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George Worst honored



Retiring Planning and Zoning Committee member George Worst was recognized for his dedicated service and commitment to Foxfire Village during the May 13 Council Meeting Mayor George Erickson presented the awards.

Area A panel revises land plan

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

With a Tuesday night, May 13, meeting at the Old West End School, the proposed Small Area Plan for Area A began its journey back through the approval process to the Moore County Planning Board and Board of Commissioners.

The meeting reconvened the Area A Steering Committee to consider revisions to the draft document that answered questions raised by the county commissioners when they reviewed the plan in March.

The Planning staff walked away from the meeting with consensus decisions to soften the plan's recommendations in a couple of contentious areas and broaden recommendations that may have been overly specific in the draft the Commissioners decided not to approve.

A public meeting to gather feedback on the revised plan is

scheduled for Tuesday, June 3, at 7:00 pm, with the location to be announced.

"Our role in this is to communicate to you nine very simple things that stand between you and adoption of this plan by the Board of Commissioners," Planning Director Joey Raczowski told Steering Committee members, opening the meeting. The group then worked through the nine concerns expressed in writing by the Commissioners.

Most of that work focused on the Area A group's desire to protect wetlands and watersheds in order to protect water quality.

For example, in order to "protect water courses" the original Area A plan encouraged the county to "increase setback to 100 feet on each side of stream." The Commissioners suggested that this was excessive and that it should be sufficient to stay with Army Corps of Engineers (See "Area A" p. 37)

Picerno, Lea win in Commissioner races

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

It's official. The Moore County Board of Elections published the official results of the May 6 primary Election on Wednesday and showed Nick Picerno and Tim Lea as winners in the two County Commissioner races that appeared on the Republican Primary ballot.

In the final tally, incumbent Commissioner Lea's lead over challenger Tim Sloan was 114 votes, or 1.1 percent, out of the 10,034 cast. The Moore County Board of Elections conducted a discretionary recount in the race on Monday, May 12, because nearly 400 fewer ballots were cast in the Lea-Sloan race than in the Picerno-Fiorillo race.

The recount raised Lea's margin of Victory by one vote over the unofficial results tabulated on Election Night.

In the other Commissioners race, Picerno, a McLendon Hills resident, won by a more convincing margin, picking up 5,793, or 55.5%, of the 10,432 cast in the contest to succeed current Board of Commissioners chair-

man Colin McKenzie. Despite having McKenzie's endorsement, Fiorillo, who serves as the Chairman of the Moore County Planning Board and once served as Moore County Planning Director, fell more than 1,100 votes short of Picerno's total.

In the Seven Lakes Precinct, Picerno's lead was slightly

stronger — 59 percent to 41 percent — while Lea bested Sloan 60 percent to 40 percent. [Reporting precinct by precinct numbers is complicated by the fact that election night results provided by the Board of Elections do not assign the votes of those who used One Stop Voting Centers to their home (See "Election," p. 35)

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Mail stolen from West End curbside boxes

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Roadside mailboxes at various locations in the West End Area were apparently targeted by thieves on Monday, May 12, according to the USPS inspection Service — the law enforcement arm of the Post Office.

Postal Inspector Justin Crooks told *The Times* that both the Moore County Sheriff's Office and Postal inspectors are cooperating in the investigation. It has not yet been determined how many postal customers were affected.

The thieves had removed both outgoing and incoming mail from boxes, and apparently gone through it for checks and possibly for personal information, and discarded the torn envelopes in

piles in three remote locations in the West End Area, where it was spotted by sheriff's deputies on Monday, May 12.

Mail was found at the intersection of Esther and Murdocksville Roads and included outgoing mail from the Maplewood community, which contained mostly payments to credit card companies and other merchants. The envelopes were torn open, and the checks were missing from many of the envelopes.

Mail was found at two other locations in West End and Robbins that had been delivered on May 12 to addresses on Carthage Road, Holly Grove School Road, Murdocksville Road, and Bluebird Lane.

Crooks said the theft of mail from curbside boxes is not common and West End Postmaster Harold Jones told *The Times* this is the first incident of this type he can recall in the area.

Crooks said the Postal Service always encourages cus-

tomers to avoid placing outgoing mail in their curbside box and putting up the red flag. "Take it by the Post Office and drop it in the big blue box — or even take it inside the Post Office," Crooks said. "That's more secure."

He also encouraged customers to put a hold on their mail when they are going to be away from home for several days, to better secure personal information.

The theft of mail and misuse of personal information involve both federal and state crimes, Crooks said, and could result in long stints in prison.

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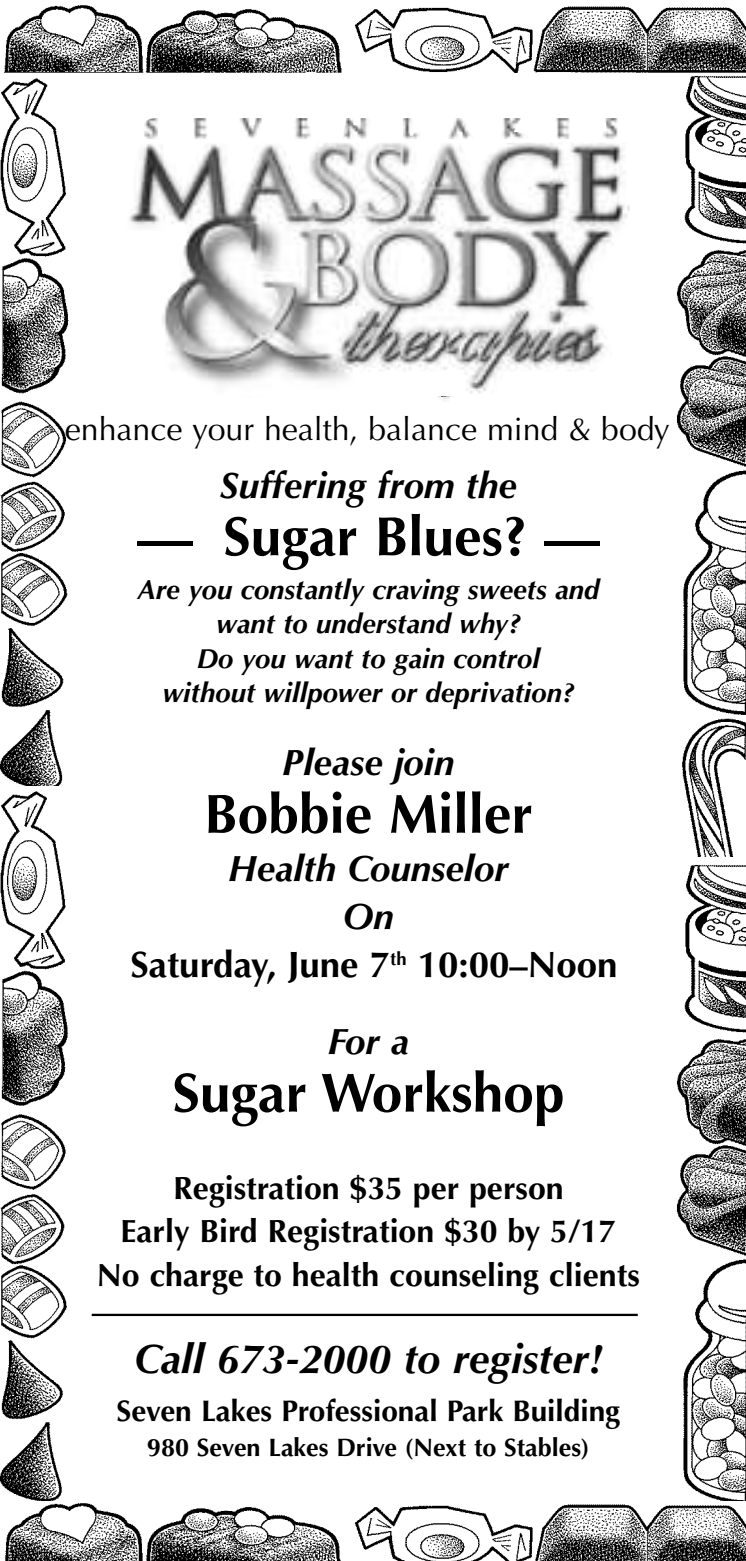
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New SLCC practice range runs afoul of Corps

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Seven Lakes Country Club has run afoul of the Army Corps of Engineers and a number of other agencies in the construction of its new practice range, but newly-elected President Gordon Zeller told *The Times* that Club has taken steps that it hopes "will get this behind us as quickly as possible."

In a certified letter dated April 4, Colonel John E. Pulliam, Jr., District Engineer for the Corps Wilmington Field Office cites five violations of the permit the Corps issued the Club to allow construction of the range. [Corps representatives were unwilling to talk with *The Times* about the enforcement action until earlier this week.]

According to Pulliam, the Club is "non-compliant with the terms and conditions" of their permit and "in violation of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act."

The specific violations are:

- "Failure to properly maintain authorized fill."
- "Failure to maintain appropriate soil erosion and sediment control measures."
- "Failure to provide and maintain water quality management measures, associated with the authorized activity, to ensure no more than minimal adverse effects on water quality."
- "Failure to provide this office with a copy of the Declaration of Restrictions and preservation map or legal description."
- "Failure to comply with the terms of the verification such that you have not accomplished the work in strict accordance with the approved plans and verification conditions."

Pulliam requests that the Club explain the reasons for the violations, provide a copy of the recorded, preservation documents, and provide a "comprehensive restoration and monitoring plan for the affected jurisdictional area." He also notes that immediate corrective action must be taken to stabilize the site and prevent further sedimentation and erosion.

Club uses sod to stabilize site

Club President Zeller told *The*

Times that the Club has moved to correct the immediate problems with erosion and sedimentation by sodding the practice range and by creating a temporary pond to hold runoff until permanent measures can be implemented.

Those permanent measures are under development by Southern Pine Consulting Engineer Dr. Jay Carter, who has extensive experience dealing with the Corps and other environmental agencies.

The range was originally seeding with rye grass, Zeller explained, and the intent was to sprig it rather than sodding it. But the surface was not able to withstand several heavy late winter/early spring rains.

The decision to install sod meant a larger upfront cost, Zeller said, though it may mean the range can be put into operation sooner. The sprigging plan was expected to generate a playable surface by perhaps October.

With the sod installed, the Club plans to allow golfers participating in a junior tournament to test it this weekend. If all goes well and ball removal equipment is able to operate without displacing the sod, the range could be in general use by June, Zeller said.

He noted that had sprigs been spread and then, because of runoff or erosion, had to be spread a second time, the cost would have been as much as installing sod.

"This is a work in progress," he added. "In time it will look much better than it does now."

There is a permanent wet area in front of the primary tee, which it takes a sixty to seventy yard shot to clear, Zeller explained, adding that he sees it as good practice for a shot over water on the Club's eighth hole. A smaller tee that does not front on the wet area is provided for golfers concerned about clearing the obstruction.

Legal documents, stream relocation are key

Justin McCorcle, an attorney with the Corps' Wilmington field office, told *The Times* that the Corps has worked with Dr. Carter in the past and expects his remediation plan before the end of the

month.

McCorcle said he is especially concerned that the legal preservation documents be in place and that the remediation plan address the unauthorized moving of a stream channel. He explained that the legal documents are recorded and linked to the deed to the property, so that, should it ever be sold, a future buyer is aware that it contains wetlands that must be preserved.

He noted that the matter of relocating the stream was a point of discussion between the Corps and the Club during the application process. The Club wanted to move the 200-foot section of stream, but was informed by the Corps that this

would require paying for 200 feet of stream mitigation in some other location. The cost, McCorcle told *The Times*, would have been \$200-\$400 per lineal foot, in other words, \$40,000 to

\$80,000. The Club decided to forego that expense and to leave the stream where it was. So the permit issued omitted permission to move the stream.

(See "Driving Range," p. 36)

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Long Range Planning group reports priorities

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

The Lakeway Drive railroad crossing and resolving the mail delivery issue are at the top of the agenda of the West Side's Long Range Planning Committee, the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors learned during their Tuesday, May 13 Work Session.

Long Range Planning [LRP] Co-Chairmen Roger Brooke and Bud Sales briefed the Directors on the thirteen projects that the committee has identified as its top priorities for further work in the coming year.

Brooke explained that the list was developed by asking committee members to assign a numerical priority to each of the projects the committee had been asked to consider over the past half-dozen years. Those scores were averaged to identify top priorities.

Brooke and Sales then walked the Board through the list, which includes:

- Railroad Crossing: A process involving the Moore County Board of Commissioners and the North Carolina Department of Transportation is underway to transfer the Lakeway Drive rail crossing from private hands to public hands and to upgrade the crossing signals and configuration.

- Mail delivery: Negotiations with the US Postal Service continue and a ballot is before the membership on a covenant change necessary to allow curbside mail delivery in Seven Lakes

West.

- Land Usage Covenant Change: Current Seven Lakes West covenants prevent the Association from acquiring non-perking or otherwise substandard building lots and converting them to public use — for instance, for a small "pocket park."

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- Expansion of boat storage.
- Developing long range financial projections.

- Relocating the guard house: The Association does not own the guardhouse, and may for both traffic safety and aesthetic reasons want to move it further into the community — perhaps to the location of the current mailhouse.

- New front entrance: Moving the guard house will require reconfiguring the front entrance area.

- Separation front entrance landscaping: If the guardhouse is not moved, then it may be desirable to re-landscape the front entrance to provide more separation from the adjacent commercial establishments.

- Additional marina slips.
- Recreational use of the dam. If the road across Lake Auman Dam is not reopened, then plans will be needed to utilize that space for recreation.

- Additional recreational facilities.

Two additional projects need the attention of long-range planning but, according to Sales, are not optional. One is the repaving of Longleaf Drive and some interior roadways, with a current estimated cost of \$3.5 million over a period of years. Infrastructure Director Ray MacKay has developed detailed plans for the staging of the work, but work is needed to plan for the financing of that work.

A second "non-optional" project is the replacement of the Lake Auman dam valve, estimated to cost \$300,000 when it is needed several years in the future. Again, the need is for advance planning to finance this big-ticket item.

Concluding the presentation, Sales said, "Long Range Planning serves at the discretion of the Board. If there are areas that the Board would like to have

investigated, you should let us know."

Director Ron Shepard noted that the proposed Loop the Lake Trail around Longleaf Drive was not included among the LRP priorities. "It didn't get significant support from Long Range Planning and was tabled," Sales explained. The answer was the same when Director Karen Milligan asked about perimeter fencing. "It didn't make the cut," Sales said.

He noted that these and other projects that are not in the top dozen LRP priorities are not gone for good and could move up the list as other projects are completed.

Wrapping up the conversation, Treasurer Kathy Kirst asked, "What do you want from the Board?"

"We wanted to make sure the Board knew what we were working on," Sales said.

Association management

During the May 13 work ses-

sion, the SLWLA Board voted to move in the direction of contracting with an outside community management company rather than hiring an in-house replacement for Community Manager Tony Robertson when he retires later this year. They also voted to accept Pinehurst based Community Association Services, Inc. [CAS], the company recommended by the Human Resources Committee, subject to the Board's acceptance of their proposed contract.

Legal Director Silberhorn, along with other Board members, had reviewed and revised the standard CAS contract language. Those revisions will be submitted to the company as negotiations continue.

Director MacKay was the lone vote against the decision to move to a management com-

(See "Westside" p. 33)



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Foxfire Village brings new well on line

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

More water is coming into the Village of Foxfire, forty-two gallons per minute to be exact, reported Councilman Ed Lauer during the Village Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 13.

"The good news this week is we finally got the new SH10 well on line," said Lauer.

This new well water will be mixed with water produced by the SH1 well, which should significantly lower the radium level of that well. Lauer said that radium is still present at well SH2 but the water fund was exhausted by extending water lines into sections of Grande Pines within the village limits.

"We will recoup that money as people pay their assessments but we had to make the initial outlay," explained Lauer.

He said the village has identified four well sites and will need to prioritize SH2 remediation.

Estimated costs to bring a new well on line are \$131,000.

As part of process of prioritizing future wells, discussions included a well site within the Grande Pines development. Lauer said that developer Pete Mace has agreed to offer the village the right of first refusal on the property. Mace was granted a grace period until June 15 for water assessments as discussions over this well site had caused unintended delays.

Planning & Zoning

Zoning Director Mimi Ainsworth reported thirty-five homes are for sale in Foxfire; one in the ETJ, fourteen on the Westside, and twenty on the Eastside. Two permits were issued for construction of new homes.

Ainsworth said the real estate market is slow but that homes are selling.

The Planning and Zoning Committee have discussed the

village's PUD ordinances and will be working to update some sections.

Community Club Relations

Councilwoman Page Coker reports the Country Club have seen increased bookings this year and are looking forward to a prosperous year.

"The Club has been receiving positive feedback from members and outside play, and want to continue to thank residents for their support," said Coker.

Woodland Circle Extension

Project Director Tom Collins reported he has a completed set of plans and engineer's estimate of costs for the Woodland Road Extension.

Seventeen letters have been mailed to affected property owners requesting permission to expand the right-of-way, and ten responses have been received.

Collins said he expects to

advertise for contractors in three weeks time, with the project being awarded in August or September. The expected completion date for the project is August 2009.

Finance

Councilman Wally Peckitt reported the General Fund at \$311,000; and Water Fund at \$34,000.

He said he had met with the state director of debt management and, with a proper application, believes Foxfire could qualify to borrow up to \$500,000 towards water projects.

A Public Hearing will be held on May 27 at 7:30 pm, at Town Hall, to authorize reimbursement financing of water projects.

"We will be able to squeak by this fiscal year," said Peckitt. "I think we're probably overex-

tended and ask each Council Member to review their line item budgets to make sure things are classified properly."

The Village Council scheduled a budget meeting for Monday, June 2 at 9:00 am.

Public Safety

Tommy McCaskill will serve as CERT Team Leader for a new Eastside group reported Councilwoman Coker. In September, the American Red Cross will provide a First Aid course for CERT members. An information program for new CERT members was held Thursday, May 1, twenty-one residents attended. On Thursday, May 26, the new CERT team, a Pinewild CERT team, and members of local Boy Scout troops will conduct a training exercise in the village.

Coker also invited interested vil-

(See "Foxfire," p. 32)



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Hearing Monday on Holly Grove development

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

The first two subdivisions proposed under the newly updated county building ordinances will go before the Moore County Board of Commissioners for a Public Hearing on Monday, May 19 at 6:00 pm.

Seven Lakes North resident Bill Beardslee will present his plans for Cambridge, a mixed-residential development proposed near Cameron, and Southwick, 131-acre mixed-residential development located approximately 2.1 miles east of Rt. 211, on Holly Grove School Road.

A two-parcel subdivision, Southwick, proposed to be an

age-restricted community, adjoins the perimeter boundary of Seven Lakes North near Timber Drive, Cedar Lane, and Seminole Court.

In March, the Moore County Planning Board granted Beardslee a zoning change approval of this property from the current Residential-Agricultural [RA] designation to Planned Unit Development – Rural [PUD-R]. During that meeting, Beardslee responded to wide-ranging concerns from both board members and citizens related to potential negative impacts on water, schools, and traffic, and most significantly, the design and operation of the proposed on-site tertiary sewage treatment plant.

Chair Nancy Roy Fiorillo and

members of the Planning Board seemed to be in agreement that the design was well-executed and reflected the conservation-style goals sought by the new regulations.

Board Member Dave Kinney said the plan translated the new ordinances very well. "This is not only the first [subdivision under the new code] but may be the best."

Primary concerns centered on whether the county water system has the ability to provide water to the subdivision, the potential impact on already overcrowded schools, and the proposed sewage treatment plants.

Rather than a system of indi-

vidual septic fields, Beardslee's subdivisions include plans to construct a single, privately-owned sewage treatment plant, enclosed in a self-contained building.

These tertiary sewage plants are expected to cost approximately \$1 million each and the effluent water produced by the system will be reused within the development for irrigation purposes -- decreasing the burden on the county's water system.

The Planning Board granted Beardslee conditional approval adding requirements that he

must conduct an extensive, privately-funded engineering study to determine if the county's existing public utilities water system has the necessary capacity to serve the subdivision and a third party unbiased engineering review of at least three comparable package plants located in North Carolina.

At the Public Hearing on Monday, May 19, the Board of Commissioners will accept public comment on the proposed rezoning before voting on the request.

Moore tapped for cycling project

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

With plenty of fresh air, rural roads, and open spaces, Moore County was selected for a new seven-county North Carolina Department of Transportation initiative to develop bicycling routes. This effort, which will be provided to the county free of charge, has the potential to be "huge tourism moneymaker," said Planning Director Joey Raczkowski in presenting the idea to the Moore County Planning Board during their May 8 Business Meeting.

Raczkowski also informed the board that Dennis Brobst, Direc-

tor of Public Works, would be presenting a water study report and discussion on waste water packaging plants to the Planning Board in June.

Alluding to recent negotiations of a cellular tower erected in Eastwood, Raczkowski said he expects there will be some future amendments proposed to the ordinances regarding cell tower height and lighting. He said the Board of Commissioners requested a more studied detail of these concerns.

The Planning Board held two Public Hearings in May; a rezoning request at Roseland Road and a conditional use permit

request to allow a manufactured home to be used as an accessory dwelling unit. The homes, located on a single lot on Hwy 705 near Robbins, were surveyed by Board member Aaron McNeill. He requested and was granted a recusal after advising Chair Fiorillo that he had already formed an opinion on the permit request.

Board Member Ron Jackson, a professional developer, asked for clarification whether a septic field could be placed within the required seventy-five foot buffer zone in new subdivisions.

"The ordinances say you can't
(See "Planning" p. 32)

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Moore County tax collector is one of the best

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Moore County has a ninety-nine percent tax retrieval rate, an exemplary statistic. Deputy Tax Collector Esther Cummings was recognized for her outstanding service during the Board of Commissioners meeting on Monday, May 5.

"I don't deserve this," said a humbled Cummings. "I have a wonderful staff. Without them I couldn't do my job. They are good supportive people and they deserve this recognition also."

Also during the meeting, five requests, including two new subdivisions proposed by Beardlee Engineering, were presented to the commissioners and approved unanimously for Public Hearing on May 19 [for more information see page 6].

SCC Budget

Sandhills Community College President Dr. John Dempsey and Board Chair George Little presented the 2008-09 SCC Proposed Budget to the commissioners for their review.

"We feel like we are good stewards of your trust and financial support," said Little.

According to Dempsey, SCC ranks eighth in the state, out of fifty, in support from the county. "In relative terms it is fair to say that SCC is one of the very, if not the, most generously supported community college in the state," said Dempsey.

The proposed budget requests

an increase of five percent, a response to state salary increases and escalating utility costs. The budget also reflects a more accurate cost to run the Westmoore Facility and a one-time \$75,000 increase to purchase an activities bus.

Dempsey reported that work on projects funded by school bond referendums have begun, "We are doing some planning and architectural drawings."

Surplus Property Auctions

The decision to sell surplus items through an internet auction site, rather than through a traditional auction, has realized a net income much higher than anticipated for Moore County.

Between October and March, surplus copiers, computer parts and hard drives, and auto vehicles have been sold by through the govdeals website. Several vehicles had sold for twice as much as expected.

Commissioner Tim Lea was pleased with the report, "This helps the bottom line and I thank you for bringing this recommendation forward to the board."

In a related discussion, Commissioner Lea acknowledged efforts by the Finance Department and County Manager Cary McSwain in traveling to New York and facilitating the bond rate upgrade.

"This will save several hundred thousands to taxpayers," said Lea. "This is the kind of management we need."

In early May, Moody's Investor

Service upgraded Moore County's bond rating. The upgrade took into consideration the ongoing growth of the county's sizeable economic base, robust golfing tourism and health care sectors, and debt position which is expected to remain below average.

Storm Ready Status

Moore County has met the criteria to be recognized as Storm Ready by NOAA and the National Weather Service. The Storm Ready Status program was created to assist counties with understanding storm sys-

tems and drafting plans to deal with severe weather. The program is designed to improve the timeliness of storm warnings and with getting appropriate information out to public. In honor

of the county's efforts to become Storm Ready, a representative from the National Weather Service presented a plaque to Scott Brooks, Director of Public Safety.



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Fuel prices stretch budget at Moore Schools

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

For the third time this fiscal year, Moore County Schools has received additional fuel allotments from the State of North Carolina to compensate for soaring fuel prices.

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The most recent budget amendment, presented to the Board of Education by Chief Finance Officer Mike Griffin during the May 12 Business Meeting, includes \$300,000 in additional transportation funding.

tional transportation funding.

"This will still not be enough to cover the additional costs but the state will reimburse the county in their next year's budget," said Griffin.

According to Charles McDowell, Moore County Schools Executive Supervisor for Transportation, diesel prices at the beginning of the 2007-08 school year were \$2.15 per gallon. The current average is now \$3.49, but McDowell said the cost has

soared as high as \$3.56 per gallon. Moore County is a large geographic area with many rural roads. The public school system runs 136 buses each day (See "School board," p. 9)

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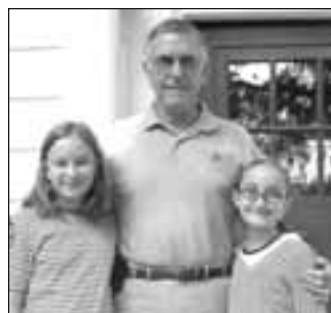
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Seven Lakers win teaching scholarships

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Nine Moore County high school students, including Seven Lakes residents Diana Rabstojek and Tiffany Wenerd, have been awarded North Carolina

Teaching Fellows Scholarships.

An ambitious teacher recruitment program, the mission of the program is to recruit talented high school graduates into the teaching profession and to help them develop leadership quali-

ties such as visionary thinking and risk-taking. The program has quickly become one of the most prestigious awards in North Carolina, providing a \$6,500 per year scholarship for four years to 500 outstanding North Caroli-

na high school seniors.

Upon acceptance of the scholarship, the student agrees to teach for four years following graduation from college in one of North Carolina's public schools.

Other Moore County students receiving scholarships are

Rakeem Chesney, Johnna Nall, and Mollie Richardson of North Moore High School; Mariella Albright and Seth Flagg of Pinecrest High School; and Joseph Arno and Samantha Lane of Union Pines High School.

School board

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plus approximately thirty special activity buses. All county buses are diesel-fueled and run eight to ten miles per gallon at full capacity.

"We've taken different measures to conserve fuel," said McDowell, citing policies prohibiting buses idling on school property during loading and unloading periods and a cold season policy that buses are not warmed up for more than five minutes before departure.

"Our buses are older models and they won't get any warmer by idling – they warm up by driving," explained McDowell.

The MCS Transportation Department also sent messages last month to all school principals

asking them to remind students to be ready at their bus stops.

"As prices started to escalate, I've stopped keeping a lot of repair parts [in inventory]," said McDowell. "I'm using my repair part budget to compensate for fuel. I've had to pull from everywhere I could!"

Ritter receives Star Award

Retiring this year after a thirty-year career in education, West Pine Middle School Media Specialist Martha Ritter was the May Certified Staff Star Award recipient. The award was presented during the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Monday, May 12.

An elementary and junior high

level teacher for twenty years prior to joining the staff of West Pine, Ritter said she will always believe that she was in the right place at the right time, finding the perfect job at West Pine Middle after she "bumped into" then Principal Joan Frye.

In addition to her work in the media center, Ritter has coached the Battle of the Books Team and was the yearbook advisor for several years.

"The past ten years, in particular, have been a pleasure working with the administration and teachers at West Pine," said Ritter.

"I have really enjoyed my time with and appreciate Moore County Schools.



Scholarship winners and future North Carolina teachers; Mariella Albright, with Diana Rabstojek of Seven Lakes North, and Tiffany Wenerd of Seven Lakes West.

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Gallery to host Jessie Stuart Mackay benefit

The Gallery at Seven Lakes in the St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church Building is hosting a benefit art sale Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18, featuring Jessie Stuart Mackay. Mackay is an international artist and Pinehurst resident. Her work is hung in galleries across the U.S. and in collections in Europe, the United Kingdom, and Africa.

The proceeds from this fundraising art sale will be used to purchase art supplies for the 159 children in the Bishop Stanway Primary School in Dodoma, Tanzania, where she will be teaching. She will also be working with the village children in a program called "Carpenter's

Kids," an Episcopal project that helps the poorest children in the area, usually AIDS orphans.

"There is so much need there," said Mackay, "and when we think



People & Steeples

Rev. Carol Burgess

about it in our materialistic point of view, we envision their situation as one of extreme privation. However, underdevelop-

ment is not only a lack of possessing things. True underdevelopment, rather, is the underdevelopment of human beings."

This underdevelopment of human beings is Mackay's motivation for this project. She is funding her own trip, but wanted to offer to the children in Dodoma, the love and gen-

erosity of her home country in her quest for enriching their lives by offering for sale her original art at the Gallery at Seven Lakes at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church.

This generous and gifted artist

has lived, worked, and traveled in many parts of the world. She started her own management-consulting firm in England. A few of her clients were British Petroleum, Land Rover, steel mills, insurance companies, and potteries in Stoke on Trent. She lived in Chastleton, Gloucestershire for several years, then

Zurich and back to the States to paint full time. She has been a tourist in Africa four times, traveling in Namibia, Kenya, and Lamu. She even rode a horse across Malawi into Zambia.

Mackay, the passionate artist, is also passionate about the health and welfare of the animals

(See "Mackay," p. 30)



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Mary Caroline Sessi Bryson, 88, of Seven Lakes North, died Saturday, April 26, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Bryson was born in Latrobe, PA, a daughter of the late Susan L. and Marcus A. Sessi. She graduated from Shaler High School in Glenshaw, PA, in May 1939.

As a result of her husband's employment at Gulf Oil Corp., Mrs. Bryson lived in London, Panama City, Des Plaines, Ill., and Columbus, OH. In 1973, the Bryson's moved to Chatham, NJ, where Mr. Bryson had accepted a position with the Lutheran Church in America. They retired to Seven Lakes in September 1987.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Bryson is survived by a son, Dennis, of Winter Park, FL; a daughter, Carol Emrich, of Saginaw, MI; a daughter, Maureen Barton, of Bronxville, NY; a sister, Betty Jane Miller, of Pittsburgh, PA; a brother, M. Alvin Sessi, of York, PA; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Friday, May 2, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Glenshaw, Pa.

Memorials may be sent to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, to Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 1517 Luther Way, Southern Pines, NC 28387, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Neely Funeral Home of Glenshaw, PA, assisted the family.

Marie Blake Comer, 80, of Eagle Springs, died Monday, May 5, at her home.

Mrs. Comer was born in Moore County, a daughter of the late Andrew and Essie Templeton Blake. She was a folder with Russell Hosiery.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Comer, in 1990; and a son, Jed Comer, in 1998.

Mrs. Comer is survived by a son, Jimmy Comer, of Eagle Springs; two sisters, Irene Hauser, of Tobaccoville, and Jeanette Lewis, of Candor; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 8, at Eagle Springs United Methodist Church. The Rev. Donald Burns officiated. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to the Eagle Springs United Methodist

Church, c/o James P. Freeman, P.O. Box 123, Eagle Springs, NC 27242, or to FirstHealth Hospice and Palliative Care, 5 Avimore Drive, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Briggs-Candor Funeral Home of Candor assisted the family.

Gilbert "Jay" Quintana, 82, of Seven Lakes South, died Tuesday, May 6, at the Inn at Quail Haven in Pinehurst.

Mr. Quintana was born at the Panama Canal Zone to LT. Col. Peter Quintana and Maria Quintana. He grew up on Governor's Island, NY, a military base in New York harbor. He served in WWII in the US Navy from 1944-1946 on the destroyer USS Adams. He was in the battle of Okinawa. Following the war, he attended Wagner College on Staten Island, starring in football and basketball. He was later elected into Wagner College Sports Hall of Fame. He received his Master's Degree from Colum-

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The Concerned Citizens Council (CCC) & Friends owe a debt of gratitude to Donna Stephan, former board member and chairman of the Architectural Review Board for asking the following question in the April 18th issue of *The Seven Lakes Times*, "Who should decide the fate of the driving range?" She ended her letter with the statement "It is time for you, one and all, to stand up for what you believe to be best for the future of Seven Lakes."

This is your opportunity. While the court has decided the legal issue, the country club membership has the final word on the ultimate use of the range for high-density housing and they have not yet been polled on this issue. Let's tell the membership just how the community-at-large feels before they cast their votes. You can do so by answering the following five questions. Simply mark an "X" after your choice and mail this ad to the address shown below. It's just that simple.

1. As a Resident, do you feel that you were given sufficient opportunity to express your views regarding the projected use of the country club's driving range for high-density housing? Yes___ No___

2. Do you feel that developing the range for this purpose will have a negative impact on your property values? Yes___, No___

3. All things being equal, would you rather see the range set aside for use as a park? Yes___, No___

4. Are you a voting Member of the Country Club? Yes___, No___

5. Are you a Resident Landowner of the South Side:___ the North Side:___

The CCC thanks you for taking part in this survey. This is your opportunity to make your feelings known.

To prevent duplication, simply print your name, street address and lot # in the area provided below: Individual responses will not be disclosed.

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bia University. He was an educator in both college and high School for thirty years. He also coached football and basketball for many teams in both college and high school.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Maria Quintana; brothers, Peter, Hector, and Ralph.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-two years, Marilyn Quintana; sons, Glenn Quintana, of Concord; Bruce Quintana, Charlotte; Dr. Cliff Quintana of Dothan, AL; Greg Quintana, of Westchester, PA; brother, Humby Quintana of Greenwood, SC; sister, Judith McDowell of Staten Island, NY; and nine grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted Saturday, May 10 at the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines. The Rev. Pam Northrup officiated.

Memorials may be made to Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 1517 Luther Way, Southern Pines, NC 28387.

Arrangements were by Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes.

Shelley Slagle Smith, 69, of Eagle Springs, died Tuesday, May 6, at her home.

Mrs. Smith was a native of Union County. She was a bookkeeper for Smith Auction and was a 1957 graduate of West Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband, R.G. Smith, of the home; a son, Mark Wingate of Mooresville; two daughters, Kim Hirst, of Charlotte, and Amy Porterfield, of Roxboro; a stepson, Todd Smith of Carthage; a stepdaughter, Kimberly Gibson, of Vass; and fifteen grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 13, at the First Presbyterian Church in Carthage. The Rev. Richard Martindale

officiated. Burial followed in Cross Hill cemetery.

John "Johnny" Brantley Cagle, 80, of Eagle Springs, died Tuesday May 6, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

He was orphaned at the age of two and was raised at the Baptist Children's Home in Thomasville, NC. He entered the US Navy at eighteen and was a veteran of WWII. He had a successful career in the logging industry with Canal Wood. Cagle was an active member of the Eagle Springs Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Cagle, a son, Richard "Dickey" E. Cagle of Eagle Springs, a sister, Dorothy Hill of Asheboro; two grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Thursday, May 8, at Eagle Springs Baptist Church. The Rev. Charles Hinson officiated.

Memorials may be made to the Ministries of Eagle Springs Baptist Church, P.O. Box 118, Eagle Springs, NC 27242.

Arrangements were by Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes.

Donald Ray Needham, 52, died Friday, May 9, in Greensboro.

Mr. Needham was employed by BJ Trucking in Greensboro.

He was preceded in death by an infant child and his father Don Griffin Needham.

He is survived by his wife Elaine Needham; daughters, Tonya Marie Needham and Crystal Gail Needham, both of Jackson Springs; his mother Doris Lucille Needham of Candor; a brother, Michael Needham of Candor; a sister, Patricia Loftin of Pisgah; and two grandchildren.

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Deacon Quinn appointed campus minister

Deacon Gregory Quinn, son of Elizabeth Quinn and the late Robert Quinn of Seven Lakes South, has been appointed to serve as the new campus minister at Caldwell College.

He is a 2002 Caldwell College Pastoral Ministry graduate, and is currently assigned as a Deacon to St. Thomas More Roman Catholic church in Fairfield, New Jersey.

At St. Thomas More parish, Quinn is director of the social action concerns committee which includes his involvement in Habitat for Humanity ministry and prison ministry. He has been a member of the RCIA (Rite of

Christian Initiation of Adults) team.

Deacon Gregory is Co-Director of Prison Ministry for the Archdiocese of Newark, where among his duties he is responsible for recruiting men and

women to the ministry. He has been volunteering in prison ministry since 2000.

Quinn has spent 27 years in the financial services industry in institutional and retail sales in the fixed income markets. He was

previously head of trading at the Sumitomo Bank and a Vice President of Chase Manhattan and Lehman Brothers in New York City. Quinn maintained his own financial advisory for seven years in Verona.

Deacon Gregory holds a bachelor's degree in English from Kean College and a Master's degree in Pastoral Ministry from Caldwell College. He was ordained to the permanent diaconate in 2005.



Deacon Gregory Quinn

SLCC Kids Tennis Camp

There are a few spots left in the Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Camp. The first session begins on June 23 and the second on July 21.

Each day the campers receive tennis instruction and go swimming. The first three days we will be at the Tennis Center and swim at the Fitness Center. The last day the group will play on the courts by the Landowners Office, followed by a picnic and swim at the outdoor pool. Each child will receive a camp T-shirt and daily snacks are provided.

The camp is under the direction of Tennis Professional Bruce Adams. The cost for each session is \$60.

For more information, call Barb Horan at the Tennis Center at 673-1096.

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West End art teacher receives Masters

by Sandi Burrell
Seven Lakes North

Jill Hartsell, West End Elementary Art teacher, received her Masters Degree in Art Education from UNC Pembroke on May 3. Drawing since the age of three at her grandparents in Pennsylvania, Hartsell has always found comfort in her artwork.

She lists her sixth and seventh grades art teacher, Mrs. Anderson, and her Aunt Julie as her early artistic influences and inspi-

rations.

In 1989, Hartsell joined the US Army and spent her training at Ft. Jackson in South Carolina and her remaining time at Ft. Bliss in Texas.

Professionally, Hartsell credits Andrew and Jamie Wyeth and Bob Timberlake as her greatest influences. In 1998 as an undergraduate, one of her paintings done in a Bob Timberlake-style was chosen as favorite. She has met Timberlake several times and has continued to correspond with him by mail.

Hartsell said that her more recent works are of two types; narrative painting and still life. The narrative works attempt to show her experiences and feeling from her childhood. The still life paintings are exactly that "still" life. For Hartsell, the simpler the still life the more complex it becomes.



Jill Hartsell

School Board recognizes degree recipients

Twenty-one employees who earned degrees at the Master's level or higher during the 2007 calendar year were recognized at the April 14 Moore County Schools Board of Education meeting.

"Our teachers and administrators serve as role models for our students," said Board Member Joe Vaughn, "and we congratulate each of you for being a role model for life-long learning and for your commitment to continuous personal growth. The value of education is not exclusive to our youth but serves us well as adults and educators in our constant pursuit to provide the highest quality educational experiences for our children.

Receiving certificates of congratulations were Jenny Maczko and Sonja Calderara of West Pine Middle; Renee Robbins and Stephanie Marsh of West End Elementary; Lori Rapp and Larry Hanover of Pinecrest High; Amy Bonds and Allison Boyd of Vass of Lakeview Elementary; Misty Clark, Judy Heffner, Lisa Dunlap, and Angela Gonzalez of Robbins Elementary; Wes Graner and Shaun Krencicki of New Century Middle; Rob Hill of Union Pines High; Angela McDougald and Kelly Frey of New Century Middle; Debbie Needham of Westmoore Elementary; Elizabeth Perry and Shelby Wooten of Sandhills Farm Life Elementary; and Kristi Craig of Carthage Elementary



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"I'm continually surprised at the visual complexity of something as simple as a leaf. Nature and still life are all around us but rarely appreciated," she said.

Hartsell received her Bachelors degree in Fine Arts with a minor in Art Education from Pembroke. She has been an honors student in both undergraduate and graduate school and at the request of one of her professors recently taught a watercolor class at UNCP. She spent most of her adult life in this art room.

Hartsell became an art teacher in 2001 and enjoys teaching children art history and various art techniques. She has taught locally at Academy heights, Southern Pines Primary, and Aberdeen Elementary. She has been at West End Elementary since

2002. She has had many students win awards for their artwork and some of their work has been displayed at The Campbell House.

Mother to three year old James, Elizabeth, an eighth grader at West Pine Middle, and Jenay, a junior at Pinecrest, Jill is married to Moore County native Robert Hartsell.

As her inspiration Bob Timberlake told her, "Always enjoy what you paint" and "Where your heart is, so is your treasure."

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Music teacher welcomes new arrival

by Sandi Burrell
Seven Lakes North

A beautiful baby boy, Samuel James, was born on April 20 to parents Gray and Ann Cockman. Samuel weighed 7 lbs 6 oz and was 19.5 inches long.

A surprise baby shower was held for Ann just in time at West End Elementary School on April 16 in the school library. The

shower, which was put together by Jill Hartsell, Sandi Burrell, Nancy Wienstroth, Catherine Locklear, Nancy Harman, Melody Conner, and Debbie Purvis, was only a few days ahead of the birth of Ann's new son.

Samuel's grandparents are Ed and Nelda Cockman of Seven Lakes West and Michael and Mary Lineberger of Gastonia.

His great-grandmother is Francis Cockman of Carthage. Samuel's older brother, Caleb, is two-and-one-half years old and very excited to have a younger sibling.

Mrs. Cockman will be enjoying a year at home with her children while WEE anxiously awaits her return. She will truly be missed while she is away.



Gray and Ann Cockman welcome baby Samuel.

Bright Meadow will offer Preschool Summer Camp

Bright Meadow Christian Preschool will open a new Preschool Summer Camp for three to five year olds this year.

"Every Summer we have requests for preschoolers to attend our Kool Kids Summer Camp for grades Kindergarten to fifth," said Owner and Director Shirley Ptak. "Bright Meadow

has previously been closed during Summer months, but we want to meet the needs of the families in our community!"

In the new program, preschoolers will enjoy outdoor water play, crafts, and Bible covering various themes, fun Circle Time lessons and preschool academics.

Bright Meadow will open June 10 for their new Preschool Summer Camp Program, running three days per week – Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays, for four hours each day [8:00 am to 12:00 pm].

If enough families are interested, preschool hours will be extended to Mondays and Fridays as well.

Reservations are required only for the weeks each child will attend and will be held for those weeks only.

For more information, contact Shirley Ptak at 673-6789.

Pick a Pooch Adoption Party May 31 & June 1

Montgomery Moore Animal Rescue is sponsoring a week-end of outdoor fun and pet adoptions on Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1, in Seven Lakes Business Village, from 10:00 am to 4:00pm.

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Brick Oven Bistro opens in Seven Lakes

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Open for just three short weeks, The Brick Oven Bistro has already proved to be a popular new dining destination. Partners Dante Pozzi and Michael Hockersmith, said word of mouth advertising is a key ingredient for their success.

"We focus on quality and everything is made fresh every day," said Pozzi. "Nothing is premade."

Their versatile menu offers American, French, and Italian bistro cuisine plus the signature brick oven pizzas. Fueled with a combination of wood and gas, the stones in the oven retain a con-

sistent heat level. According to Hockersmith, this centuries old traditional baking method pulls moisture out of the pizza, leaving a crisp and chewy crust.

Seeing an opportunity here in Seven Lakes to open their own restaurant, culinary arts degree grads Pozzi and Hockersmith relocated from Delaware and have spent a year completely renovating their new bistro with a cozy Tuscan feel.

Popular lunch items include brick oven pizzas, paninis – an Italian pressed sandwich, fish and chips, and prime burgers. Lunch is served Monday to Saturday, 11:00 am to 2:30 pm, and

Sunday 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Prices are generally \$10 and under.

The dinner menu includes cedar plank salmon, chicken cordon bleu, and duck breast. Dinner is served Monday to Thursday, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and Friday and Saturday, 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Dinner prices are generally \$14 to \$20.

"We are all about quality," said Pozzi. "It's about consistency and quality service. Everything is a la carte, it's not a buffet. Quality service may take time but it's worth the wait."

Pozzi and his wife Melissa live in Seven Lakes North with

their son, Aidan. Hockersmith lives in Foxfire.

The Brick Oven Bistro is located in the Seven Lakes Business Village, next to Phoenix

Fashion. The restaurant seats forty and reservations are not necessary. Take out is available. They can be reached at 673-1519.



Brick Oven Bistro's Dante Pozzi and Michael Hockersmith

Area pools open May 24

Seven Lakes Pool

Opening day is Saturday, May 24. A preseason Stroke Camp will be held, please contact the Seven Lakes Landowners Association office at 673-4931, for more information.

Water Aerobics begins Monday, June 2, and will run Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 9:15 am.

Swimming Lessons with certified coaches Kate O'Connell, Adam Ulrich, and Anne Johnson, begin on Monday, June 16. Classes will be held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11 am to 12 pm; and Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 am to 12 pm. Space is limited.

Private lessons will be available by appointment.

Seven Lakes West Pool

Opening day is Saturday, May 24. Weekend hours are Saturdays from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, and Sundays from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

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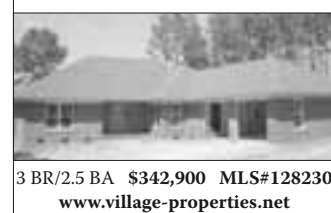
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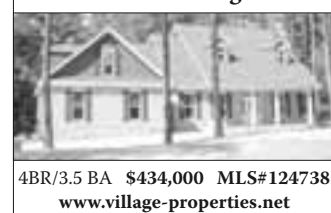
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May is Osteoporosis Awareness Month

by Jason Joyce
Quality Care Pharmacy

Osteoporosis is a frequent condition of the bones that causes them to become weak and more likely to break. It is considered a silent disease because until a fracture occurs, there are no symptoms.

A little bit on bone history:

Around twenty-eight years of age, bone formation ceases. Bone mass is maintained by a process called remodeling. The remodeling process consists of breaking down small parts of the bone, then re-forming them. Don't forget, bone is a live tissue just like any organ and it continuously remodels itself to maintain peak bone mass.

Let's look a little closer at this remodeling. There are large cells in the bones called osteoclasts that perform this breaking down of bone. Then there are the good bone forming cells called osteoblasts which build back up bone. The remodeling process is necessary in order to recycle certain nutrients that the bones store, such as calcium.

The problem that arrives with osteoporosis is that osteoblasts are less efficient at making the bone than the osteoclasts are at breaking down the bone. Even though it's minor, as a person ages the gradual bone loss is accounted for. Porosis means spongy. This describes the appearance of osteoporosis bones that have been broken. Thus the name: osteoporosis.

It is estimated that ten million people over the age of fifty have osteoporosis, and another thirty-four million are at risk for developing the disease. It is primarily considered a disease in women but more than two million men in America also suffer from osteoporosis. The primary consequence of osteoporosis is a bone fracture, even after a

minor injury such as a fall. Approximately 1.5 million people suffer from a bone fracture related to osteoporosis each year. The most common broken bones are the spine, wrist, and hip. Recovering from a major fracture, like the hip, can be devastating later in life. These fractures may result in a death rate of up to twenty-five percent within one year. Osteoporosis can lead to a decrease in general physical health, and eventually negatively effect daily activities.

So, how do you know if you have osteoporosis? A simple test with a big name called dual energy x-ray absorptiometry [DEXA] can measure bone mineral density [BDM] at different parts of your body, to help determine if you have osteoporosis. This is like having an x-ray taken but it uses much less radiation. Postmenopausal women over the age of sixty-five or men over the age of seventy should be tested. If you are younger but have other risk factors for osteoporosis, your healthcare professional will help you determine if you should be tested.

Some of the factors that increase your risk of developing osteoporosis are: age over fifty years, broken bone after age fifty, family history of osteoporosis, cigarette smoking, three or more alcoholic drinks per day, underweight for height, postmenopausal, sedentary lifestyle, certain medications or medical conditions.

The great news is that you are never too young or old to improve your bone health. This can be done by eating healthy, being physically active, and getting regular medical checkups and screenings.

Some other lifestyle modifications include getting enough calcium and vitamin D in your diet, smoking cessation, alcohol

moderation, maintaining a healthy weight and participating in weight-bearing exercise. If your doctor prescribes a medication to you for osteoporosis, take it as direct-

ed.

At the present time, the only medications approved by the FDA for use in treating osteoporosis are a category of drugs

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SATURDAY, MAY 17

- **Community Shred Event** – 9 am – 12 pm, Moore County District Attorney's Office, 101 Monroe Street, Carthage. Prevent identity theft, the Moore County District Attorney's Office and PROShred® Security invite area residents to bring a copy paper-sized box of personal documents for shredding by PROShred® Security's mobile shredding truck.
- **To Tanzania With Love Art Sale** – 1 pm – 4 pm, The Gallery at Seven Lakes, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. Benefit art sale featuring Jessie Stuart Mackay, an international artist and Pinehurst resident. Proceeds will be used to purchase art supplies for the 159 children in the Bishop Stanway Primary School in Dodoma, Tanzania. Sale continues Sun, May 18.

- **Benefit Auction & Spaghetti Dinner** – 6 pm, Southern Pines First Baptist Church, 200 E. New



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MONDAY, MAY 19

- **Moore County Board of Commissioners Meeting** – 6 pm, Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

TUESDAY, MAY 20

- **League of Women Voters Luncheon** – 11:30 am, Longleaf Country Club, Southern Pines. The Poverty Study Committee will present their report. The public is welcome, cost is \$12. Reservations, call Charlotte 944-9611.
- **Foxfire Community Watch Program Meeting** – 7 pm, Town Hall.

York Ave.. \$5 plates will be served in the Fellowship Hall to support SPBC Youth Group Mission Trip to Bernard Parish, New Orleans. Auction features many great golf packages and vacation destination prizes.

- **Pinecrest Choral Program Spring Concert** – 7 pm, Robert E. Lee Auditorium, Pinecrest High School. Recent first place winners at the national Festival of Gold competition, the Pinecrest Choral groups will present Soneto de la Noche [Sonnet of the Night]. Encore presentation on Sun, May 18 at 4pm. Tickets \$6 adults; \$4 students.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

- **Weymouth Woods: Snakes in the Sandhills** – 3 pm, Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd, Southern Pines. Learn

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

- **Adult Academy: Let's Talk about Death & Dying** – 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm, Westside Park Community Center. Sponsored by West End Presbyterian Church, The Chapel in the Pines, and The Seven Lakes Forum, the series continues with "Legal and Financial Aspects of Death and Dying," with Jennifer Garner, Attorney at Law. Reservations not required, no charge. Information, Don Welch at 673-6701.

THURSDAY, MAY 22

- **Bookshop by the Lakes Bookgroup** – 7:00 pm, Join in for a lively discussion of *Christine Falls* by Benjamin Black. Held at the Coffee Scene.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

- **Moore Philharmonic Orchestra Concert** – 7pm, Owens Auditorium, Sandhills Community College. Free concert featuring a space theme; a movement of Mozart's Jupiter Symphony, Song of Jupiter by Handel, the powerful Planets Suite Jupiter and Mars movements by Gustav Holst,

and several contemporary works composed by John Williams from some of the classic outer space movies of the 80's and 90's.

SUNDAY, MAY 25

- **Moore County Concert Band** – 2 pm, Carolina Hotel Grand Ballroom, Pinehurst. Free Memorial Day-themed concert.
- **Weymouth Woods: Boyd Tract Discovery Walk** – 3 pm, Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd, Southern Pines. A hike at the Boyd Tract, a satellite area of Weymouth Woods. Meet the ranger at the Campbell House parking area on East Connecticut Avenue for a one-mile hike.

MONDAY, MAY 26

- **Memorial Day**
- **SLCC Memorial Day Scramble & Picnic** – 9 am shotgun start, cocktails 1:30 pm, picnic 2 pm, Seven Lakes Country Club. Buffet menu of riblets and BBQ or hot sauce, rolls, butter, German potato salad, yellow potato salad, cole slaw, hushpuppies, corn on the cob, and chef's choice desserts.

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TUESDAY, MAY 27

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

- **Adult Academy: Let's Talk about Death & Dying** – 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm, Westside Park Community Center. Sponsored by West End Presbyterian Church, The Chapel in the Pines, and The Seven Lakes Forum, the series concludes with Spiritual and Ethical Concerns Surrounding Death and Dying," presented by Dr. Allen Verhey, Professor of Christian Ethics, Duke University Divinity School and author, editor, or co-editor of twelve books including his latest, "Reading the Bible in the Strange World of Medicine." Reservations not required, no charge. Information, Don Welch at 673-6701.
- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Open Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.

THURSDAY, MAY 29

- **Community Health Fair** – 8 am – 2 pm, Quality Care Pharmacy, Seven Lakes Business Village. Receive information on osteoporosis and a wide range of other conditions from health care providers.

SATURDAY, MAY 31

- **Cooking with Carmela for the Season** – 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Last class until Fall. Sign up for class by Thursday, May 22. Call West Side Community Center at 673-5314 for registration. Summer Salads will be featured. \$10 per person.
- **Weymouth Woods: Bird Walk** – 8 am, Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd, Southern Pines. Meet at Visitor Center parking area for a two-mile hike to look for newly arrived summer and transient visitors from the tropics. Have you ever seen a yellow-throated warbler, blue-gray gnatcatcher, northern parula or summer tanager? Bring your binoculars and learn more about these winged wonders.
- **Pick a Pooch Adoption Party** – 10 am – 4 pm, Merchant's Area, Seven Lakes Business Village. Sponsored by Montgomery Moore Animal Rescue, a weekend of outdoor fun and pet adoptions. Event

continues on Sun, Jun 1. Adoption fees waived for senior people and senior dogs. Celebrate Hammer's birthday with a Hammer Time cake at 2:00 pm, Saturday. Preview pets at www.petfinder.com

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

- **Eddie Barrett and Goodman Legacy Orchestra** – 4 pm – 6:30 pm, Mint Juleps Club, 155 Hall Ave, Southern Pines. Eddie's Big Band sound, part of the Sandhills music scene. Information, 603-7660.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

- **Moore County Literacy Council Orientation/Tutor Training** – 1pm, Emmanuel Youth House, 385 E Indiana, Southern Pines. A one-hour orientation followed by twelve hour workshop for volunteers who would like to become adult tutors. Tutor training continues on Jun 9, 11, 16, 18, 1 pm – 4pm. Registration (910) 692-5954 or e-mail pamm-clc@nc.rr.com.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

- **Got the Sugar Blues?** – Join Health Counselor Bobbie Miller for a Sugar Workshop 10:00 am – Noon. Seven Lakes Massage and Body Therapies. \$35. Call 673-2000. Early Bird Registration \$30 by May 17.
- **FirstHealth Blue Jean Ball** – 6:30 – 11 pm, Fair Barn, Pinehurst. A barbecue buffet and live music. Tickets \$50, reserved. Reservations, Foundation of FirstHealth 695-7510.
- **Seven Lakes Dance: Annual Recital** – 7 pm, Aberdeen Elementary School. A free program, come watch the Seven Lakes Dance troupes and classes perform their

annual recital. Information on classes and upcoming Summer Dance Camps, Marcie Miller at 673-1263.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

- **Foxfire Child Identification Program** – 10 am – 11:30 am, Town Hall. Presented by Village of Foxfire Police, bring children for Child Identification kits including finger printing.

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May is the month to ponder better hearing

by Theresa Rogers, Au.D.
Audiology of the Pines

Statistics show that there are around twenty-eight million Americans that have some type of hearing problem. It seems fair to deduce that everyone either has a hearing loss, lives or works with someone who has a loss, or has a relative or acquaintance that may experience hearing difficulties.

This fact may work to the disadvantage of efforts to educate people about how to cope with hearing loss. Many times people view hearing loss as an acceptable part of aging. This type of thinking often prohibits people from making efforts to minimize communication problems.

May is Better Hearing Month, an opportunity to become aware of the different types of hearing disorders that commonly occur as well as different treatment options that are available.

Hearing loss is not life threatening, but it certainly can cause an individual to become isolated and decrease in involvement in their own world.

Hearing impairment limits social interaction but also reduces the ability to receive and interpret vital information. This may mean a decreased ability to cope with common interactions such as understanding at a meeting or communicating with health care providers, all of which may become embarrassing or difficult.

It may also mean that one is no longer able to see their physician without a significant other because they only hear bits or pieces of important information.

Many people have a lack of information about what can be done to correct their hearing loss. Many times surgery, medication, or amplification can be options.

Many individuals are unaware of the severity of their problems or have difficulty coming to terms with it. Some individuals have been told that nothing can be done to treat their problem. It is in the best interest of the individual to seek a full diagnostic hearing evaluation by a licensed audiologist.

An audiologist is a specialist who is university-trained to provide comprehensive services which may include hearing aid dispensing, aural rehabilitation, and testing for dizziness.

Theresa Rogers, Au.D.
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Sports Camp, Stingrays

Sports Camp at 7 Lakes

Try a different sport each week this Summer with the new Summer Sports Camp sponsored by Seven Lakes Landowners Association. For ages five and up beginning Monday, June 16, each weekday evening [Mon – Fri] learn to play a new sport or improve your game with an expert coaching staff. Camp will be held from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm,

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Stingrays Swim Team

The Seven Lakes Stingrays Swim Team new season begins on Monday, June 16, for children ages five to fifteen. Practice

times are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 am to 11 am, and Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6 pm to 7 pm. Fees are \$100 for first child, and \$80 for second. Team membership includes swimsuit and cap. This year's all new coaching staff includes certified coaches Kate O'Connell and Adam Ulrich, a Division 3 National Champion and thirteen-time All-American.

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WEE Distinguished List and Honor Roll

Principal Johnnye Waller and the faculty of West End Elementary School announce the following students have been named to the Distinguished List and Honor Roll for the third nine weeks grading period.

Distinguished List

Third Grade: Jordan Blake, Lauryn Blakely, Erin Bridgman, Seth Campbell, Brian Caudill, Dawson Chavis, Christina Cobos, Alicia Cox, Elizabeth Cox, Joseph DiPrima, Alyssa Drake, Ashlynn Fitzgerald, Johnathan Garner, Ella Kate Gilliam, Ramsey Goodwin, Samuel Graham, Nicholas Mabe, Abigail Martin, Rachael Mashburn, Conner Paszko, Maegan Pigg, Caleb Robinson, Sam Shutt, McKenzie Wagler, Abby Wallace.

Fourth Grade: Madeline Anderson, Maddie Burrell, Jack Carpenter, Cassie Deberry, Lauren Goodwin, Megan Hamilton, Lane Henslee, Chloe Hoffman, Ethan Horne, Evan Jingle, Hunter Martin, Dylan Mead, Kate Morris, Kealee Morris, Gillian Munro, Mikayla Niewald, Sean Pollard, Sophie Romaine, Pierce Strayer, Sammy Turner, Michelle Wenderd, Sam Williams.

Fifth Grade: Bailey Benton, Isaac Brewer, Bobby Capps, Nick Cobos, Logan Crisp, Grayson Fowler, Alysha Gaffney, Carmen Love, Ashford Oliver, Leslie Rodriguez, Brittany Tanner, Christina Temple, Martin Vitera.

Honor Roll

Third Grade: Alan Alvarez, Pa Bounthanom, Sabrina Chambers, Kensie Coble, Christopher Cox, Rachael Edge, Matthew Garner, Drew Goodwin, Dominique LeGrande, Tristan Mabe, Michael Margolis, Cali Morfin, Allyson Neely, Liam Nowicki, Tristan Price, Jaxon Richardson, Nereida Cruz Rodrigues, Sydney Shepherd, Michael Shoemaker, Cassidy Siebenhar, Joseph Smith, Regan Styers, Rylee Styers, Caleb Watson.

Fourth Grade: Noah Allen, Katie Bachman, Shelby Baker, Cydney Baldwin, Naythan Batala, Veronica Batson, Dylan Blake, Dy'Avion Brower, Laurel Caddell, Samuel Cantrell, Jena Cardenti, Nicholas Chappell, Kelsey Collins, Thomas DeLaunay, Nicholas Dove, Karlyn Ferguson, Hannah Florence, Drew

(See "WEE Honor Roll," p. 24)

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Taste of Town nets big gift to Hospice

The Women of Seven Lakes donated \$6,100 in proceeds from their fourth annual Taste of the Town fundraiser to the FirstHealth Hospice Foundation.

The sold-out event featured food from the following restaurants: Bangkok Cuisine, Beacon Ridge Country Club, Coach Light Café and Wine Bar, Elliott's on Linden, Dog Nation Grill, Little River Country Club, Moore Delights Personal Chef Services, Rhett's Personal Chef & Catering, Seven Lakes Coun-

try Club, Smithfield's Barbeque, Table on the Green, That's a Deli, Wolcott's, Max & Moritz, Broad Street Bakery, Panera Break, and Pik-n-Pig.

The following restaurants donated gift certificates which were raffled off at the event: Café Iano, Outback, Squire's Pub, Lone Star, Moe's Grill, Mac's Breakfast, Pine Crest Inn, 195, Italian Table, Nina's, Beefeaters, Thai Orchid, Bavarian Brathaus, Ironwood, Dugan's Pub, Easy's Sports Bar & Grill, Lula's Café, Bonefish, and Tripps.



Carmela Chase, Chairperson of the Taste of the Town, and Women of Seven Lakes President Peggy McCallum present a check to Tina Markoff, Family Services Coordinator, and Charlotte Patterson, Director, of FirstHealth Hospice and Palliative Care.

WEE Honor Roll

(Continued from page 23)

Furr, Hailey Gentry, Hunter Goodwin, Aric Gunther, Riley Hamilton, Amalia Harsany, Nikolas Heard, Noah Hoffman, Julia Horton, Ellis Hudson, Sydnie Kavanaugh, Abby Keller, Christian Lance, MacKenzie Lewis, Lauren Mabe, Sarah Mabe, Carson Maples, Zach Martinez, Brent McDowell, Thomas McNeill, Miranda Miller, Connor Nicholson, Stevie Pappas, Leydy Renteria, Christen Robinson, Austin Sanders, Dameon Scott, Nathaniel Skoog, Christian Stepnoski, Joshua Strickland, Helen Szewczak, Paul Von-

Hardenberg, Drew Williams.

Fifth Grade: Chynna Baldwin, Anthony Bialer, Bradley Black, Anna Bridgman, Connor Cheek, Matt Clark, Andeanna Davis, Amy Felix, Isaiah Hinson, Jacob Hofstetter, Breanna Holden, Seth Horney, Sindy Jaimes, Rebekah Lee, Cheyenne Locklear, Tim Morfin, Nick Nance, Parker Newman, Jacob Nieves, Samantha Patterson, Meghan Quinlan, Jessica Ramirez, Makala Rivers, Breanna Seawell, Alexis Simpson, Brandi Snow, Brooke Storz, Leigh Thurow, Sonia Wienstroth.

Kids Government 101

The Moore County's Public Information Office and Moore County's Cooperative Extension are pleased to announce that registration for the 2008 Kids Government 101-Leadership is now open. This exciting two-day leadership program is geared towards Moore County residents between the ages of ten and eighteen years, who want to understand and share in the workings of our local government. Participants in this program will get a first hand experience by shadowing with different departments during this event as

well as question and answer sessions with the County Manager and Directors.

There will be emphasis in wellness, a tour of the jail, Sheriff's Office, and special projects relating to GIS. Lunch will be provided both days. The event will

be held Tuesday and Wednesday, August 12 – 13, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm in Carthage.

For information and registration contact Eli Arroyo-Allen at 947-6363, or Linda Gore at 947-3188. Applications are online at www.moorecountync.gov.



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Foxfire women celebrate thirty years of service

by Jordan Johnson
Foxfire Women

Foxfire Women's Association [FWA] celebrated their thirtieth anniversary at Foxfire's Village Green Park on May 2, with a lunch social and recognition of FWA's past presidents.

FWA was honored to have Mrs. Esther Krebs, who founded FWA thirty years ago in 1978, in attendance.

"There was already in existence a ladies golf association, but no organization that was all inclusive of Foxfire women," said

Krebs. "A few of us began to feel the need for an 'umbrella' organization that could assist some interest groups being formed and could also provide some pleasurable luncheons and other social occasions."

The anniversary program began with President Johnson's welcome to all members and guests. Foxfire's Mayor George Erickson graciously presented the organization with a formal resolution and plaque, which will be proudly displayed at the Town Hall.

Members and guests enjoyed a lovely salad luncheon provided by the ladies of FWA.

Entertainment guest Randy Merritt provided the music and served as game host for "Deal or No Deal" and the "Price is Right." Game winners won special prizes and other door prizes were handed out.

The celebration concluded with a ceremonial balloon launch around the Presidential Maypole with the FWA motto, "We can reach the sky if we try!"



FWA Founder Esther Krebs with Past-President Beth Schetler and current President Jordan Johnson.

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Just how much is tooth worth, anyhow?

In the end, it was a strawberry and I was quite surprised. For weeks there had been much wobbling, wiggling, and tugging, to no avail. That first little lost tooth was not to be yanked or hurried it seemed, much like its owner, Lindsay.

Now I assure you reality television has nothing on the drama of raising a six-year old girl. Unlike my courageous son who lost his first tooth to a karate sparring match, my tiny princess of pink spilled many tears over the horrible pain of her "looth tooth." Luckily, that sweet strawberry finally saved the day.

Per tradition, the tooth fairy was summoned that evening and produced something quite

grand...girl money. Yup, a good old Susan B. Anthony dollar for my pink-wearing, tutu loving, Barbie lunchbox- carrying, Ugh – I'm going to make her a feminist if it kills me – daughter.



Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

For a chick who spends three mornings a week beating the stuffing out of punching bags and passionately enjoys throwing back a well-crafted brew, I

know that someone up there must have had a great sense of humor when they sent me down this little angel to raise.

We're like a cartoon team, Tough and Fluff.

With seventeen months more experience at life and that wily creature, the Y-chromosome, on board, my son has also

proved to be a mothering challenge.

A much more jaded seven and half year old, recently when he lost another incisor Jack

wanted to know if the tooth fairy would bring him \$100.

In my most understanding Mommy-tone, I explained how that was a lot of money and the tooth fairy couldn't possibly lift it.

"She could if it were a \$100 bill," suggested my way-too-clever boy.

Drat, foiled again.

I think I liked Jack better last year when he got his first gift from the tooth fairy, a gold dollar. When he took that shiny treasure to Kindergarten for Show and Tell, a classmate exclaimed, "Now that is tooth fairy money!"

Unfortunately, Darling Hubby and I expect to be on the tooth fairy's destination list for at least

three or four more years. So far we've drained our coin cups of gold and silver dollars plus a few stray Loonies and Twonies from our frozen neighbor, the Great White North.

At some point we may have to abandon our thrifty fairy route in favor of the more hip Hiltonesque fairy model. I've heard the tooth fairy is known to toss around ten dollar bills these days. Yikes, and I thought my gas bill was outrageous!

Thank goodness that economic stimulus check is in the mail – or is it? Maybe I'll just check under my pillow tomorrow morning. Come on, somewhere flying around there must be a tax fairy too, right?

Treatment of Donna Stephan was a travesty

An Open Letter to the SLLA Board of Directors –

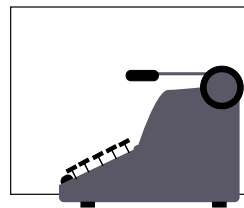
Had Donna Stephan not resigned from the board during the Wednesday, April 30 Association meeting, you would have voted unanimously to remove her from her position as chairman of the Architectural Review Board.

What a travesty! You would have voted to remove one who is arguably the best, most dedicated and hardest working chairman of that committee that this association has ever known. As a board, you voted to repeat the same mistake last year's board made when it too, succumbed to fear of litigation and upon an

attorney's advice, removed yet another member of this same committee while, at the same time, offering apologies and admitting that she had done a wonderful job.

Yes, Donna Stephan, a landowner in good standing, and a Southside resident as well as a club member truly cares about the community's welfare and its curb appeal. So much so that she felt an obligation to express her concerns as well as her doubts and voice them in *The Seven Lakes Times*. She had every right to express her thoughts and the CCC thanks her for doing so.

Unfortunately, her letter led to a well-planned, ill-conceived if not malicious effort on the part of several of you to remove her from her position as Chairman of the ARB. You presented



Your Turn

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her with several options, none of which were acceptable, all of which were out of order, all of which questioned her integrity and all of which cast doubt on her

ability to perform her job evenhandedly. You may claim that a conflict of interest brought on this attack, but we would suggest that all of you who are country

club members and who joined in this effort have a far greater conflict of interest?

Three hundred and forty-two of us vot-

ed for Donna last year. She received more votes than anyone in the past two elections. We feel certain that at least this number would express enormous resentment at your tactics and given the opportunity, would re-elect her overwhelmingly to the board with the expectation that she would be assigned the same position from which she has chosen to resign. We also suspect that the vast majority of those who voted for Donna last year would now vote to remove all of you who displayed such poor judgment.

Rather than requesting your removal the CCC & Friends have taken an ad in the May 16 issue of *The Times* [see page 11] with the express purpose of ask-

ing all our residents from both sides of Seven Lakes Drive just how they feel about high density housing on the old driving range. We will poll the community. We will do what last year's board should have done prior to negotiating a contract with the club behind closed doors. Quite simply, we will be doing what Donna suggested should be done in her letter to the editor in the last issue of *The Times*.

We feel confident that the result of such a poll will support our conclusion and will emphasize to those of you who are both board members as well as members of the country club, that you will have to make a far greater effort to see that the association's welfare takes precedence over the interests of the club. Your individual egos, personal vendettas, closed door politics, and unwarranted threats of legal action do you little credit. If as board members, you are unable to place the interests of those who elected you above the country club's interests, you yourselves should resign.

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An important vote for Seven Lakes West

Dear Editor:

A few days ago, Seven Lakes West property owners received the Landowners Association's 2008 annual registration and dues notice package. Included was a ballot relating to an important covenant change. The ballot clearly applies to elimination of Section IX of the covenants that prohibits street mail boxes — nothing.

As a member of the Long Range Planning committee and Project Leader for the home mail delivery project, I wish to emphasize that this vote pertains solely to the proposed covenant amendment. The included reference to home mail delivery is only intended to recognize how the covenant vote might eventually affect the mail issue. It is neither an endorsement nor a rejection of home mail delivery. That subject is to be dealt with at some future date when we know the outcome of our pending appeal to the USPS for a mode of deliver change. Removal of this regulation simply unties the hands of the Westside Landowners' board so that it can deal with whatever comes out of our quest for home mail delivery.

As you may know our repeated quest for home delivery was just recently given its first ray of hope. The Greensboro District

Manager, Operations Program Support met with us [encouraged by Senator Dole's office] on site, attended our power point presentation, and agreed to



investigate a couple possible approaches. The response is still pending. If and when the USPS agrees to the conversion, the board should be able to react without limitations now imposed by covenant Section IX - which serves no other purpose.

Elimination of Section IX requires a sixty-seven percent favorable vote. This is anticipated to be a challenge. While the voting deadline is June 30, 2008, we need time to make follow up telephone calls to those who have not responded within a reasonable period. Remember, failure to vote is counted as a "NO" vote.

It follows that we need to have a squad of volunteers all set to make those calls, hopefully not more than fifteen contacts or so

each. I will be heading that effort and ask those of you who can help with this task kindly let me know as soon as possible. I would expect to begin calling the latter part of May and have most of it completed by mid June. To enlist, please call me at 673-0529 or email rgusdan@nc.rr.com. Give me your phone number and email address.

The Seven Lakes West Landowners Board strongly supports deleting the covenant provision in order to allow all options to be considered when dealing with future mail distribution. Please give us a head

start by sending your ballot back [marked YES] with the registration and dues documents, thus avoiding the tendency to put it aside until later.

If you have already voted and wish to change, call the West

Side Landowners' office at 673 5314.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

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New group brings Mommies together

Dear Editor:

I'd like to take moment to tell everyone about a great group that I've found, Sandhills Mommies, a free local group that welcomes all moms in Moore, Chatham, Lee, Scotland, Robeson, and Richmond counties.

Their website www.sandhillsmommies.com provides a great service to the community. There are support groups and message boards. Monthly we have a Mom's Night Out, a Mom's Night In, playdates, and other events.

We recently held a date night for a chance for couples to get out of the house with other couples. In March, we participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade in

Pinehurst. In April, we sponsored a Bake Sale & Concession Stand benefit for SAND at Sandhills Farmlife Elementary School.

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I hope that you'll check us out.

Tracie Evans
Seven Lakes West

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Appreciating the little things in life

Yes, Mason, I'm talking to you. Listen up, my friend. There's still a lot to know, to appreciate, to understand, to contemplate, to act upon now. Every day is a now – an opportunity that can so easily slip by.

There's a lot going on around this big home we call the world that can affect our spirits, such as negatively, tend-

ing to veer us off on tangents that could interfere with chances for

additional measures of happiness.

Should we unplug our TV's? Refrain from reading newspapers? Hide in the basement? Withdraw from society? Of course not.

But we can, and should be able to achieve some level of equilibrium by paying more attention to the little things of life. It seems that is one aspect of living

we all need to cling to regardless of the vicissitudes of so many societies throughout the globe. It's periodic reflection about the pace as well as the depth of how we live that can help keep us on an even keel.

Even quick entrances and exits of experiences can forge their impact, as relatively unearthing they may seem at the time. Such as the gradual intensity of the symphonic crescen-

do at that concert, or the sheer, clean beauty of that songbird's rendering, or the tender squeeze of your shoulder by a long-standing friend, or the uplifting effect of that sermon with its reassuring theme.

Yes, today is a gift and I'm thankful for it. And tomorrow may provide another deposit in my bank of "the little things of life."



Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

New board gets off to an inauspicious start

Dear Editor:

Recently, the landowners of Seven Lake North and South voted for a clear change in leadership and for a better relationship among Board members and between the Board and landowners than had been the case in the immediate past.

How do the following actions, to note but some, accomplish these goals?

First, the blatant prejudice forcing Donna Stephen's resignation.

Second, permitting only Directors to be committee chairs.

Third, initiating inconvenient, early morning Thursday Work Sessions.

Fourth, scheduling Open Meeting public comment only at the beginning, precluding any further landowners' input later.

Among others, these four decisions, individually and collectively, in my opinion, both limit freedom of speech and discourage much needed expanded community involvement.

Let the Board rescind or at least modify those that can be.

Jim Allen

Seven Lakes North

Voters have chosen wisely

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to the citizens of Moore County for having the wisdom to re-elect Tim Lea to another term as County Commissioner.

Tim's campaign was conducted with honesty and dignity, and he will serve this county with no personal goals and no

hidden agenda.

We can trust Tim to put the best interest of the county first in any decision he makes.

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Katherine Ewing
Carthage

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Was Lea-Sloan recount politically motivated?

Dear Editor:

The Pilot reported in its May 9 edition that Election Director Gelnda Clendenin indicates there will be a recount of the Lea/Sloan race in the Republican Primary for County Commissioner despite the fact a recount is not required nor has Mr. Sloan apparently requested such.

It is a stretch when the Director of Elections arbitrarily decides

there needs to be a recount. Because the election was close does not seem to me to warrant such a decision independent of the two primary factors.

If Mr. Sloan requested such action, then I would understand the decision. It would be good to better understand why such a decision was made.

It is not too much of a stretch to imagine there may be a con-

sortium at work to deny Mr. Lea an additional term in office. That in itself is not illegal, but if the Director of Elections is being pressured to assist in that effort, that would be a sad day in Moore County.

It is obvious that Mr. Lea has been a champion in seeking change in the way the county government has been historically operating and sometimes

that may not be as smooth as some would like.

But if we truly want change, that change will not always come easy and we need to understand the leader of that change always becomes a magnet for criticism.

Most politicians ran on a platform for change in the way our government conducts its business on the National, State or

Local levels.

While you may not like his approach, Mr. Lea was bringing change and it would be a bad omen to have his hard earned primary victory taken from him.

Carl Munro
Foxfire Village

County is fortunate to have Commissioner Lea

Dear Editor:

Moore County has just witnessed a well orchestrated vicious character assassination attempt against incumbent Tim Lea in an effort to unseat him from the Moore County Board of County Commissioners.

But, what you didn't see or

hear was one negative comment about his opponent from Tim Lea's campaign. Why? Because Lea vowed to run a clean campaign regardless of what the opposition did, and he kept his promise.

You have heard the lies, half truths and false innuendos. As

Paul Harvey, a famous radio personality, might have said, it is now time to hear "the rest of the story."

Why was there such a strong effort to unseat Tim Lea? Because he has demonstrated that he can not be controlled, manipulated or used by outside

interests or political agendas. His sole allegiance is to the people of Moore County – he works for them and for no one else. This, however, is not the "politically" popular thing to do.

Moore County is indeed fortunate to have Tim Lea as a

County Commissioner. His record shows that he is dedicated to safeguarding and protecting the interests of the people of Moore County in a fiscally prudent manner.

Carolyn S. Mealing
Seven Lakes West

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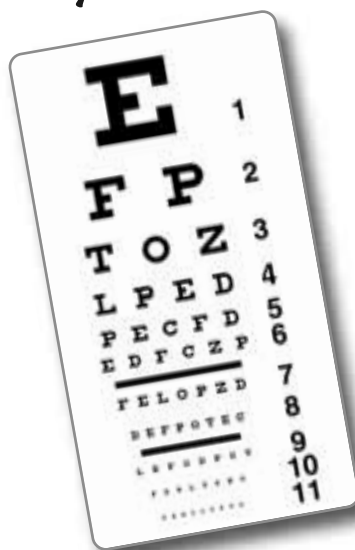
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North Moore Key Club visits Kiwanis

by Frank Krohn
Seven Lakes Kiwanis

The March 18 meeting of the Seven Lakes Kiwanis, at which State Senator Harris was present as a guest, was devoted to a presentation by the local Key Club from North Moore High School. Introduced by Cindy Holland, the Kiwanis Club's representative to the Key Club, the

students and their advisor, Joan Powers, gave brief sketches of their duties and accomplishments.

The Key Club works at the High School level to support many aspects of the community.

Locally, the Boys and Girls Home is a major beneficiary of its fundraising efforts and involve-

ment. Although its activities are primarily local in nature, the club has recently gone international by sending Christmas shoeboxes full of gifts and scarce necessities, to third world countries.

The enthusiasm and positive attitude of the members was inspirational to every Kiwanian.



Joan Powers, Colton Long, Britne Hackett, Rebekah Rhodes, Emily Loew, and Cindy Holland.

Mackay

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of God's world. When in England she ran a farm with sheep and cows and chickens.

When living in England she rediscovered "church," and over time became involved as her spiritual life grew. She served as a lector, reading scripture at a service, supplied flowers from her land for decorating the church, and was on a bell ringing team for her local church. Bell ringers in England ring the tower bells by pulling on ropes in sequence to play melodies.

She has been active in her current parish of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Southern Pines serving as Lay Eucharistic Minister helping to serve communion, and has served on the Vestry the lay governing body of the Episcopal Church. She is also a hospital Chaplain at FirstHealth in Pinehurst.

Mackay will be leaving for Tanzania on July 22. This happens to be the designated day in the Episcopal Church honoring St. Mary Magdalene. Coincidentally, The Gallery at Seven Lakes is in the St. Mary Magdalene Church building. She and The Rev. Tally Bandy, who, will be teaching at The Msalato Theological College in Dodoma, will spend six weeks working with a wide variety of people. Mackay will also be working with The Right Reverend Mdimi Mhogolo, the Bishop of the Diocese of Central Tanganyika. She has been asked to put her special consulting skills back to work for that diocese.

"We, God's people, have come to the end of separate destinies, we are all aware that our problems are global. Thankfully there is much energy in this view and much help," said Mackay. "If, in my own small way, I can help in

showing how we care, by encouraging children's expression...well, I can't think of a better way to spend the summer!"

She will be posting the children's art on her website, jessiemackayart.com, in September. You can click on her website now to see more about her and some of her work.

The Gallery at Seven Lakes is located in the St. Mary Magdalene Building, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, about 100 yard east of the traffic lights.

This special art sale will be

held Saturday and Sunday, May 17 - 18, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. There will be a gala reception on both afternoons.

Mackay and Rev. Tally are looking forward to meeting and having a conversation with all who come to the sale.

Unsold work will be retained at The Gallery for the following week just in case you were unable to be there on the weekend, and can be seen by appointment by calling Carol Burgess at 673-0356.

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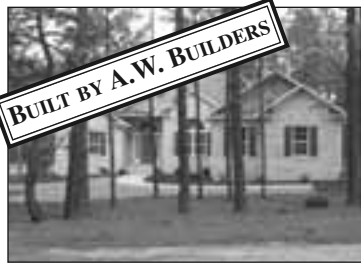
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Foxfire

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lage residents to participate in a Community Watch program to be held Tuesday, May 20 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

A special Child Identification Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, June 14, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at Town Hall. Children will be finger printed and identification materials and discussion with Foxfire Police will follow.

Coker said the West End Fire Department is looking for volunteers. If interested, please contact Chief Wayne Kennedy at 673-0905.

Streets

"What we need done is more patching rather than paving," said Councilman Vic Koos. He reported he met with contractors and is waiting for estimates for road repairs.

Koos said the village recently hired Gilbert Brown to empty the Yard Waste Center.

"I would like him to do it from

now on – he took five loads out of the Waste Center in six hours and then swept the floor clean," said Koos. "I was very impressed!"

The walking path at the Village Green Park will be repaired by the original contractor at no cost to the village, however, the work has not yet been completed. Once repaired, Koos said drains will need to be placed to prevent further erosion of the path.

Pool Hours

The Village Council had requested the community pool hours be extended until 9:00 pm. Mayor Erickson responded that since the pool was not illuminated, he recommended the pool close at 8:00 pm.

"You run into a problem because the pool workers need forty-five minutes each night to close and clean the pool," said Erickson. "It's a safety issue more than anything."

Erickson said new lighting was included in the PARTF proposal submitted by the village. The first round of grants will be announced on Friday, May 16.

Public Comment

Grande Pines developer Pete Mace presented an architectural rendering of two-unit villas he is proposing for a forty-four acre section of the subdivision.

Mace said the villas reflect a trend away from larger homes into smaller, high-quality houses. Each unit would be maintenance free and include a two-car garage.

In addition, Mace presented an overview map illustrating a twenty-nine acre section, located within the ETJ, he proposes for commercial development.

"This will be a conditional district within jurisdiction of the Planning Board," said Mace. "We would use low level signs with lots of trees."

Progress Energy

"Communities in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida are growing," said Andy Honeycutt, of Progress Energy, "and Foxfire is no exception."

Honeycutt explained that in addition to growth, new technologies such as Energy Star appliances, flat screen televisions, laptop computers, and the increased average square footage of residential homes is

driving up energy use.

With 3.1 million customers, Honeycutt said Progress Energy is committed to providing energy through a balanced solution using coal, nuclear, hydro, and alternative sources.

Honeycutt suggested consumers visit savethewatts.com, a Progress Energy website detailing over 100 tips to drive down energy costs.

He also explained that power

outages should be reported to the Progress Energy Customer Service Center at 1-800-419-6356. Honeycutt said a computer program is used to determine the most likely location of the outage but that multiple calls from a single area could help the dispatcher and repair crews more quickly locate the problem. Progress Energy is also available on the web at www.progress-energy.com

Planning

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run utilities – which means you can't run water or electric into a subdivision," said Jackson.

Fiorillo agreed. "We need to clarify what undisturbed buffer means so you can run water and utilities underground."

The Planning Board also discussed a new ordinance that states driveways can go through a buffer but not parallel to it.

Kinney responded that a series of driveways feeding onto Rt. 211, near Holly Grove School Road, "not only looks bad but if they had the opportunity to put a common driveway parallel and then have access of that road it would be much safer."

"This design is against the principals we're espousing and planning in Area A," said Kinney.

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Westside Board

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pany, on the grounds that the Board does not yet have sufficient information to make that decision. "I want a price before I vote," MacKay said.

He also insisted that the process of hiring CAS or another company should include a presentation to the SLWLA membership before the deal is signed.

Speeding

The Westside Board approved several measures aimed at helping control speeding by increasing public awareness of Westside speed limits.

Director Ron Shepard offered a detailed set of recommendations that included 13 new speed limit signs on Longleaf Drive, a new visitor hang tag design that includes very visible speed limit information on the side that faces the driver of the vehicle, posters for the mailhouses, handouts on speed limits for subcontractors, contacts with builders active in the community, a rumble strip or speed bumps near the Gateway Drive [back gate] stop sign, and a 20 MPH limit on Lakeway Drive [front entrance] and near the Community Center.

The Board approved all Shepard's suggestions with the exception of the lowered speed limits, which will require obtaining the permission of the county Board of Commissioners; the installation of the rumble strip, which Director Ray MacKay will research further; and the communication with builders, which will await clarification on enforcement options.

Enforcement options — i.e., the ability of SLWLA to issue speeding tickets payable to the Association — are currently under review by Security Director Blaine Rowland, who was unable to attend the work session — and Community Manager Tony Robertson, who are gathering information on how other nearby communities, like CCNC and Pinewild, handle this function. Once that information is assembled, it will be reviewed by Legal Director Ed Silberhorn who will help develop an SLWLA procedure that include proper due process controls.

Vandalism Discussion

A report from Mary Ann Fewkes on increased vandal-

ism and petty theft at Johnson Point provoked an extensive discussion about potential remedies. Fewkes said she believes teenagers are the likely culprits — including some from outside the community — and that the vandalism is occurring in the evening hours and may be linked to underage drinking.

Fewkes said she has been in touch with the Seven Lakes Landowners Association to determine how the successfully handled similar problems at Sequoia Point a few years ago.

The Board discussed the need for security patrols, citizens patrols, the possible use of an off-duty sheriff's deputy, the installation of motion-sensitive lights on the docks and gazebos, and the use of security cameras.

After extensive discussion, the Board directed Community Manager Robertson to redefine the job description of the SLWLA

Compliance Officer to one of Security/Compliance and submit to the Board for review and approval."

Continuing conversation — and additional measures — seemed likely in the future.

CERT Funding

The Westside Community Emergency Response Team [CERT] has requested Association help in funding the purchase of a \$2,000 utility trailer in which to store and transport emergency supplies, including medical supplies and a generator.

In discussion during the work session, Board members universally spoke in favor of honoring the request, as well as encouraging other Westside groups to contribute. They did not, however, vote on any specific donation.

Board Goals

The May 13 Work Session

included a brief discussion of proposed 2008-2009 SLWLA Board Goals, which the Board brainstormed during its organizational retreat. President Jim Haggard will revise the document to reflect the discussion and circulate it for approval before publishing it to the membership.

Committee Reports

Westside Directors prepare written work session reports for circulation to other Board mem-

bers in order to keep them up to date on work being done in each are of responsibility. During the meeting itself, they sometimes highlight key points.

Treasurer Kirst noted that, with the close of the fiscal Year April 30, the Association will add the budgeted \$83,000 to its reserve funds.

Architectural Review Director Shepard said his committee is working with Legal Director Ed

(See "Westside," p. 34)

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Lady golfer befriends SLCC's faux coyote

This furry fellow was spotted visting with Bunny Whelan on the fourteenth green of the Seven Lakes Country Club golf course.

Bunny says she has determined that he doesn't eat much, is house broken, doesn't shed, and is very quiet.

But he's a terror to Canada geese.

Hopefully, the geese won't realize he's a faux coyote.

Westside Board

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Silberhorn to fine tune the language in the Architectural Standards to better define how the committee monitors work in progress and handles violations and corrections. In particular, committee members charged with doing this work will now be called "observers" rather than "inspectors," since they are not inspectors licensed by the state or other government organization.

Infrastructure Director Mackay said he is working with residents of the Pinnacles to facilitate having that group take over the contract that provides for exterior maintenance of their properties.

Lake Director Fewkes reported that Dam Engineer Dan Marks was scheduled to send the final specifications for the remediation of the Lake Auman Dam to the state this week.

Fewkes will assemble a sub-committee of Directors to determine what to do about the floating swimming dock at Johnson Point, which was repeatedly damaged by vandalism and rough play last year.

Boat registration is going well,

she said with 200 boats registered thus far. Eight hundred were registered last year, so more work is expected. The Lake Auman Boat Patrol is in the process of being organized.

Legal Director Silberhorn reported that the Judicial Committee has had an organizational meeting and elected Charlie Merial as Chairman and Pud Kent as recording secretary. The group will hear its first case on May 29. At Silberhorn's request, the SLWLA Board voted to rename the committee the "Judicial Panel," to more closely match the language in the North Carolina Planned Community Act.

A new Legal Affairs Committee has been staffed and currently includes Hugh Beckwith, Linda Tableman, Bob Fewkes, Mick Herdrick, Gerhard Hergenahn, Bill Mamel, Tom Moran, Bud Sales, Terry Shaffer, Ron Sickenger, Jay Mikula, and Bob Williams. The group was scheduled to hold an organizational meeting on Friday, May 16.

Recreation Director Karen Milligan reported that the recent Black and White Dinner Dance was highly successful. A pool

party will be held at 2:00 pm on June 14, and plans for the fall include Tai Chi and Yoga classes.

Public comment

Speaking on behalf of the Communications Committee, **Judy Pendleton** urged the Board, during the public comment segment of the Work Session, to hire a full-time, temporary receptionist/secretary with computer skills until the arrangement with a management company can be finalized. "The communications team feels lack of full-time support person is causing problems," she told the Board.

Pendleton also recommended expanding the use of the community information board to include celebratory news such as births and the return of deployed troops to the community.



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Election

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precinct.]

No Democrat is competing for the District II and IV Commissioners' seats, so, barring an independent petition candidate, the winners of Tuesday's GOP primary will join the Board of Commissioners in November.

Sales Tax Defeated

The other county government-related issue on Tuesday's ballot was a referendum on a proposed additional quarter-cent county sales tax, which failed 63 percent to 37 percent. It fared only slightly better in Seven Lakes, where voters rejected the new tax 55 percent to 45 percent.

Boles Wins House Race

State Representative Joe Boylan, hampered by both DUI charges and a low effectiveness rating from a state non-profit, will not return to District 52 seat in the NC House of Representatives. The incumbent managed to garner only 25% of the vote, less than winner Jamie Boles, at 47 percent and Lane Toomey, at 28 percent.

Boylan's returns were even worse in Seven Lakes, where he

took only 20 percent of the vote, with Boles at 47 percent and Toomey at 33 percent.

Boles will face Democrat Betty Mangum in the General Election in November.

Morgan Fails to Unseat Blake

County Commissioner Cindy Morgan failed in her attempt to replace incumbent State Senator Harris Blake, who garnered 59 percent of the vote in District 22, which includes both Moore and Harnett Counties. Blake was the choice of 61 percent of Moore County voters. Blake will face Abraham Oudeh in the November General Election.

In one of the few returns in which Seven Lakes bucked the

County totals, Morgan edged out Blake 51 percent to 49 percent in the precinct. Morgan, along with her husband, former NC House Speaker Richard Morgan, has long been popular among Seven Lakers.

Presidential Primary

Barack Obama was the favorite among the 520 Seven Lakers who cast ballots in the Democratic primary, besting Hillary Clinton 53 percent to 45 percent. John McCain took 81 percent of the 794 votes cast in the GOP Primary.

Governor's Race

Though Beverly Perdue turned

in a convincing victory in the Democratic gubernatorial primary statewide, besting Richard Moore 56 percent to 40 percent, Seven Lakes drew the line more finely, with Perdue ahead by only 49 percent to 48 percent.

Pat McCrory, who won over a five-man field in the GOP gubernatorial primary with 46% of the vote statewide, took 53% of the vote in the Seven Lakes precinct.

Strong turnout in Seven Lakes

Of the 3,647 registered voters in Seven Lakes, 1,340 cast ballots in the primary, a turnout of 36.7 percent, the third highest in the county.

May Primary Results

	County	7 Lakes
Commissioner II		
Nick Picerno	56%	59%
Nancy Roy Fiorillo	44%	41%
Commissioner IV		
Tim Lea	51%	60%
Tim Sloan	49%	40%
Sales Tax		
Against	63%	55%
For	37%	45%
NC House		
Jamie Boles	46%	46%
Lane Toomey	28%	33%
Joe Boylan	25%	21%
NC Senate		
Harris Blake	61%	49%
Cindy Morgan	39%	51%

Bones


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Driving range

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"It is not unusual," McCorcle said, "that we find in a case like this that a permittee has moved the stream anyway."

He said the plan expected from Carter will need to either repair the damage to the stream below the driving range or provide for mitigation elsewhere. The Corps will have to approve Carter's plan before it can be implemented.

Fines common

McCorcle said the Corps has the right under federal law to fine permit violators up to a total of \$27,500. He said fines are assessed only after corrective action has been completed.

Though there are cases where no fine is levied, McCorcle said that is not common in the Wilmington Field Office. "We want to give permittees a business rationale for obtaining and complying with the permit," he said. He said the smallest fines issued from his office last year were for \$5,000, but cautioned that the Seven Lakes Country Club enforcement action is in far too early a stage to make any assessment of likely penalties.

"We hope that this moves fairly quickly," McCorcle told *The Times*. "Our responses depend on how quickly and how thoroughly our concerns are addressed. They are moving now. If this drags on for months,

the longer it goes, the more concerned we get. The ball is in their court."

Non-cooperation can come with very steep consequences, he noted. The court typically deals with non-compliance by seeking injunctions in federal district court to compel action. In that venue, fines can total up to \$27,500 per day. Another option is to seek help from the Environmental Protection Agency [EPA], which has similar ability to assess lofty fines.

McCorcle said, with good progress from the Club and their consultant, he hoped the matter could be cleared up by mid-summer.

Other agencies

Colonel Pulliam's letter to the Club detailing violations was forwarded to a host of other parties and agencies, including an attorney, a bank, The U.S. District Attorney for Eastern North Carolina, a regional EPA chief, and both the Division of Water Quality and the Division of Land Quality of the Fayetteville Office of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources [NCDENR].

The Moore County Planning Department, which issued a conditional use zoning permit for the construction of the range, was also sent a copy of the letter. The Planning Department issued its own letter advising

the Club that, unless it comes into compliance with the Corps and other state agencies, its conditional use permit could be revoked.

Justin Harcum, an Environmental Specialist with NCDENR's Division of Land Quality told *The Times* that he had inspected the site after sodding and other measures were taken to stabilize it. "From our standpoint, they have made efforts to improve the site," Harcum said. "They are not in compliance yet, but are working toward compliance."

The Times was unable to speak with representatives of the other agencies before press time.

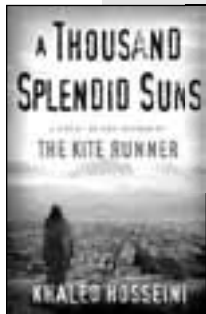
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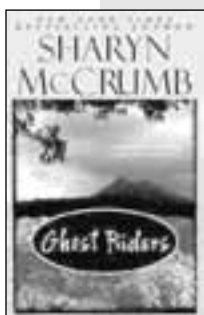
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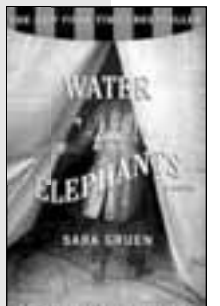
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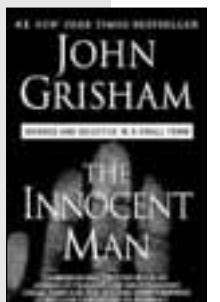
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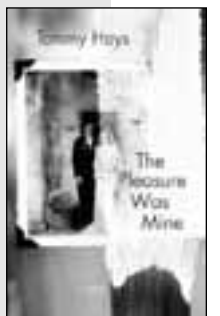
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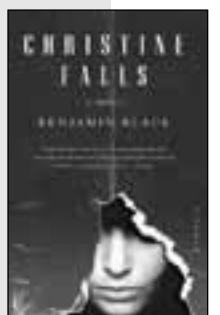
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Area A

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standards. The Corps has federal authority to protect most rivers and streams.

At another point, the plan urged the county to "create Moore County Standards that exceed Army Corps of Engineers standards for building in or near wetlands," in order to protect water quality. Again, the Commissioners objected that this was too restrictive.

Raczkowski suggested that the problem may be making too specific a recommendation in a plan that is designed to outline broad strategies.

"My recommendation is that you be a little more general in that statement in order to get your plan approved," he said. "To put that much detail in this plan at this point, that is where the Commissioners are gagging. They don't have enough information to make a decision about something this specific."

Once the plan is approved, he noted, the planning staff and planning Board will have a lot of work to do crafting the specific standards that turn the Area A plan's goals and strategies into actual ordinances and policies.

"You're getting buried in the detail of regulation," he told committee members. "But the commissioners aren't looking for regulations."

Moore County Extension Director Craven Hudson, who has acted as the Area A group's facilitator throughout the process, told members, "We've got a great plan in total . . . Let's consider doing things that makes this

passable by the Commissioners, because the next stage is where you put the regulations in. If we insist on 100 foot buffers . . . or else we throw up our hands, then we may be our own undoing."

Echoing Hudson's point, Planning Board Chairwoman Nancy Roy Fiorillo, who is also an Area Steering Committee member, said "If you put the Commissioners in a position like, 'Do this or nothing, then we are likely to get nothing."

She encouraged committee members to imagine what it would be like, once the broad Area A plan is approved, for the planning staff and planning board to hone in on just one area — wetlands setbacks, for example — do the necessary research,

craft specific language, and then present a detailed rationale for an ordinance change to the Commissioners. "Then we would have a lot more meat behind what our proposal would be."

Cautioning the group against pulling all the teeth from the proposal, Area A committee member Don Welch noted that interest groups in the development community will push back against the plan's recommendations. Picking up on Raczkowski's suggestion that some recommendations be prefaced with the word "consider," Welch said: "Those who are going to push back against it are not going to come in with nice words like 'consider.' We need to get it passed, but we need to get it passed with the strongest lan-

guage possible not the weakest language possible."

The Steering Committee ultimately agreed to respond to at least five of the nine concerns expressed by the Commissioners by blunting the specificity of their recommendations, but rather than "consider" they will preface their recommendation with the stronger word "investigate," as in "Investigate creating ordinances that will protect water quality by increasing the setbacks on each side of a stream."

Of the remaining four concerns raised by the Commissioners, one required clarifying a definition in the report's introductory matter, while the other three simply require more verbal explanation of the intent to the Commissioners, a task the Plan-

ning Director took as his responsibility.

The actual wordsmithing on each item that the steering committee agreed to modify was left to the Planning Staff, which had already done considerable reformatting — though not rewriting — of the original Area A draft plan. A new draft is expected to be available on the County website early next week. [And will be posted on *The Seven Lakes Times* website as soon as it is available.]

Depending on input received in the June 3, Raczkowski said, the steering committee may or may not need to meet again to consider additional revisions before the document moves to the Planning Board and then to the Commissioners for approval.

Range

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Complaints prompted action

Colonel Pulliam's letter to the Club notes that Field Officer Emily Burton initially visited the driving range construction site "in response to several concerned phone calls from Seven lakes Country Club residents regarding erosion and sedimentation control failures and subsequent remediation efforts."

Corps attorney McCorcle told *The Times* that he was not at liberty to provide the names of those who lodged the complaints.



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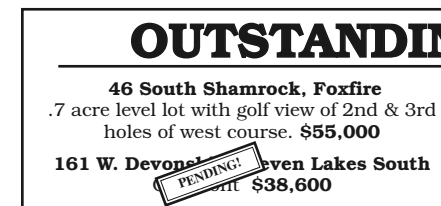
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