak on

conflict of interest. Florence suggested that the Board develop a statement that incoming Board members would sign, pledging to avoid conflicts of interest.

As Florence concluded his remarks, Board candidate Bud Shaver offered a suggestion regarding the proposed bylaws amendment: “This thing has

become a real problem within the board and the community. I strongly urge the Board to put it on hold, put it aside. Set this aside at this meeting. Hold it over to the next Board.”

After discussion, the Directors voted unanimously to postpone their vote on the amendment until the lawsuit against

the Association is resolved. That leaves Hudson clear to join the race that has now attracted nine candidates to compete for three board seats.

### Nominations

Nominating Committee Chairman Ed Nuti reported during the December 12 meeting that several new names had been added to the list of Board candidates since the December 5 work session.

The slate now includes incumbent Directors Florence, Hudson, and Nuti, as well as challengers Gary Caulk, Bud Shaver, Ron Erskine, Mike Roscoe, Denny Galford, and former Director Jeff Hermann.

But even the announcement of nominees was not without controversy.

Noting all the talk about con-

(See “SLLA meeting,” p. 31)

## Nuti explains his nomination process

[Seven Lakes Landowners Association Director Ed Nuti shared with *The Times* this explanation of the process he used to secure nominees for this year's Board of Directors elections.]

Back in a late October or early November meeting, Don asked us to nominate a board member to serve as this year's Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Randy nominated me. No one else spoke to the question and the board unanimously accepted my appointment.

Because the By-Laws speak to the consist of the committee, i.e., a Chairman and two or more non-board members, it was my intention to avoid, at all costs, a shameful repeat of the way last year's nominees were handled. You will recall that Randy was purposely omitted from the final submission of a slate of candidates and had to go through the petition process to get on the final ballot. We all know how that “committee” handled the assignment.

In a fully open and democratic governing board it is important to get as much public input on all matters directly affecting them as we can, so they can feel a part of the process. I can think of no

input or process more important to the community than to present to them a solid and representative slate of candidates for them to select and elect.

My immediate concern was time. I decided that there would be only one way to get everyone involved in the process and that would be to call for nominees in *The Times* and from the floor at our meetings. Think about this: if I were to select two non-board members and have them knock on doors and/or make endless phone calls, would they have reached the 1200 households like I did with two appeals in the paper? The answer is obvious.

So what I did was to make

all 1200 households my “committee.” If you want their names, they're in the ‘phone book. However, I started by using the word of mouth method and I made several calls, first asking each whether they were interested in running, and if not, would they be good enough to send me names of anyone they knew that might be interested. They all agreed to do so. At no time, did I ask them to become a part of a formal committee; in effect they were participating in the democratic process the way it should be.

The definition of “committee” in the dictionary is “a group of people delegated to perform a particular function or task”. Notice

it's “delegated” not “designated.” I hope you agree that 1200 is a large group! In any case, I want you to know that the entire slate of nine (9) nominees all presented themselves to me following my several appeals.

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flict of interest in the case of Hudson and Leach, Director Stephan asked Nuti to “Define for me conflict of interest. How do you define it? A paid employee’s husband [Caulk] is running for the Board. Denny Galford

running for for the Board.” Galford is currently a member of the Country Club Board.

Gary Caulk is the husband of longtime SLLA employee Debbie Caulk. Addressing the question of whether Mr. Caulk’s election to the Board would constitute

a conflict of interest, Truesdell read from an email authored by Board Attorney Hunter Stovall. As long as Mr. Caulk was not directly supervising his wife, and as long as she was not in a position to influence the tallying of election ballots, Truesdell said, there

is no conflict of interest. [Asked to provide *The Times* with a copy of the email from Stovall earlier this week, Truesdell declined.]

A second controversy erupted when a member of the audience asked Nuti to name the members of his nominating committee.

After rifling through his papers, Nuti came up with the name of Pete Sonderfan, but it quickly became obvious that Nuti had not formed a traditional committee. The SLLA bylaws indicate that the nominating committee should

(See “SLLA meeting,” p. 32)

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# SLLA Meeting

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be chaired by a Board member and should include at least two Association members who are not current Directors.

"You just did away with the bylaws?" Treasurer Hudson asked. "You didn't even have a committee!"

Nuti said he had instead relied on contacts he had made with what he said were 75 or more members of the community to gather a list of potential candidates.

## Early elections?

The ensuing flap prompted Candidate Shaver to call for the Board elections to be moved up 30 days.

"What's going on right now is one of the reasons I am running," Shaver said. "This Board has reached a point where it can't get anything done, period . . . I strongly urge that the Board move the election up and get a new board. . . . You can't get anything done anymore . . . I strongly urge you move the election up by 30 days."

Whether the Board can in fact move up the election under the current bylaws is unclear. In any case, no Board member picked up on Shaver's suggestion during the meeting.

## Other Business

Also during its Wednesday, December 12 meeting, the SLLA Board:

- Unanimously approved an already budgeted three percent increase in the fee it pays to Security Forces, Inc. to provide the community with gate guards. The company has served the SLLA for fifteen months; this is their first requested increase.
- Unanimously approved the

final draft of the Rules and Regulations that a committee headed by Ed Nuti has been working on.

- Discussed language proposed for section 6.6 of the SLLA bylaws that would better define the circumstances in which Directors may vote via email. Director Nuti will continue to refine the section, bringing it back to the Board in January.
- Decided not to change Section 6.9.3 of the Bylaws, which deals with special closed meetings of the board, after learning from Director Nuti that the existing language in the bylaws is sufficient to the task.
- Reviewed proposed rules for the parking of boats and boat trailers at residences. The new language would allow boats to be parked in the garage, in the rear of the house, or at the side of the home, but ten feet back from the front of the house.
- Approved a new form that residents may use to request copies of Association documents, with an eye to reducing the burden on the office staff as Debbie Caulk settles into her new position as bookkeeper while training part-timers to assume her former duties. Expressing concern that the new procedure could hamper the work of the Finance Committee, Treasurer Hudson was the lone vote against the new procedure.
- Unanimously approved an increase in the current year lakes and dams budget from

\$60,000 to \$100,000. President Truesdell made the request on behalf of the lakes and dams committee.

- Learned that the ARB had approved one spec home being built by Clark Campbell, approved one arbor, and tabled three fences. Director Stephan noted that arbors are not generally allowed, but the landowner in question had demonstrated a medical need.
- Learned that the SLLA Recreation Committee will take over administration of the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade from the Women of Seven Lakes, who were unable to find a chairperson for the event. The traditional corned beef sandwich

luncheon will be discontinued.

- Learned that the Maintenance Committee, chaired by Director Nuti, has not met since sometime in the Summer and that Director Florence has not formed either a Security or a

Personnel Committee. Florence distributed to Board members personnel evaluations forms to be used in the annual review of the Community Manager, asking that they be returned by January 16.

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# Jane Leach

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President Don Truesdell said SLLA Attorney Hunter Stovall had recommended Leach's removal in a closed session held at the end of the Board's December 5 work session.

Because the matter arose in closed session — and Leach chose to address the Board on the issue in closed session — the precise grounds for Leach's removal remained somewhat murky after Wednesday's vote.

During the meeting, President Don Truesdell said the problem was a "perceived conflict of interest." Director Laura Douglass said at one point that Stovall had received a letter "saying I will sue you" from a builder. "We are looking down the barrel of another potential lawsuit," Director Randy Zielsdorf said.

Apparently, Stovall's recommendation came at least in part in response to letters and emails from Southside landowner, builder, and attorney Clark Campbell, a principal in Grumpy Pumpkin, LLC, which has been developing a number of lots in Seven Lakes South. Campbell has been mentioned as a possible purchaser and developer of Seven Lakes Country Club's existing five-acre driving range.

Leach, along with her husband, Chuck, is party to a lawsuit filed by Alan Shaw, SLLA Treasurer Steve Hudson and his wife Mary, and Tom and Roberta Robinson that seeks to void an agreement between the SLLA and Seven Lakes Country Club dealing with the proposed subdivision of the Club's existing driving range for residential purposes.

Exactly how Leach's participation in the lawsuit compromised her ability to serve on the ARB was not spelled out during the Wednesday night meeting. But statements by various Board members during the meeting suggested that Campbell was dissatisfied with his interactions with the committee — and with Leach in particular. He, Stovall, or some members of the Board at some point apparently asked whether Leach — an opponent of the residential development of the SLLA driving range — was dealing unfairly with Campbell — a rumored developer of the range.

"Why am I being singled out?" Leach asked Board members before they voted. Noting that two letters of complaint from a builder also mentioned other ARB members, she added,

"There were nice ones and not so nice ones. I'm not the only one who voted on these matters in this way. I am only one on the lawsuit as a plaintiff. . . . If you take me out, I would like to know why. It is very prejudicial. What message do we send him or any other developer by doing this?"

"Jane is being asked to leave by a builder who thinks she is prejudiced and by some gossip," Director Stephan said, defending Leach's performance as a committee member. "The lawyer has received some phone calls about Leach and Stephan that we are not doing our job correctly." Stephan said the complaints included "backdoor gossip and innuendo."

None of the Board members questioned Leach's performance; they appeared to be motivated primarily by the threat of

legal action.

"It is clear that Jan has done a good job," Director Douglass said. "This is not about performance. It's about the fact that the Lawyer received a letter saying 'I will sue you.'" Douglass said Leach could recuse herself in certain Board decisions if only a single builder were involved. But her continued presence on the ARB "continues to leave us open to legal risk," she argued. "Why do we have a Board attorney if we keep disregarding his advice?" she said later.

Director Ed Nuti also said "there is no issue here with performance. We don't need any more lawsuits. There may be a hidden agenda in giving him [presumably, Campbell] a rough time. What could that be? If you are in a lawsuit against the Club and the Club has been given a

offer to develop the 5.5 acres, is there a tug of war going on here?"

Board Secretary Michael Florence said that he and other Board members had not seen all the letters and emails — apparently addressed to Attorney Stovall — that were cited as grounds for removing her from the Board.

Northsider Charlie Oliver demanded that the documents be made public. [Earlier this week, *The Times* asked to be provided with copies of the documents. "On advice of counsel the answer is no," President Truesdell responded.]

After further debate, the Board voted four-to- three to remove Leach, with Douglass, Zielsdorf, and Nuti each apologizing to her as they cast their votes to remove her from the Committee.

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# Water

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lighted this as a bottleneck and risk fact — hence, the emphasis on bringing water to Seven Lakes from elsewhere.

The Candor-Seven Lakes connection will bring treated water from the Montgomery County system, which has intakes in the Pee Dee River on the western edge of the county. McGill estimated a total cost for the project at \$2.75 million, which includes \$433,000 for internal upgrades to the Montgomery County system designed to improve reliability.

"This gives you up to 500,000 gallons per day," Apke told the Commissioners. "Because of water shortages in Seven Lakes, getting this line ground as quickly as possible is a priority."

The current peak production capacity of the Seven Lakes system is 825,000 gallons per day. This past summer water usage topped 900,000 gallons on some days, tapping into the 150,000 gallon reserve in the community's two water tanks.

## The Inter-Basin Transfer Challenge

The amount of water that can be delivered via the pipeline to Candor is limited not so much by the size of the pipe as by state law governing the transfer of water from one river basin to another.

A number of river systems carry water across the state to the Atlantic Ocean, and the state limits the amount of water that any governmental entity may transfer from one of those basins to another to two million gallons per day. The picture is clouded even more by the division of the large river basins into sub-basins. And, to make things even more complicated, a controversial inter-basin transfer by Concord and Kannapolis has made it nearly impossible for local governments to receive state permits for the transfers.

The ridge that runs along NC Highway 211 defines the boundary between the Lumber and Cape Fear River Basins, cutting Seven Lakes in half from an inter-basin transfer point of view. Montgomery County pulls its water from a third system, the Yadkin-Pee Dee. Montgomery County already transfers water across basin lines for use by its own citizens in Star, Candor, and Biscoe. Plus it sells water to Robbins. So the county can afford to send only 500,000 gallons per day to Seven Lakes — still, that would supply more than half of the community's current needs and reduce dependence on the Pinehurst connector.

## Robbins Water Plant

The water that Robbins is obligated to purchase from Mont-

gomery County under a long-term agreement more than meets its internal needs, now that its largest water customer, a chicken processing plant, has closed. So the municipality decided to close its aging, 1.5 million gallon per day water treatment plant. Robbins also has a 120 million gallon reservoir on Bear Creek that is not currently being used to supply drinking water.

Apke said a study conducted two years ago showed that the Robbins plant needed \$625,000 in repairs — but because it has been sitting idle, the cost of bringing it back on line is likely to be higher.

Still, the engineer argued, bringing the plant — which could ultimately be upgraded to 3 million gallons per day — back into service is likely to be far less expensive than building a new plant. Apke also pointed out that Southern Pines is about to spend millions of dollars to construct a new 160 million gallon reservoir — only a third larger than the reservoir sitting unused in Robbins.

The retrofitted plant could provide water not only to Seven Lakes but also to Highfalls and Westmoore Elementary Schools, both targeted in the Moore County Public Schools capital plan for connection to county water supplies.

The town of Robbins has

already applied to the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center for a grant to study bringing the water plant back on line. Apke said it could take two to three years to bring it back into service.

A longer-term benefit of having a functioning treatment plant in Robbins, he noted, was the potential to connect that plant to the Deep River — Moore County's largest stream.

## Robbins water to 7 Lakes — and Foxfire

McGill's third priority is a \$3.6 million water line that would bring treated water from Robbins into the Seven Lakes area. Apke

said previous studies have suggested bringing that line down NC Highway 211, where it would connect in the water main from Candor. But McGill is recommending an alternate route down Dowd and Carthage Roads, which would increase the number of points from which the Seven Lakes system is supplied.

Once Robbins water is flowing to Seven Lakes, McGill recommends connecting the Seven Lakes system to Foxfire's municipal water system, via a line extending down Hoffman Road. Apke noted that Foxfire is beginning to experience some of the same problems with its wells

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# Water

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that have plagued the Seven Lakes system. Four wells have elevated radium levels — and wells in the western portion of the county are generally not as productive as wells in the Pinehurst area.

Bringing water to Foxfire from Seven Lakes is expected to cost \$1.2 million, the consultant told Commissioners.

## Other recommendations

The McGill Study was designed to take a comprehensive look at the water needs of Moore County and its municipalities. Take a look up to 50 years down the road, the consulting engineers projected population growth and the need for water that it will drive, the potential sources from which the county could obtain water, and the complications presented by tightening inter basin transfer laws. [A copy of the slides from Apke's presentation to the Commissioners is available on *The Seven Lakes Times* website.]

The study generated both short-term recommendations — some of which are described about — and long-term recommendations.

Other short-term initiatives include the following:

- Correct a bottleneck that limits the flow of water from Southern Pines to Pinehurst — a project that the Public Works Department is currently working on — and increase the amount water the county can obtain from Southern Pines from the current 250,000 gallons per day to 1 million gallons per day.

- Construct an emergency interconnection between Pinebluff and Southern Pines. Pinebluff is beginning to experience elevated radium levels in its wells and may need an alternative that can be brought on line quickly.

- Connect the Town of Cameron's water system to that of the City of Sanford. In order to maintain water quality in the most remote sections of its water system, Sanford is forced to dump 200,000 gallons per day of treated water on the ground.

- County and municipal leaders should attend upcoming meeting on inter basin transfer rules to seek relief from the state.

- Monitor the City of Laurinburg's study of an unused water intake on the Lumber River. The intake once supplied water to a textile plant and is being evaluated for inclusion in Laurinburg's water system. Because that intake is within the same river

basin that Moore County's wastewater treatment system discharges into, it could help the county avoid inter basin transfer issues.

- Undertake a legal and technical review of all water purchase agreements. Apke noted that some of the county and municipal water agreements have expired.

- Evaluate "unaccounted for water" — in other words, look for leaks — throughout the county and municipal with a goal of 10% variance.

- Consider impacts of inter basin transfer regulations in planning the future of the county's Vass wastewater treatment plant. The county has been contemplating taking the 60,000 gallon per day plant out of service, treating that waste at the larger Addor plant. But the Vass plant discharges into the Cape Fear River, rather than the Lumber. Given inter-basin transfer rules, having a Cape Fear discharge option may be good for the county long term, Apke said.

- Promote and support wastewater treatment and reuse systems. Many municipalities nationwide are beginning to utilize treated wastewater for non-potable water applications — like irrigation.

- Re-assess the status of water resources in 2009. Apke said it is quite possible that laws will change in the next couple of years — particularly those governing inter-basin transfer. In addition, the maps that describe river basins and sub-basins may be redrawn.

## Long-term recommendations

McGill and Associates offered only three long-term recommendations:

- Construct a run-of-river intake on the Deep River and expand capacity of Robbins water treatment plant to 3.5 million gallons per day. This would "get the county's largest water resource into play," Apke said. And installing a run-of-river intake that could shunt water to the 120 million gallon Robbins reser-

voir would not involve attempting to build a reservoir on the river itself — a regulatory minefield that could take thirty years or more to accomplish.

- Increase the capacity of the Southern Pines water plant. That plant could pull up to 14 million gallons per day out of Drowning Creek if certain conditions are met, Apke said, and the municipality will need more capacity by 2026 if not before.

- Have the County partner with Southern Pines to provide water to the Pinehurst system. The water that Moore County Public Utilities is currently purchasing from Aberdeen for Pinehurst may not be available by 2022 because of growth in Aberdeen. Southern Pines can provide water to Pinehurst without running afoul of inter-basin transfer laws.



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## Westside work session

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Seven Lakes West because it rules out the levying of any special assessment until the dues paid by BR/PSL landowners reach parity with those paid by WSL landowners. Because SLW dues were increased \$35 last year, parity will not be reached until 2009-2010, given current scheduled increases. So, the Board cannot appeal to the membership for a special assessment to pay for the dam repairs without addressing the parity issue.

That sets the stage for the

second option, championed by Legal Director Hugh Beckwith, who presented a spreadsheet during the work session that compared his idea to the Finance Committee's proposal.

First Beckwith noted that the scheduled twelve percent increase in BR/PSL dues, combined with the expense budget prepared by the Finance Committee — including \$300,000 for dam repairs — would leave a \$172,000 revenue shortfall without dipping into reserves. "If it was not necessary to repair the dam, we'd be running a surplus," Beck-

with noted.

The most equitable way to meet that shortfall, Beckwith argued, is not to increase SLW dues, but to decrease SLW dues in order to achieve parity with BR/PSL, and then ask the community as a whole to bear the cost of a special assessment. "You're now talking about everyone paying it rather than just some," Beckwith said. "Whatever you do going forward, you are in better position, with everyone paying the same."

"The problem I have — this is a one-year option," Treasurer

Kathy Kirst said of Beckwith's plan. "You don't have anything that goes further out. How we are planning on getting to some of the goals that we have set for building the reserve funds?"

During the December 11, Work Session, Director Ray MacKay appeared to be the only proponent of the third option, which is to pay for next fall's dam repairs with reserve funds, borrowing, or a combination of the two, and delay any SLW dues increase or community-wide assessment until the 2009-2010 budget year.

"At this point, we don't even know what is going to be needed [to repair the dam]," MacKay argued. "I think we are going to have a hard time selling an assessment when we don't know what the future costs are going to be. From the way my phone calls have been coming in, we have not sold the need for the assessment. I say we wait a year."

"We will have to pay for the dam remediation in the '08-'09 budget year," President Jim Haggard countered. "From my view

we are already way down in our reserves." Kirst said a recent audit had shown the following totals for the three SLWLA reserve accounts: Capital projects — \$113,046; Dam — \$176,089; Repaving — \$286,334.

By pushing off an assessment or dues increase "you are delaying the beginning of putting money into repaving and the other reserves for two years," Haggard argued;

"I think we are going to have a hard time getting an assessment approved," MacKay reiterated. SLWLA members are asked to approve their Association budget each year by majority vote at an annual meeting. A special assessment requires the approval of two-thirds of the landowners voting.

"We should do what is best for the community," Haggard replied. "If the community disapproves that, then that's okay. The way I look at it, they are going to pay sooner or later."

"I can tell you in Beacon Ridge there are a lot of elderly retirees (See "Westside," p. 37)

## Six to run for Westside Board Seats

During its December 11 Work Session the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Board of Directors approved a slate of six candidates submitted by nominating committee chair Jo Nicholas. The candidates include:

- Retired attorney Ed Silberhorn, a resident since 2005;
- Retired engineer Ron Shepard;
- Karen Milligan, who brings a background in retail marketing and management, as well as inte-

rior design;

- Retired Dentist Lionel Kuhn, a resident since 1990, and a former Westside Director;
- Retired General Electric engineer James Johnson, who moved to the West Side in late 2006; and
- His wife Carol Johnson, a former banker.

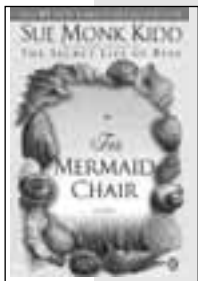
Additional candidates may enter the race by petitions submitted 60 days prior to the Annual meeting, scheduled for March 16.

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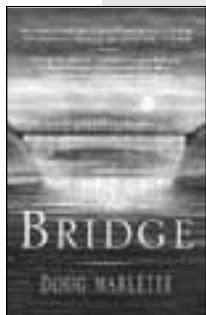
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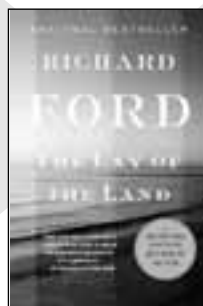
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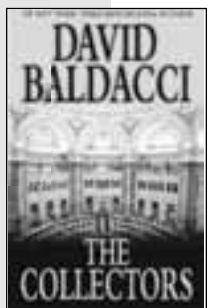
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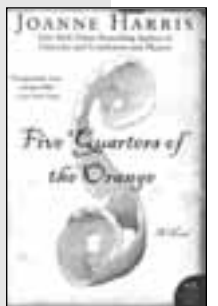
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# Westside work session

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— and they don't want to see a penny [of a dues increase]," MacKay said.

Ultimately, the Board asked the Finance Committee to run each scenario out three to five years so their long-term impact could be better assessed. The issue is expected to be discussed — and the preferred approach likely selected — during the January 8 SLWLA Board Work Session.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Kirst raised a related item touching on the interpretation of the Bylaws.

"The Bylaws say if the budget is not passed at the annual meeting, then we revert to previous year's budget and the Board reviews the budget proposed," she said. "They also say the Board sets the dues. So does the revenue budget proposed by the Board still remain?"

"It is wonderfully ambiguous," Beckwith replied. "I think we need to look at it."

## Security meeting

President Haggard told Board members that several positive things had come out of a Monday, December 10 meeting on security issues with members of the Pinnacles and Beacon Ridge Lakeview Homes communities:

- Nearly fifty residents attended the meeting.
- Resident Spencer Adams announced that he had started gathering volunteers for a nighttime roving patrol. "That is probably something that we could support," Haggard said.
- "It was interesting that most of the people there recognized that security starts in the the home," he added. "Some folks thought that we need fencing and a roving patrol as well."

Haggard said Director Mackay will be taking a look at the community's perimeter to see where there are common areas — that would allow for the installation of fencing — versus private areas.

"Another thing we learned [from Moore County Sheriff's investigators who attended the meeting], is that we don't have a big problem here," Haggard

said. "Compared to the rest of Moore County, it is insignificant."

"It is not an external problem," he added, "but an internal problem. It's not people from outside, but by people from within Seven Lakes."

## Other Business

In other work session business, the SLWLA Board:

- Heard from George Jenner that a comprehensive community database is currently undergoing testing and that the delivery date on the project is expected to be delayed until January 31.
- Heard that Moore County Public Works had sent a staff member out to the West Side to meet with Ray MacKay and mark locations for the installation of five fire hydrants the SLWLA has purchased but the county has yet to install. MacKay noted that this was the fourth time the locations had been marked. The Board asked Community Manager Robertson to contact County Manager Cary McSwain about a longer term resolution to the fire hydrant issue.
- Approved an increase of approximately three percent increase in the fee that Security Forces Inc. charges the Association to provide gate guards.
- Accepted from resident Grace Behrens a proposal for a \$10,000 fitness trail, with exercise stations, to be considered as an alternative to the proposed Loop the Lake trail.
- Heard that the Annual Contract for the Fourth of July Fireworks display had increased by \$2,000. After discussion, the Board asked Community Manager Tony Robertson to explore options for holding down the cost without negatively impacting the show.
- Heard from each director on the subject of streetside mail delivery versus the use of mailhouses.
- Reached consensus that selecting nominees for the SLWLA Wall of Honor should be removed from the duties assigned the nominating committee, effectively suspending the Wall of Honor program for the time being.



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Most subprime borrowers take out an adjustable-rate mortgage that gives them an initial low interest rate around 4%. With the annual adjustments of 2% or more per year, these loans end up charging around 10%.

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