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Hammering it home



Seven Lakes Kiwanians team up with students at West End Elementary several times a year on woodworking projects — like this wooden race car.

Foxfire budget approved

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

The tax rate for the Village of Foxfire will remain at .32 cents announced Councilman Wally Peckitt during the Village Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 10. Presenting the Proposed Budget during the Public Hearing, Peckitt said total expenditures of \$668,196 include \$206,707 in general govern-

ment; \$266,139 in public safety; \$100,135 in transportation/street repairs; \$56,615 towards Village Green Park and pool; and \$38,600 in debt service.

"A budget is a plan for spending," said Mayor George Erickson. "You do the best guess and best plan and hope you are as close to it as you can knowing you will not be perfect, it just won't happen."

Erickson said a priority for the council was maintaining the current tax rate.

The budget was approved and adopted with a dissenting vote by Councilwoman Page Coker. She made a motion to table the budget until a Work Session could be scheduled to go over the budget in a thorough item by item manner.

(See "Foxfire," p. 33)

Dry weather ups demand for water

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Record high temperatures and no rain combined to push water usage in the Seven Lakes system above 800,000 gallons per day last weekend, prompting Moore County Public Utilities to issue a reminder that the system — as well as the linked Pinehurst water system, remains under Stage 2 Moderate Mandatory Water Restrictions.

Stage 2 Restrictions aim to reduce water consumption by 30%; that's a target of 700,000 gallons per day in the Seven Lakes system. But, as of Wednesday, when this issue of

The Times was put to bed, Seven Lakes customers had exceeded that target on six of the last seven days.

According to data collected by Public Utilities at the Seven Lakes North water tank, the Seven Lakes Area had no rain from May 29 to June 8, though the weekend forecast promised some relief.

Moore County recently slipped back into "severe drought" category on the drought map maintained by the US Geological Survey.

Last summer the capacity of the Seven Lakes system —

(See "Water," p. 34)

West Side will get roving patrol

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Seven Lakes West will soon have roving security, as compliance officer Lynn Edwards' job description is expanded to include nighttime patrols aimed at reversing a recent increase in vandalism and petty theft in the community.

The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors voted to make the change in Edwards' job description during its Tuesday, June 10 work session.

The Board also voted to acquire new cellphones and a new cellphone service that includes walkie-talkie capability, so that the security officer on patrol can easily contact the front gate if assistance is needed.

Directors deferred action on other equipment options pending further investigation. Still on the table are night vision binoculars — to allow the officer to observe offenders from a safe distance — and a security patrol vehicle. The question is whether

(See "Westside," p. 35)

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Brownies donate cookie cash for MS

Girl Scout Brownie Troop #1301 donated a portion of their cookie sales earnings to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Local MS representative Jeff Clay visited the troop and discussed some important facts about this disease. There are approximately 400,000 Americans who suffer from MS.

The troop is very thankful to the community for supporting their cookie sales and proud of their decision to support the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

In photo at right: seated – Hai-

ley Scott, Da'Shawna Dunlap, Keeley Copper; standing; Alana Harned, Taylor St. Onge, Delylah McDonald-Thomas, Kaylie Kimball, Amanda Jones, Jordan

Hunt, Savannah Dwiggins, special guest Austyn Copper. Back; Jeff Clay, Troop Committee Leader Kristy Kimball.

Sports Club Donates \$1,000 to CERT



Community Emergency Response Team [CERT] received a big boost from the Lake Auman Sports Club in the way of a check for \$1,000 dollars to put towards the purchase of safety equipment and their own mobile storage trailer. Pictured above: Joe Kristek, Mike Finney, Charlie Flinchum, Larry McCallum, Ron McGaughey, and Ed Tuton.

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Developers pass on Area A input session

Not so long ago the area surrounding Seven Lakes, now identified as Small Planning Area A, was a red hot market for developers, with up to nine potential major subdivisions in the early stages of development. Two years later, with a slowed economy and sluggish home sales, that land rush has been put on hold: a reality illustrated during a public forum held on Tuesday, June 3, when only a single local builder, Les Murray of Big Sky Construction, accepted the Moore County Planning Department's invitation to attend a ninth, and perhaps final, opportunity to review and offer comment on the Land Use Plan for Area A.

Though the development community objected to aspects of the proposed plan when it was under consideration by the County Board of Commissioners earlier this Spring, on Tuesday night, the only criticism or objections came from conservation-minded residents, not developers, and were directed at revisions that softened the plan's recommendations.

Looking out twenty years, the plan sets priorities distilled by the Area A Steering Committee from public input and months of study: sustainable growth, protection of water supplies, sustainable economic development, and preserving the natural environment. Drafting a document that will manage the inevitable growth in Moore County's fastest-growing area to preserve and conserve the natural environment and cultural features was paramount in the thinking of committee members.

"The plan is integrated and we think we've done a good job of satisfying the needs for growth and conservation: two goals seemingly in conflict," said Steering Committee Chair Dave Kinney, a resident of Seven Lakes South.

Despite a favorable review from the Planning Board, in April the Board of Commissioners expressed specific concerns about some of the recommendations and sent the plan back to the Steering Committee for additional revisions. A summary of those changes was presented by committee member Dr. John Monroe during Tuesday night's forum.

Plan weakened by revisions?

"The Land Use Plan says it should provide support to decision makers and, with that thought in mind, Area A committee members worked long and hard and made statements and objectives...but something happened here: no longer are there statements and objectives. Instead it's being suggested that there be considerations," charged Bob Stolting of Save Our Sandhills [SOS]. "Who will do the considering? Who will have input and where will that input be given?"

"I don't like word consider even more than you," responded Kinney. "But this plan is not the end of our journey. There are still a lot of priorities that have to be set, with cost and benefit analysis of strategies."

Kinney said he believes the Steering Committee should remain involved with the process, and called the plan a "living document."

"We need to make sure the intent, not what is written but the intent — the rationale — is followed," Kinney continued, "Based on comments and concerns of the Commissioners, we had to step back and realize we need the plan to be approved and then we can march forward and determine the specifics."

Stolting's criticism was aimed at several points in the draft plan passages where the word "consider" had been substituted for "require" and other stronger words. The revised sections included required setbacks from streams, buffers along Voluntary Agricultural District [VAD] boundaries, and a prohibition of new irrigation wells in developments served by county water.

Craven Hudson of the Moore County Cooperative Extension office, who serves as facilitator for the group, accepted responsibility for the change. "We worked on language and said what was most important to the group was to get back to the Planning Board and Commissioners...we wanted something to be approved and then could negotiate on the ordinances with specifics to make it happen."

Committee member Don Welch told Stolting his criticism was valid and said he was under

the impression that the committee had decided to use the stronger verb "investigate," rather than inserting "consider."

Kinney said that was correct and that, in most cases, the word "consider" would be removed and "investigate" would

be substituted before the plan was sent back to the Planning Board and County Commissioners. (See "Area A," p. 32)

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Brobst skeptical of wastewater package plants

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

"Package plants have a horrible reputation," said Dennis Brobst, Moore County Director of Public Works, during a training session with the Planning Board on Thursday, June 5. "When they first hit the scene they were cheap — engineered and designed right to the minimum. Have they come a long way? Yes. Are they what the county wants? No."

After presenting a summary of the McGill Water Study Report, Brobst was grilled during a brief question and comment period by Planning Board members intent on extracting his opinion of on-

site tertiary sewage treatment plants. Also known as a "package plant," this type of facility was included in recent proposals by developer Bill Beardslee for two new subdivisions; one of which is located on Holly Grove School Road, bordering a section of Seven Lakes North.

"What concerns me is who is going to take care of it," said Brobst. "You can hire a company to run the plant but one of my concerns is he [Beardslee] wanted the county to enter into an agreement or have it turned over to a homeowners organization."

"That scares me to death! If people move away — you may get a sparkplug who will take care of

it, but he may move and no one may be there to take over. Who is going to tell their neighbor to shut their sewer off because they didn't pay?" questioned Brobst.

Voicing similar concerns, on Monday May 19 the Moore County Board of Commissioners turned down Beardslee's rezoning request for Cambridge, a development proposed for Cameron. Beardslee then withdrew his zoning application for the Northington/Southwick subdivision, located along Holly Grove School Road, allowing him time to continue work with the planning staff to redesign the project.

Tapping the Robbins Connection for Water

Looking to long term resolutions for Moore County water needs, Brobst said he supports the McGill Study recommendation to partner with the Town of Robbins to return the 1.5 million gallon per day [MGD] water treatment plant to service, and then extend water lines from Robbins to Seven Lakes.

While this is a more expensive option than the Montgomery County option, Brobst and others, including Commissioner Tim Lea and Planning Board member and Small Area A Steering Committee Chair Dave Kinney, believe Robbins is the best option because the county will retain control of the plant which will be able to produce three times more water than is available for purchase. Estimated costs for the project are \$2,750,000 to \$5 million.

"Interbasin Transfer Laws took away a lot of long term alternatives," said Brobst. "The state doesn't care where the water is used but where it is discharged."

Seven Lakes, in particular, is a complicated region with Seven Lakes West in the Lumbar River Basin, Seven Lakes South in the Cape Fear River Basin, and Seven Lakes North in the Deep River Basin.

Brobst suggested the county should begin the infrastructure to connect to Robbins now. "Even a little will take the load off the system and we can use water from their purchase agreement [with Montgomery County]."

For long term wastewater planning, Brobst recommends upgrading the capacity of the plant in Addor from 6.7 MGD to 10 MGD. Potentially costs could make that upgrade the costliest construction project in Moore County.

Cell towers: more or higher?

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

How many and how high were key points in a discussion of telecommunication towers undertaken by the Moore County Planning Board during their Thursday, June 5 meeting.

"The current ordinance was enacted under a different philosophy of fewer towers with higher heights," said Planning Director Joey Raczkowski, "but this

last case showed the philosophy may have changed to one of more towers, but lower: towers not lighted and not higher than treetops."

Raczkowski's suggestion follows a recent decision Moore County Board of Commissioners decision to not allow a lighted telecommunication tower in the community of Eastwood. Towers over a height of 199' must be lit, per federal regulations.

"It's not a simple issue," explained Raczkowski. "The easy part is drafting an ordinance with height cut-off below where lights are required. But we just don't know the effect of drafting such an ordinance."

In particular, members of the Planning Board voiced concern that limiting height of telecommunication towers would force providers to erect significantly

(See "Cell tower" p. 32)



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Commissioners delay decision on tax hike

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Moore County taxpayers will pay more this year, however several recommendations by County Manager Cary McSwain may lower the anticipated overall increase to 3.2 cents rather than the 3.9 cents as originally proposed. That would yield an

overall tax rate of 50.7 cents per \$100 of property value. McSwain presented his recommendations during the Board of Commissioners Monday, June 2 Regular Meeting.

The Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget, which totals \$80.5 million, was on the agenda for approval, but Chair Colin McKen-

zie suggested and the board agreed to postpone approval of the budget until the June 16 meeting, allowing time for the Government Efficiency Committee to review the budget and make any additional recommendations.

McSwain's recommended reductions include a .5 cent

decrease in Advanced Life Support funding, which corresponds to a reduction last year from four cents to three cents; a .1 cent decrease in Group Health Benefits, and a final .1 cent reduction realized through \$112,000 in cuts to the budget requests of Sandhills Community College, 911 Communications, Grant

Match funds, and the Health Department Information System.

The Commissioners' next scheduled meeting is Monday, June 16, when budget approval will again be on the agenda.

Identity theft strikes very close to home

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

A suspicious purchase was the first notice that she was a victim of identity theft. Contacted by her credit company, the victim, a resident of Seven Lakes West who prefers to remain anonymous, verified that she had not,

in fact, ordered a new go-kart.

The Moore County Sheriff's Office was contacted on May 27, and within a week, detectives arrested and charged a sixteen-year old West End resident with identity theft, credit card fraud, and felony accessing a computer.

He was given a court date later this month and released into the custody of his mother.

According to police, the young man admitted to taking a photograph of the victim's credit card, using his cell phone, while standing in line at Food Lion.

However, the victim said she has not used her card at that location in over six months and wondered if the number was stolen by some other means.

"I have no idea how he got my number, but it has been the scariest thing," she said. "I've

never had anything like this happen before."

The victim said she is very careful about shredding personal papers but will be more thoughtful about keeping her credit card covered or in her pocket when in line at a store.

Chapel offering Alzheimer's Caregiver training June 19

This Summer, the Outreach of the Chapel in the Pines will begin a support group in Seven Lakes for Alzheimer's or other related memory loss diseases.

If you are now caring for a person with Alzheimer's or any kind of memory loss disease or if you are interested in learning to become a caregiver to a friend or neighbor suffering from memory loss The Alzheimer's Association will offer Caregiver Training on Thursday, June 19, from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Reservations are not required.

In order for the Alzheimer's Support Group to be a success, we will need persons to relieve caregivers so they may attend the once a month meeting. If you are interested in becoming a Caregiver, please contact Fran Stark at 673-5493.

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Local students win \$8 million in scholarships

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Three hundred of the 887 seniors graduating from Moore County Public Schools in 2008 will receive scholarships from colleges and universities, business and civic organizations, churches and other community groups, reported Dr. Eric Porter, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools, to the Moore County Board of Education during their Monday, June 9 meeting.

With over \$8 million in scholarship funds offered to county students, Porter said almost half, 145 scholarships, were being provided by local businesses and organizations. Other scholarships included eight military academy appointments, nine NC Teaching Fellows, twenty athletic scholarships, and a National Merit scholar.

"I want to thank Moore County residents and businesses for their continued support of our students and schools," said Porter.

Also during the meeting, recipients of the Public Education Foundation Awards were recognized. The foundation's mission is to encourage educational excellence through engaging and innovative educational projects.

Among the awardees were teachers Marci Houseman and Karen Lewis of West Pine Middle School, and Stephanie Marsh of West End Elementary [WEE].

Fifth grade science and social studies teacher Mary Susan Humphrey of WEE was also recognized during the meeting and was presented the certified Star Staff Award for June.

Child Nutrition

Citing a \$130,000 cumulative loss for the Child Nutrition Program during the 2007-2008 school year, Chief Finance Officer Mike Griffin recommended an increase of .25 cents for breakfast and lunch menus.

"Over the past two years the

program has been self-sustaining and exceeds the amount required so we will be able to absorb the loss," explained Griffin. "However in anticipation of continued price increases for food and fuel, an increase of

.25 cents will generate revenue estimated at \$160,000."

"Our financial position is sound and we want to maintain it that way," said Griffin.

Board Comments

"It's been a very good year,"

said Bruce Cunningham, Jr. "Our two top goals were completion of the bond referendum and to establish an enduring good relationship with the Board of Commissioners – a solid foundation that we can work on from year

to year."

Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser agreed, "We've had an outstanding year. Our schools have been very focused and have done an outstanding job."

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Summer programs, sprucing up top agenda

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

"Age doesn't matter, it's the quality," said Director Gary Caulk in describing Seven Lakes. "There is not a development that I know off that offers what Seven Lakes does. We live in a resort community where you don't have to leave to go on vacation. You can't get this anywhere!"

Assistant Community Man-

ager Chad Beane and Caulk, who chairs both the Recreation and Security Committees of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA], met with *The Times* to discuss their goals and new recreation initiatives.

"We have programs for the young, for middle aged, and for older," explained Caulk.

Aimed at the growing younger population, Friday Night Teen

Nights will be held at Northside Pool beginning Friday, June 13. For a five dollar entrance fee, teens may swim, hang out, and even bring their own music from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Refreshments will be available for purchase, an off-duty Pinehurst Police Officer has volunteered to supervise, and lifeguards will be on duty.

"We have a strict policy though: If you leave, you can't come back in," said Caulk.

Another new program this Summer is Sports Camp, to be held Monday through Friday from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A different sport each week will keep kids interested and active.

Summer Day Camp hours have been extended longer into the afternoon and will run Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. Children ages five to fourteen years are invited to travel around the world during the ten-week program with a different destination each week. Campers will swim each morning, enjoy games and crafts, and have special guest speakers and other activities. Full-day and half-day options are available,

but space is limited. Fees are \$100 full time first child, \$80 per week for second child, and \$30 per week for half-day campers.

Sponsored by The Seven Lakes Lions Club, the Seven Lakes Stingrays Swim Team already has sixty children registered – enough to hold weekly intramural meets in novice and masters divisions. And both team members and those interested in swim lessons, whether group or private, will benefit from Seven Lakes' very qualified, certified coaches including Kate O'Connell, Adam Ullrich – a Division III National Champion and eighteen time All-American, Olivia Zaleski – also a Division III National Champion and national record holder, and Greg Dougherty – a two-time NC State champion.

"So far, pool attendance numbers have been off the chart this year," exclaimed Beane as he detailed all the work recently completed including new pool decking, new fencing, new diving boards, and new umbrellas. Updated pool lighting will be added soon also, as state-mandated rules governing pools pro-

hibit the type of glass fixture currently installed.

Caulk said he has witnessed the increase in pool use firsthand. "I watched Water Aerobics one morning this week and the whole pool was filled! There were even lots of men — so guys, come on in and enjoy."

Water Aerobics is held Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 9:15 am.

For more information about Summer programs or to register, contact the Seven Lakes Landowners Office at 673-4931.

Caulk said that maintenance of the recreation areas an grounds, both refurbishing and renewing, is a high priority for the Recreation Committee, which is working with Director Sally Kindsvatter and the Beautification Committee on the effort.

Improvements are already evident at Northside Park Pool and attention is now focused on Sequoia Point. Caulk said all five community lakefront shelters have been renovated and painted, and twenty-six picnic tables will soon be painted a complimentary hunter green. Also a

(See "Jet boat," p. 32)



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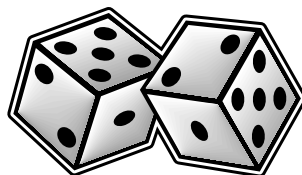
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Robert Knowlen Cloud, 68, of Seven Lakes West, died Wednesday, May 28, at Penick Village.

Mr. Cloud was born in Skowhegan, ME, a son of the late Samuel Morrison and Marie Elizabeth Perkins Cloud. He was a professional scouter with the Boy Scouts of America for thirty-two years. He was a member of the Exchange Club, the Jaycees, the Rotary Club, the Kiwanis, and was a member of the Kingston United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by a son, Samuel Joseph Cloud.

Mr. Cloud is survived by his wife of fifty-two years, Sharon Ann Riley Cloud, of Seven Lakes West; three sons, Jeffrey John Cloud, of Pinehurst, Gregory Alan Cloud, of Dunn, and Douglas Paul Cloud, of Willow Springs; two daughters, Bobbi Ann Wolfe, of Dallas, and Deborah C. Peedin, of Cary; a granddaughter; and a sister, Sue Ann Kerns, of Lancaster, OH.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Kingston, OH.

Memorials may be made to Camper Ship Endowment Fund, Boy Scouts of America, Occoneechee Council, 3231 Atlantic Ave., P.O. Box 41229, Raleigh, NC 27629-1229.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Nancy Sickenberger Fleming, 81, died Thursday, June 5, at Countryside Manor in Stokesdale.

Mrs. Fleming resided in the Greensboro area for the past twenty-three years. She was an accomplished pianist and a published writer of children's stories.

Mrs. Fleming was preceded in death by two sons, Lee and Matthew, and her husband, Harold Fleming.

Surviving family members include her son Lance Fleming of Greensboro, her brother Ron Sickenberger and his wife Barbara of Seven Lakes West, her nieces Nancy Donnell of Greensboro, Karen Sickenberger of Asheville, and nephew David Sickenberger of Hendersonville.

A private family funeral is planned.

Louise Horner Ragsdale, 78, of Troy, formerly of Robbins, died Sunday, June 8, at Autumn Care in Biscoe.

Mrs. Ragsdale was a native of Moore County and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Ernest Ray Ragsdale, of the home; a son, Lewis Ragsdale, of Asheboro; two daughters, Linda Hogan, of New Hope, and Denise Duncan, of Robbins; a brother, John Robert Horner, of Burlington; a sister, Betty Ailiff, of Charlotte; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 11 at Kennedy Funeral Home in Robbins. The Rev. Archie Stevens officiated. Burial followed in Pine Rest Cemetery.

Kennedy Funeral Home of Robbins assisted the family.

Joseph Robert Harsany, 79, of Foxfire Village died Tuesday June 10, in his home after a brief illness.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11:00 am Friday, June 13, at the McDonald Chapel Presbyterian Church by the Rev.

Donald Welch.

Mr. Harsany served on the Foxfire Village Council from 1997-2006. Mr. Harsany was very involved with Foxfire from being a member of the golf course, an Elder at McDonald Chapel, served on several committees of the church, chair of FMGA at Foxfire, member of the Chain Gang at Foxfire and also a committee member for Foxfire days.

Mr. Harsany attended Ohio University and graduated as an engineer. He worked with John Crane Packing Co. for over 30 years as a Regional Sales Manager in New York and Illinois. He served in the US Navy during WWII.

Mr. Harsany is preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Rose Harsany; four sisters Irene Harsany, Helen Bernard, Lanka Maldonado, and Emilene

Harsany.

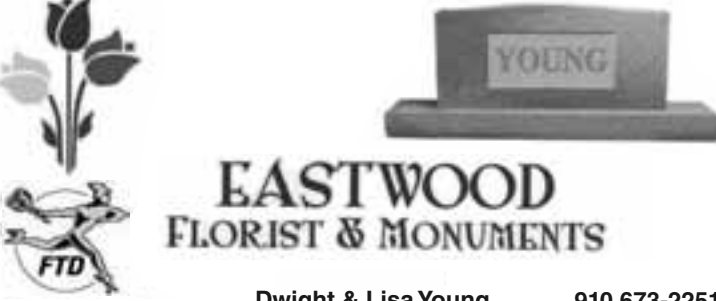
Survivors include his wife Eleanor J Harsany, a son, Richard Harsany and wife Veronica of Cheraw, SC, daughter Susan Harsany of Foxfire Village, and three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to McDonald's Chapel Presbyterian Church, 1374 Foxfire Road Aberdeen, NC 28315 or ones favorite charity.

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Remembering Westsider Nancy Stein

by Betsy Mikula
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Ask someone who has been here longer than ten years what they think of when they hear the name, Nancy Stein...Master Gardener would no doubt be the reply.

Nancy owned a nursery in Centerville, Ohio prior to moving to Seven Lakes West in the mid 1980s. Nancy moved to Quail Haven a few years ago and died there May 17.

In 1989, Jim Moncure created the first Beautification Committee, and along with some of us enthusiastic but less experienced gardeners, Nancy became a member. At that time, the funds were limited or nonexistent, so we used plantings from our gardens and from anyone who was willing to share. The hosta from that time still seems to be flourishing above the large pond. I remember Nancy's reaction when some of the members discussed a fountain with colored lights. She was appalled and we opted for simplicity.

Nancy designed areas of the front entrance, carving out at least eleven beds from the mail-

house to the end of Lakeway. Many of these are still in existence. There was also a water garden planted at the mouth of the large pond which is no longer in existence. Under her direction, she planned, organized, supervised, actively participated and continued with the maintenance of the entrance.

The Johnson Point plantings also received their initial attention from Nancy's energy and ideas.

In 1991, The Garden Club was formed and Nancy was

often a guest speaker, as well as an active member. She was a long time board member of the Sandhills Horticultural Garden as well.

Residents of Seven Lakes...North, South, and West should well remember Nancy Stein and her contributions to the community. Among some of her accomplishments she helped landscape several of the area churches; landscaped the North Clubhouse; gave of her knowledge freely to many, many homeowners; helped with many of

the plantings at various corners of the Village.

Nancy was seen just about daily, weeding, planting, watering. She was very quiet and unassuming, not seeking acco-

lades, but tenacious in her undertakings.

Needless to say Nancy Stein has left evidence of her "green thumb" throughout the entire Seven Lakes Community. And

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Everyone is invited to attend and see how local ham radio operators quickly set up communications networks when other systems fail or are overloaded.

Campbell's art chosen

by Mason Gould

Ann Campbell, one of the most productive artists on the Seven Lakes scene, has been selected to display her painting entitled, "Beside the Canal" in the System office of the North Carolina College System in the Caswell Building in Raleigh. Her painting and that of Dr. Gerald Catapano will be on exhibit until the end of the year.

A reception was held for the honored artists. Artists' entries from all of the community colleges in North Carolina were juried for the exhibition.

Ann Campbell has received an Artist's Grant for August at the Vermont Studio Center. She recently participated in a Women's Wellness Workshop sponsored by Seven Lakes Health and Fitness Center.



Ann Campbell

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SandhillsKids.com, Harris team up on guide

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Hoping to raise \$50,000 for education in Moore County, Communities In Schools and SandhillsKids have partnered to create the area's first and only Family Fun Guide. The publication will contain information and maps of local parks, museums, schools, restaurants, businesses, shopping, coupons, school and regional event calendar, and other tidbits and tips for Moore County families.

Designed to be easily transportable in a car or bag, the compact 150-page spiral bound guide is being produced by Harris Printing in the Seven Lakes Village Business District.

"It is the ultimate parent and grandparent resource," said Rollie Sampson of SandhillsKids, "and we couldn't have done it without Rick Harris. He walked us all the way through the process and helped us create an affordable product."

The guides will be available for purchase in August from local PTA's, preschools, homeschool groups, and private schools. Developed as a fundraiser, half of the \$10 cost per book proceeds will go back to the selling organization.

Sampson and Monica Zimmerman, co-founders of SandhillsKids, saw the guide as a logical next step for their enterprise. Currently the fastest growing online resource in the region, SandhillsKids.com had 4.7 million hits in the past twelve months, including half a million hits in May.

"As parents ourselves, we are really excited about publishing a guide to the region and offering schools an alternative to traditional fundraisers" said Zimmerman. "Our goal is to create an easy-to-use resource that complements sandhillskids.com. This way when your computer isn't handy, you just flip open your Family Guide."

In addition to school and educational organization outlets, the guide will also be available for purchase directly from SandhillsKids with half of the proceeds directed to their project partner, Communities In Schools [CIS], a local non-profit and the leading drop-out prevention program in the United States. The

mission of CIS is to connect community resources with schools to help kids stay in school, succeed in school, and be better prepared for life.

Andi Korte, Executive Director of CIS said, "The Sandhills Family Guide fits right in with the goals of CIS by helping schools and local businesses raise funds for much needed resources for both students and teacher projects in Moore County. CIS is proud to partner with SandhillsKids."

The guide offers a wide range

of advertising opportunities for local businesses, from a listing in the business directory for \$25 to full color ad space and coupons starting at \$150.

"Businesses can advertise and support schools at the same time – this is a win-win for both parties," said Sampson.

For more information about family activities and opportunities in Moore County, or advertising in the Family Fun Guide, visit www.sandhillskids.com or contact Rollie Sampson at 603-8750. Schools and other edu-

cation organizations interested in participating in the fundraiser should register with Yvonne

Petersen, CIS Program Coordinator at 910-246-6470 or email ypetersen-cis@hotmail.com.



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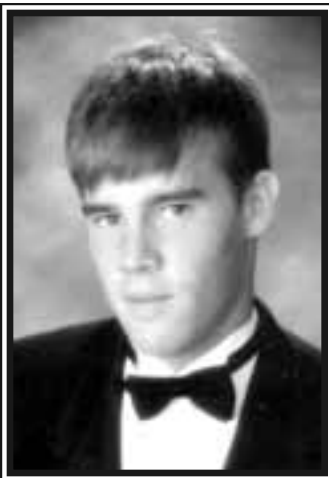


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Travis is the son of Tom & Melody Frazier of Seven Lakes. His grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. James Frazier of Ruston, LA & Mr. & Mrs. Jewel Barkley of West Monroe, LA. He was all region in soccer. He received a scholarship to Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL for Pharmacology.



Kayla Nicole Gielda

Centreville High School
Centreville, VA

Kayla is the daughter of Steve and Sherry Gielda of Clifton, VA and the granddaughter of Larry and Brenda Yates of Seven Lakes North. Kayla was a member of the National Honor Society, the Yearbook staff, and co-captain of the Dance Team. She will attend the University of Tennessee.



May Ruth Grimsdale

James River High School
Richmond, VA

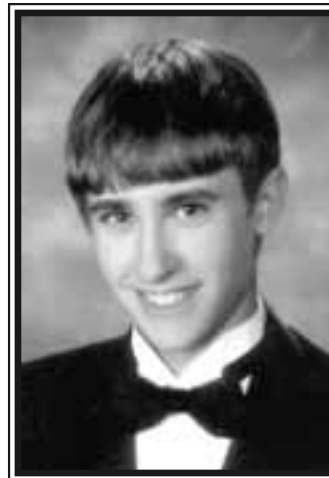
Ruthie is the daughter of Kevin & Ann Grimsdale. Her grandparents are Don & Doris Grimsdale of Seven Lakes, & Robert & Mary Ann Sanford of Midlothian, VA. She was a member of Lacrosse team, Nat. Honor Society, Nat. Art Society & assist. dive coach. She will attend University of Virginia for medical science.



Lydia Marie Hamzah

Terry Sanford High School
Fayetteville, NC

Lydia is the daughter of Oz and Jakki Hamzah. She was an honors student, honors chamber orchestra, JV and varsity cheerleader, and danced competitively in jazz, lyrical, and ballet; winning platinum awards at regional and national levels. Lydia will attend East Carolina University to major in nursing.



Wesley Jacob Huddleston

Pinecrest High School
Pinehurst, NC

Wesley is the son of Coe & Cathy Huddleston of Seven Lakes West. He is the grandson of Richard & Joyce Huddleston, Muncie, IN & Don & Jane Bauer, Angola, IN. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 98, earned the rank of Eagle Scout and will attend Sandhills Community College.



Zachary Allen Letsinger

Pinecrest High School
Pinehurst, NC

Zachary is the son of Scott & Jone Letsinger of Seven Lakes, the grandson of Don & Barb Gerhardt, Seven Lakes West & Patti Letsinger, Kempton, IN. A member of Nat. Honor Society, Key Club, PHS marching band, received Tin Whistles Scholarship. He will attend NC State University.



Kimberly Gail Murphy

Wake Forest/Rolesville High School
Wake Forest, NC

Kimberly is the daughter of Kevin and Gail Murphy of Wake Forest. She is the granddaughter of Gerard & Irma Murphy of Seven Lakes West. A member of Nat. Honor Society, & the NC High School Society, she will attend UNC-Greensboro.



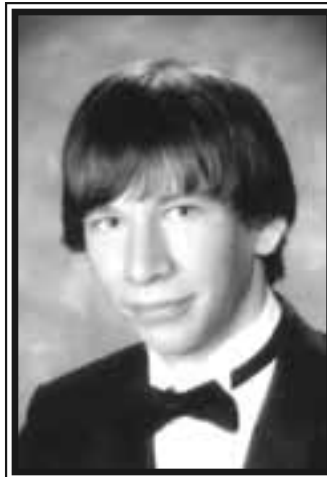
Kristen Leigh Purvis

Pinecrest High School
Pinehurst, NC

Kristen is the daughter of LeAnne Purvis of Seven Lakes West & Dr. W. Henry Purvis of Sanford.

She was a member of PCHS Marching Band drum line for four years.

Kristen will attend NC State in Raleigh, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

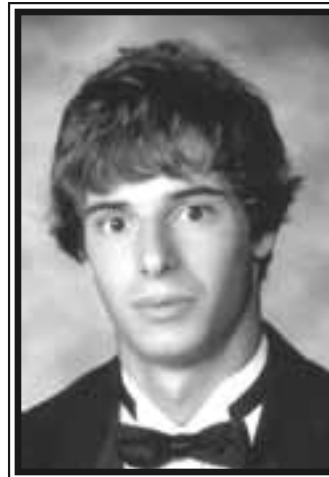


Matthew David Shadwick

Pinecrest High School
Pinehurst, NC

Matthew is the son of George and Misty Shadwick of Foxfire Village. He is the grandson of Harold Dowden of Circleville, Ohio.

Matthew will be attending Sandhills Community College Arts Program.



Timothy J. Songer

Windsor High School
Windsor, VA

Timothy is the son of Dale and Judith Songer of Windsor, VA. He is the grandson of Bertie Janosky of Seven Lakes North. He graduated with an academic degree with honors. Timothy will attend Randolph College in Lynchburg, VA, majoring in math and playing on the men's soccer team.

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Meaghan Rose Steingraber

Pinecrest High School
Pinehurst, NC

Meaghan is the daughter of Dale & Patty Steingraber of Seven Lakes North. Her grandparents are Kay Steingraber, Pinehurst, & John & Rosemary Conroy, Northport, NY. She received an IB diploma, a member of Nat. Honor Society & Interact Club. She will attend UNC-Chapel Hill.



Brooke Nicole Strider

North Moore High School
Robbins, NC

Brooke is the daughter of Rickey and Vicky Strider of Seven Lakes North.

She was the editor of the North Moore High School yearbook.

Brooke received a Merit Scholarship from Bank of America to attend UNC-Greensboro.

Class of 2008 – College



Lindsey Kate Boroughs

UNC-Wilmington
Wilmington, NC

Lindsey is the daughter of Tommy & Judy Boroughs of Jackson Springs. She received a BS degree in Chemistry with a concentration in Biochemistry, a minor in Mathematics. Lindsey will pursue a doctorate in Biochemistry at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY.



John Adam Cook

US Military Academy
West Point, NY

John is the son of Colonel (Ret.) John & Terri Cook of Foxfire Village. He received a BS degree in American Politics. John was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the US Army as an Engineer Officer. After Basic Leadership Officer Course 2 & 3, his first duty will be 5th Engineer Battalion, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO.



Madeline Macauley

Air Force Academy
Colorado Springs, CO

Madeline is the daughter of Jonathan Macauley of NH, & Patty Ann Clark of NY. She is the granddaughter of Phyllis Hergenbahn of Seven Lakes West & Ian Macauley of NV. She graduated with a BS degree in Meteorology. She will serve as meteorologist at the US Air Force Base in Ramstein, Germany.

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Lauren Michell McChesney

University of Virginia
Charlottesville, VA

Lauren is the daughter of Seth and Sue McChesney of Centreville, VA. She is the granddaughter of Bob & Jan Mitchell of Seven Lakes West. Lauren received a Master's degree with Honors in Psychology. She has accepted a position with Loudoun County School district in Virginia.



Katelyn Marie Murphy

Sacred Heart University
Fairfield, CT

Katelyn is the daughter of Steve & Dale Murphy of Oakland, NJ & the granddaughter of Gerard & Irma Murphy of Seven Lakes West. She graduated Magna Cum Laud with a BS degree and honors in Finance & Marketing, she was an inductee in the Jack Welsh School of Business.



Jonathan C. Shute

Wingate University
Wingate, NC

Jonathan is the son of Bruce and Sally Shute of Seven Lakes North. He graduated Cum Laude with a BA degree majoring in History & a minor in English. Jonathan was the goalie for the Wingate soccer team. He graduated early in December 2007, but chose to walk with his class in May 2008 ceremony.

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Tableman attends leadership conference

Douglas Tableman, son of Westsiders Linda and Steve Tableman, spent his Spring vacation learning how our federal government works at the National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. Tableman is a junior at Pinecrest High School in the International Baccalaureate program and is on the National Forensics Debate Team.

The conference included a model Congress, in which students were assigned roles as Senators or Representatives. The bill introduced for this program was "Modernization of the Communications Act," and was designed to address issues related to the internet, including terrorism and sexual predators.

The second program, "Crisis

in the Arctic," was designed to study the executive branch decision-making process. Tableman played the role of the President in this exercise, in which Russia claimed ownership of land in the Arctic Circle containing valuable resources such as oil and gold.

In the third program, which involved testing the Constitu-

tion, Tableman argued before the [student] Supreme Court in a case that involved requiring voters to show a photo ID. This exercise took place before the US Supreme Court last month upheld such a requirement.

In addition to these seminars, Tableman visited various Washington landmarks and museums. He also met with North Carolina Representative Howard Coble.

Gribben wins scholarship



Jonathan Gribben

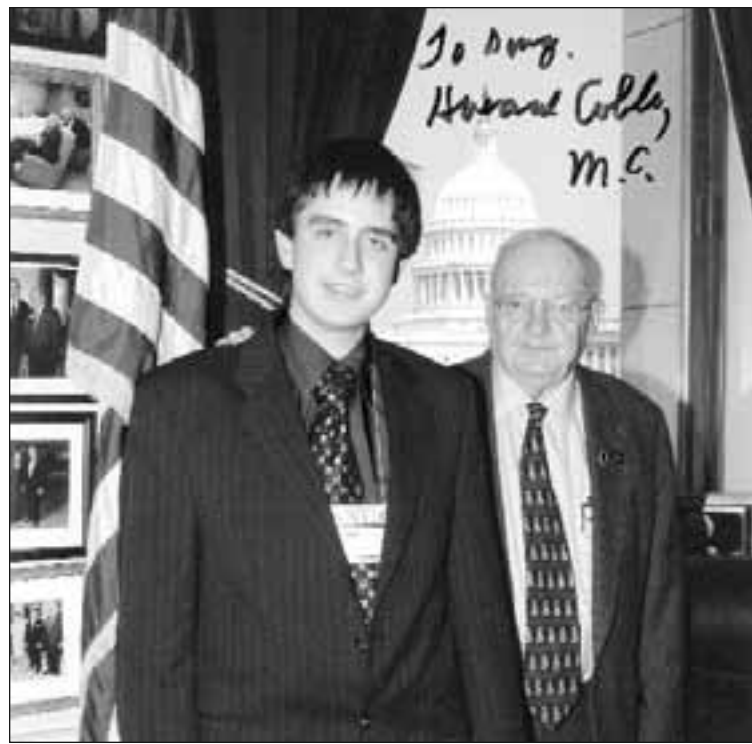
The Ohio State University Sandhills Alumni Club of NC proudly announced the winner for the club's first scholarship award to an Ohio State University enrollee or student. Jonathan Gribben, son of Patrick and Susan Gribben, of Seven Lakes South, is the honored recipient.

Gribben had a dream to graduate from Ohio State, thus making him the third generation of the family to attend there. This dream had been a part of his life since he was a small child. OSU first accepted Gribben for enrollment in 2006, while he was attending Wingate University.

However, Gribben's father became ill and, he opted to remain at nearby Wingate for another year. He also played on the varsity soccer team.

Declaring Art as his major, Gribben never forgot his dream of OSU. He began to research scholarships and learned that if he completed the Army ROTC Leader's Training Course for future officers, and graduated with honors, he could possibly receive an Army ROTC Scholarship which would allow him to attend OSU.

Carefully considering his (See "Gribben," p. 16)



Douglas Tableman with US Representative Howard Coble

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Whether he is teaching his grandchildren which lure to use or luring the brightest minds in the field of medicine to the mid-Carolinas, Dr. John Ellis measures success by the quality of the catch. As the founding father of the joint replacement program at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital, Dr. Ellis reeled in specialists from all around the nation and built the program into what it is today. Now retired, he continues his efforts to “Keep FirstHealth First” as Chair of the Foundation of FirstHealth Stepping Stones Campaign.

Every charitable act is a stepping stone toward heaven.

“It is a joy to work with volunteers who are excited and enthusiastic about sharing our story,” Dr. Ellis says. “Of course, the ultimate goal of any capital campaign is to raise money; but we see it as an opportunity to educate people about the hospital, about the role it has played in the community, and the role the community has played in its quality and success through the years. We hope people will understand how special this hospital has been, is now and, with their help, can be in the future.”

It is not what we get, but who we become, what we contribute, that gives meaning to our lives.

John Ellis inherited his love of medicine and small-town life from his parents. His father, a physician, moved with his wife and their four sons from Oklahoma City to a town in Kansas, where he established his family practice and developed close ties to the community.

While studying medicine at the University of Kansas, John met fellow student Nancy Borel from Virginia. It was from her parents and grandparents, who were in the Salvation Army, that Nancy learned to do what is right for its own sake.

“I was born this way,” she says. “Giving is in my bones. It feeds my soul to think I’m doing something worthwhile.”

Five years after they married in 1961, John Ellis graduated from medical school. In the late 1960s, he served in Southeast Asia as a Navy orthopaedic surgeon before returning in 1970 to St. Louis. As chief orthopaedic resident at Barnes and Shriners Hospitals, he developed expertise in the area of total hip replacement.

In 1973, Dr. Ellis received an invitation from Louis Daniel, M.D., to join the Pinehurst Surgical Clinic and develop a joint replacement program in conjunction with the hospital.

“Hips and knees are what retirees need, especially golfers and tennis players, so the program grew,” Dr. Ellis says.

Today, Moore Regional Hospital has one of the largest total joint replacement programs in the state and ranks among the top 100 orthopaedic hospitals nationally with one of the highest success rates in the country. Dr. Ellis attributes the quality of the program and its resulting reputation to excellent people and good, old-fashioned teamwork.

“Our team approach, which we developed early on, is what sets us apart,” he says. “Everyone who has a role in caring for patients before, during and after surgery is also part of the joint replacement team. And it takes a hospital administration with the commitment to help recruit and retain the best, most qualified people for the team.”

Dr. Ellis considers the establishment of the orthopaedic service line, which became the model for other service lines at the hospital, to be his main accomplishment.

“Visiting surgeons often came to Moore Regional to learn about the newest techniques and technology in orthopaedic surgery,” he recalls. “But they usually discovered that the most important thing their own hospital lacked is not technology: It’s the team.”

In addition to leading and expanding the total joint replacement program, Dr. Ellis served on dozens of faculties of national and international educational meetings for orthopaedic surgeons. His efforts were recognized by the American Medical Association’s Physicians for Continuing Education in 1992.

His work was not limited to his practice in Pinehurst. He served as chief of the Brace and Amputee Clinic and regional consultant for Vocational Rehabilitation until he retired. As part of Orthopaedics Overseas, Dr. Ellis – along with his partner, Dr. Daniel, and an orthopaedic team from the hospital – went on two mission trips to Haiti. In 2002, Nancy joined them in the West Indies, where she volunteered to teach remedial students.

John and Nancy Ellis have been making a difference all their lives – to their family, to their friends and neighbors, to their professions and to their community. Giving, sharing and helping others brings joy to their lives.

Both learned as children to look beyond themselves and give without expectation of reward or notice. It is a lesson they are passing on to their children and grandchildren.

“Dr. and Mrs. Ellis live their values so completely, so naturally,” says Pam Hudson, senior development officer for the Foundation of FirstHealth and former chaplain for FirstHealth Hospice & Palliative Care. “To them, it’s like breathing.”

Since moving to Pinehurst almost 35 years ago, when Dr. Ellis joined the Pinehurst Surgical Clinic to develop the joint replacement program at what is now Moore Regional Hospital, the two have been dedicated to improving life for others. Both have spent countless hours volunteering with area organizations as well as making generous contributions in their support.

Although Dr. Ellis retired from active practice in 2001, he continues to serve on several FirstHealth and Foundation boards, and is chairing the Stepping Stones Campaign, the largest fundraising effort the Foundation has ever undertaken.

We give to others not out of a sense of obligation, but out of a sense of sincere appreciation for what our community has given us.

Dr. Ellis retired from active practice in December 2001. “In my opinion, a surgeon should retire before people begin to think he should,” he says.

The Pinehurst Surgical Clinic “met every expectation I had for my career goals plus the opportunity to do every type of orthopaedic surgery I desired and develop the joint replacement program,” he says. “The support I received from the clinic and the hospital made my career better than it would likely have been anywhere else. This is a wonderful community. Nancy and I wanted the opportunity for me to practice as I might in a big city while raising our three children in a small town.”

In retirement, the Ellises are busier than ever. He continues to be involved in teaching, serves on several FirstHealth boards and the Pinehurst Surgical Clinic board, and heads the Mid-Carolina Physician Organization that he organized in 1995. She is vice-chair of the Sandhills Community College Foundation and founding chair of the Penick Village Foundation.

How can we expect our children to know and experience the joy of giving unless we teach them.

Perhaps the Ellises’ most significant achievement is their family. Their three children and their spouses and their grandchildren are all involved in volunteer activities in their communities.

Both John and Nancy recently lost a parent. John’s mother, Jane, passed away in 2006, and Nancy’s father, Paul Borel, passed away in 2007. John and Nancy want to share their “legacy of giving,” which has passed from generation to generation to generation:

Care about family and friends and people you don’t even know. But don’t just care. *Make a difference.*

Winning Pinecrest coach is Southsider

Sandy Sackmann, a twenty-three year resident of Seven Lakes North has coached golf at Pinecrest High School for around eleven years, first leading the Women's Team to the state championship in 2001, and again reaching the pinnacle in May, winning the 4-A State Men's Golf Championship in 2008. Both teams won their state championships playing their home course, Pinehurst #6.

Sackmann and her team were honored by the Moore County Board of Education during their Monday, June 9 Meeting.

"They really deserve it," said Sackmann. "They've worked so hard and they are such good players. There is so much talent on this team, it's just amazing."

Sackmann explained that since only six students can play in each match, the ten members of the team are very competitive

with each other.

"They are all so good, the

competition on the Men's Team is very fierce," said Sackmann. "I

can't think of anything I'd rather do than coach these kids. They are a joy to watch, the parents are incredibly supportive, and we

couldn't do it without Pinehurst – we play and practice there every day."



Coach Sandy Sackmann with members of the state championship Men's Golf Team from Pinecrest High School.

Gribben

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options, and knowing he would have to commit to the military, he spoke with his parents on the subject and they supported his dream to attend OSU.

Gribben completed Leader's Training at Ft. Knox, KY, graduating as an honor cadet. He ranked in the top fifteen of over 300 cadets. He was granted the Army Scholarship and immediately enrolled at Ohio State.

Currently, Gribben is a Senior at OSU and will graduate during the summer of 2009. He carries a load of twenty credit hours

each quarter, while getting up each morning at 5:30 am to do PT or other military related training.

"It's a rigorous schedule," said Gribben, "but is very rewarding for me. I love it."

Many ask him about being an Art major and in the military. His response is that it is an odd combination, but he finds it to be a balance in his life.

His dream is currently becom-

ing reality. His family is extremely proud of him, as are all of the 198 Buckeyes who are the charter members of the OSU Sandhills Alumni Club which selected him as their very first OSU Scholarship winner.

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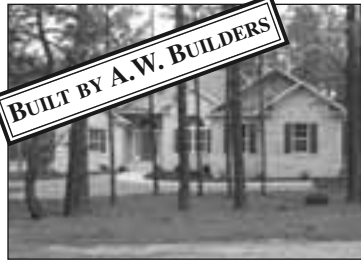
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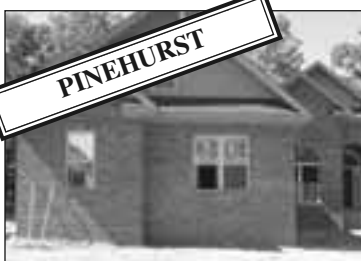
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SATURDAY, JUNE 14

- **Flag Day**
- **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.
- **Weymouth Garden Tour** – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Weymouth Center. \$15 to tour the gardens of Tom Register, Kathy and Bill Smith, Connie Atwell, Nancy Donald, and the Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Call 692-6261.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

- **Father's Day**

MONDAY, JUNE 16

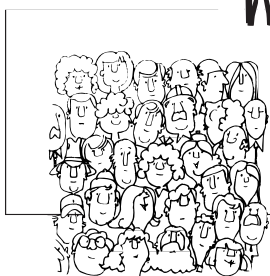
- **Moore County Board of Commissioners Meeting** – 6 pm, Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

- **Sunrise Theater** – 7:30 pm, Movie - "Priceless" Plays through June 20.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

- **Alzheimer Caregiver Training** – 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm, Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines. Sponsored by The Alzheimer's Association, reservations not required. Information, Fran Stark 673-5493.



What's When Calendar

- **Dog & Cat First Aid Class** – 6 pm, American Red Cross Chapter House, Southern Pines. Registration is limited. Information, 692-8571.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

- **Potters' Summerfest** – Shop with Seagrove potters. Some potters will be serving refresh-

ments and give pottery production demonstrations. Info: 336-873-7887.

- **Bookgroup by the Lakes** – 7:00 pm, Coffee Scene, Seven Lakes Business Village. Join our discussion of Michael Chabon's *The Yiddish Policemen's Union*. 673-5900

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

- **Golf Capital Chorus Garage Sale** – 8 am, 12 Shenecossett Lane, Pinehurst #6. The Golf Capital Chorus annual garage sale raises funds for

charitable giving. Pinehurst #6 is north of traffic circle, take first right beyond main entrance to Shenecossett.

- **Seven Lakes Annual Garden Tour** – 9 am – 1 pm, Seven Lakes North, South, & West. Your opportunity to visit beautifully landscaped garden in the communities of Seven Lakes North, South, & West. Directions will be available at entrance gates. Rain

date is June 28.

- **Sam Ragan Poetry Festival** – 2 pm, Weymouth Center. Call 692-6261.
- **Rocky Horror Picture Show at the Sunrise Theater** – movie starts at 8:00 pm, and 11:59 pm. Call 692-8501.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

- **Summer on the Porch Music** – 5:30 pm, Showing Miss Tess and the Bon Ton Parade. \$9/adult, children under 12 free. At the Postmaster's House, South Street, Aberdeen. 944-7502. www.theroosterswife.org

MONDAY, JUNE 23

- **Sandhills Natural History Society Meeting** – 7 pm,

Weymouth Woods Auditorium, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd., Southern Pines. NC Herpetologist Jeff Beane, Raleigh Museum of Natural Sciences, will talk about the ecology of the rare, diminutive bog turtle which inhabits spring-fed wetlands in western North Carolina. Visitors are welcome! Information, 692-2167 or www.sandhillsnature.org

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

- **League of Women Voters Meeting** – 11:30 am, Longleaf Country Club, Southern Pines. LWV of Moore County Annual Meeting presents The Year in Review. The public is welcome. Cost is \$12. Reservations, 944-9611 by June 20.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

- **How's It Growing? Plant Clinic** – 2 pm – 4 pm, Agricultural Building, Carthage. Taylor Williams, Horticulture Extension Agent for Moore County will discuss the current growing season and address frequent questions, with an emphasis on landscape plants and vegetable gardens. Attendees may bring specimens showing disease or insect damage. 947-3188.
- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Open Meeting** – 7:30 pm, North Clubhouse.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

- **SLCC Beach Party** – 5:30 pm cocktails, 6:30 pm dinner, Seven Lakes Country Club. Cocktails in paradise and a buffet featuring chicken/beef

kabobs, baked beans, potato salad, rice pilaf, green beans, green salad, fruit tray, and cake. Cammy-award winning DJ Chad Sain. Casual dress. Members all-inclusive \$24; non-members price is \$29.

- **"Then She Found Me" at the Sunrise Theater** – 2:30 pm, and 7:30 pm. Plays through June 30. 692-3611.

FRIDAY, JULY 4

- **Independence Day**

MONDAY, JULY 7

- **Moore County Board of Commissioners Meeting** – 4 pm, Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

TUESDAY, JULY 8

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

- **Seven Lakes Blood Drive** – 1 pm – 6 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. The shortages remain critical due to low collections in disaster areas and the usual summer doldrums. As our older stalwarts diminish, younger shoulders are needed to keep our community's per capita contribution in the forefront. If you are healthy, over seventeen and at least 110 pounds, please mark the date and

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THURSDAY, JULY 10

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

SATURDAY, JULY 12

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Kiwanis celebrate 25 years

by Frank Krohn

The Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club officially celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary at a banquet on May 6. North Carolina Lt. Governor R.V. Hight was present for the occasion, and had some kind words to say about the club, especially the active nature of the local group.

The founder of the Seven Lakes Club, Jay Stemmer, was also present. Stemmer is ninety-four and lives in a retirement facility in Pinehurst. He is currently too weak to speak in public, but one of his good friends, Ed Hitchings, from the Sandhills Club, spoke on his behalf, and commented on the work and effort that Stemmer exerted twenty-five years ago to establish the Seven Lakes Club.

The evening ended with a wonderful montage of pictures of members through the years, from twenty five years ago to the present day. Chuck Kersey, a member of the club, did a wonderful job collecting the pictures and creating a historical journey from birth to the present.

The Seven Lakes Club Kiwanis Club meets each Tuesday at

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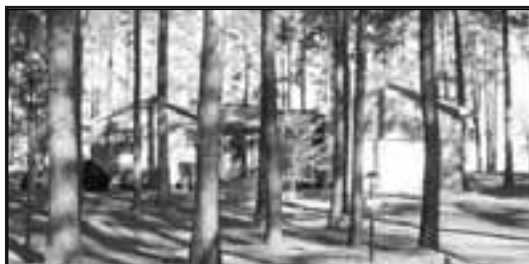
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Taggart named Overlook president

Douglas S. Taggart, son of Paula Taggart of Seven Lakes South, has been named president of Overlook Systems Technologies, Inc., effective June 1.

A professional engineering and technical services firm headquartered in Vienna, Virginia, Overlook has extensive experience in GPS and Positioning, Navigation and Timing (PNT) technologies, operations, and applications, as well as electronic warfare, space and information operations, and space control.

Taggart has more than 25 years of experience in electronic navigation, positioning, and timing systems. He received his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the United States Coast Guard Acad-

emy and an M.S. degree from Purdue University, both in electrical engineering. Taggart joined Overlook in November 1996 following retirement from the Coast Guard.

During his Overlook career, he has supported the Office of the Secretary of Defense in numerous areas including formulation of the Defense Department's GPS security policy, GPS modernization, allied use of military GPS, navigation warfare, national space-based navigation policy, and international outreach efforts on civil GPS cooperation with Europe, Japan, and Russia.

Overlook Systems Technologies was established in 1987 by Michael Sorrentino and Raymond Roddy and has 70 employees with annual revenues approaching \$12 million. In addition to the Vienna office, Overlook has business units in Los Angeles, California; Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Albuquerque, New Mexico.



Douglas Taggart

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Topping

1 cup sugar

1/2 cup plain flour
1 stick butter, melted

Spray a 9" x 13" glass pan. Sift together flour, baking powder, sugar, and salt. Cut in shortening using a pastry cutter or two knives. Combine milk and eggs until mixed. Add to dry ingredients. Mix lightly and fold in berries. Spread in pan. Cover and put in refrigerator overnight.

The next day, pre-heat oven to 375 degrees.

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Beware of Summer hazards

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We need to be aware of the hazards of the summer. Already the heat is in triple digit temperatures. It is extremely important to keep hydrated. Drink lots of water, sports drinks, and other appropriate fluids. Avoid caffeine and alcoholic beverages. The effects of the heat can be cumulative over several days so plenty of rest is also important along with minimizing your exposure time. Symptoms of over exposure include weakness, dizziness and nausea.

Enjoy your time on the water but remember to observe all boating laws and use lots of common sense when operating your boat. Slow down when approaching other boats. Make sure that you have enough life jackets aboard even on pedal boats and kayaks. And remember, North Carolina law requires all persons under the age of thirteen years wear a personal flotation device [PFD] when they are aboard any boat.

On another subject, there will be an informational presentation on memory loss including Alzheimer's at the Chapel in the Pines on Thursday June 19,

from 1:30 pm until 4:30 pm. This is open to anyone interested in learning about memory loss.

The onset of Alzheimer's and other forms of memory loss is a very gradual one that brings about significant changes in

lifestyle for both the patient and their caregiver. If you have never experienced this with someone close you probably do not know what to expect. That is what this presentation addresses. There will be a support group for care-

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Lindy DiBella and Sharon Morris — Best costumed team and second place winners!

by Linda DeBrine
Seven Lakes West

The Beaconettes, the nine-hole ladies golf group at Beacon Ridge, held their annual Member Guest event on May 29.

In the spirit of this year's theme of Safari Golf, most of the fifty-four women turned out in style, sporting inventive costumes of all kinds.

The game of the day was the net best of two balls on the front nine at Beacon Ridge Country

Club.

First place winners for the event were Mary Price and her guest Carolyn Mealing with a net 25 [eleven under par] score.

Since the second through fourth place winning teams all scored a net 27, the remaining places were determined by matching cards.

Second place honors went to Lindy DiBella and Sharon Morris, third place to Linda DeBrine and Lisa Baker, and fourth to

Linda Talbot and Annette Daniels.

Other contests included closest to the pin on #5, won by Sylvia Jansen; closest to the pin on #7, won by Ann Doster, and straightest drive on #9, won by Carol Skau.

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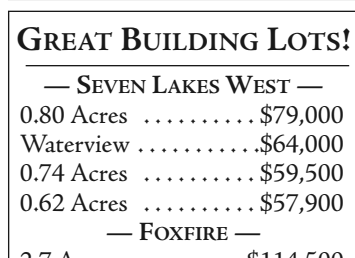
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Would Indy by any other name smell as sweet?

Not every tradition is worth keeping but sometimes I surprise myself with the ones I miss. Case in point, my kids get to grab their cereal prize right off the top.

Now, where is the fun in that!

Seriously, wasn't reaching your arm, elbow deep, into a brand-new box of Cocoa Puffs half the fun? Your grubby little paw exploding circles of sugary goodness out of the top of the box, all for the trivial pursuit of some meaningless trinket. Unfortunately, modern manufacturing seems to have improved over the years.

Of course, I only discovered that this week because Darling Hubby did the grocery shopping — with tots in tow. No generic, prize-less cereal box for this crowd. Nope, they went straight for the goods, securing a light up

adventure spoon featuring a particularly handsome fictional archeologist.

OK, I admit it. I have a thing for Harrison Ford: same goes for the more obscure but equally rugged actors, Sean Bean and Scott Glenn.



Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

Hubby knows this of course. He'll even alert me if one of my faves is in a movie rerun on television. We, being parents of young children, seldom see the light of the moon much less the glow of a movie projector.

Though with Indy headlining a new blockbuster this Summer, I'm tempted to give our trusty sitter a call and drag Jim off to spend some of that economic stimulus on a box of over salted, over-priced popcorn, and enjoy some good old fashioned escapist entertainment.

Truly, there is nothing better than an absurd but utterly engaging adventure with lots of explosions

and harrowing escapes.

Jones seems to be a bit like a dirtier version of Bond, James Bond that is, only without the car, the gadgets, or the accent.

Both however always seem to get the girl . . . beautiful crea-

tures despite their unfortunate names. When did I miss that Indy's hard-drinking, tough-loving gal pal from Raiders was saddled with the moniker Marion Ravenwood.

Sounds more like a librarian from the Midwest, not a bar-keep expat living in the Himalayas.

And I can hardly even open a discussion of Bond conquests, as most claim names not fit for print in a family newspaper. Even as a wide-eyed innocent watching my first Bond, *Goldfinger*, I knew something was up with those character names.

Though considering the choices my peer group has chosen for their off-spring, maybe Hollyweird is to blame. Swimming in the famous end of the baby pool, we've got Apple, Shiloh, Diesel, Moon Unit, Rocco, Fifi Trixiebelles,

and the list goes on. Not to be outdone, my own extended family includes brothers Leonardo and Van Gogh — Leo and Van for short, and sweet little Pax and Thea.

My personal favorite, however, is the L's: that being yours truly, Lindsay, Leah, Lauren, and Laurel. When we're all in a room together it's like a musical stutter, la la la la.

Again, some traditions are perhaps not worth keeping. Here's hoping the next generation has the opportunity to dig deep into their box of cereal and avoids the L section of the baby name book.

But, if someday I'm fortunate enough to have a grandson, Jack or Lindsay — you have Mommy's permission to name him Indy.

New financial records policy is too restrictive

As was reported in the recent issue of *The Times*, Treasurer Denny Galford, who was appointed to the board, presented and the board approved a new policy concerning disclosure of financial data and documents. He implies in his statement that many members "call the staff and demand immediate answers or notify the office that they want

to review all invoices at the end of the month."

The "surge" of landowners wishing this information, according to Dalton Fulcher, amounts to two people: Jack McCarthy and myself.

Neither Jack nor I realized that, with only the push of a button on a computer needed to produce a report, we were "cre-

ating an intimidating work atmosphere and excessive duties for the staff and management."

I hope I speak for Jack in saying we apologize. In the past, all that was needed was a call to Dalton and a request was made and he would tell us when we could pick up the information requested. Did that really tax the office?

Another part of this policy is that you fill out a form and Treasurer Galford will show you the items requested — but only at the end of the open meeting that you attend. If you do not attend, then you don't get the information. Is that restrictive or is it discrimination?

Also Galford has a policy form that states you must supply a reason for a certain item and he also told us that was the law. Well, according to our elected Representative and our elected Senator, there is no such thing. If you are a landowner, then that's all the reason you need.

Speaking of financial disclosure, it seems that the credit card has again been used for

lunch at the Country Club.

The bill was for over \$56 and Galford told me it was for Director Don Truesdell and some engineers' luncheon. Now, these engineers are going

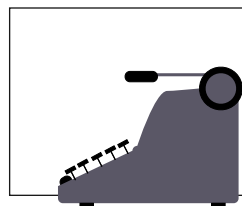
unless they are "approved in advance by the executive board."

I believe Truesdell needs to pay the landowners back for the trips, lunches, and supper, as well as the \$737.40 that

he said was owed to him, with no receipts. Accordingly, he did not have board approval for any of this.

Your Turn

Steve Hudson
Seven Lakes North



to charge us ten of thousands of dollars and we are paying for their lunch as well? Shouldn't it be the other way around?

I don't know about you, but I'm tired of buying lunches, suppers, and trips with my dues.

I contacted NC Representative Joe Boylan's office and NC Senator Harris Blake's office and was sent some very interesting information.

Under North Carolina General Statute 47F-3-118 section C, it states that no financial payments are to be made to any board member for expenses

untee board. If you can't afford to volunteer, then get off the board.

I now ask, will this board do the right thing?

Will this board convince Truesdell to pay back the landowners the money he's been paid? Will this board abide by our by-laws? Will this board abide by the laws of the state of North Carolina? Will this board put the landowners first?

We'll just have to watch and see. It's in their court now, so to speak.

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Geese squawk back: "It's the peacocks, not us!"

Dear Editor:

In response to "Kids = Geese" in the May 30 *Seven Lakes Times*, it turns out I am a fringe member of the goose population —aka an "amazingly liberating college" educated 25-year-old. Although, I would like to make clear that I have been placed in this category solely based on my age and not my merit. Since those liberties have been taken with me, I decided it would only

be fair to take the same liberties with the "Lakers." Or, as I like to call them, "peacocks."

Last time I headed down to Johnson Point (to loiter and vandalize), I encountered numerous traffic hazards that put me, and others, in danger. Gangs of seniors were crowding the streets. Although they claimed to be "walking the dogs," only one animal was in evidence. I later saw some of the same seniors

operating non-street legal golf carts on our roads, clogging up the traffic flow. Perhaps all golf carts should be restricted on the West Side to prevent this hazard from occurring again.

Once I got to Johnson Point, I too saw the empty beer can that was assumed to be left behind by my fellow geese. I, however, discovered a more likely culprit. After reading the West Side Community Newsletter, I learned

that the sailing club has parties at the Point that are BYOB. Not only are these Lakers bringing the alcohol down to the Point, I think it is fair to assume they are also operating their boats under the influence. Even if we were to pretend that BYOB meant "bring your own boat," I need not site the many examples of drinking and loitering that occur when the party gets moved to the golf course.

Instead of a kids-behaving-badly-problem, could it be that there is an adults-setting-a-bad-example-problem?

As for the Lakers, adults-setting-bad-examples are like peacocks. They are all for show, arrogant and quit ill tempered. You can't eliminate them, but only hope to shoo them away into minding their own business.

Lori Ivan
Seven Lakes West

Time to get back to the old days, Stephan says

Dear Editor:

In the past, I have written to *The Times* in regard to the legacy that each and every board member will leave when their term is up, but this time I am writing in hopes that each individual

landowner will think about the legacy that he/she will leave when he/she moves on.

Today, I ask you to look at Seven Lakes of the past and identify why we have gone so far astray. Let's discover the way

to get back to "the older days" when we were truly a community . . . happy, friendly people who waved at each other on foot or in cars . . . a time when we worked to make life better and easier for all . . . a time when we

took cookies and cakes to new neighbors . . . a time when we were light of foot and fun to have around.

Seven Lakes will become the charming community we all loved when we moved here. We shall

treat other with respect and dignity. We shall be the area sought out by many because "We are Seven Lakes!"

Before I left the board, I asked the board members to live up to the commitment they made when they took office. Now I ask board members and landowners together to join forces to make the quality of life for all who live here your main goal. It is time to move on . . . be proud . . . because, we are Seven Lakes.

Donna Stephan
Seven Lakes South

Well owners should conserve, too

Dear Editor:

As a fourteen-year property owner in Seven Lakes North, I have often wondered why, during times of severe water shortage, those with private wells can, and in some cases do, use water more freely than those of

us who rely on the Seven Lakes and Pinehurst systems.

I understand that from a legal point of view, they may be allowed free usage for some reason, but considering that the well water comes from the same aquifers that feed the community

systems, and over-consumption by well owners will still have a detrimental effect on all of us, following the same restrictive guidelines as the rest of us would seem the morally responsible course of action to follow.

Some well owners may be

following the restrictive guidelines, but those who are not, should think about the good of the community.

David Moline
Seven Lakes North

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Thanks for suit

Dear Editor:

With the law suit over, many people would like to thank Alan Shaw, along with the Robinson's and Leach's for taking on the task of trying to keep the old driving range "green." Shaw spent his own money in this fight but the judge ruled against him. We thank you for trying.

Hopefully someday, if the board allows it, the Country Club members will be able to vote as to what to do with that property.

Next, many residents wish to thank Donna Stephan for all the hard work she and her ARB committee did this past year. Thanks Donna for watching over us.

It's just a shame that Zielsdorf, Truesdell, Galford, Kindsvatter, Caulk, and Shaver don't believe much in something as simple as our freedom of speech. All Donna did was ask questions in her article in *The Times* on April 18. The next thing she knew, Galford was leading the charge to get her off ARB and the other five directors simply jumped on board.

As far as Denny Galford's reputation, all any of us have to do is refer to a recent *Times* article about the "new driving range" that he and Dick Weber proceeded with. His project could very well cost the Country Club members another \$100,000 in cost overruns and fines for ignoring the Army Corps of Engineers.

Makes one wonder what this summer will bring, doesn't it?

Steve & Mary Hudson
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Keeping a grip on life

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Sometimes the practicalities of life are a bit like that. It seems that some forms of mental gravity can hold us down, seemingly never to leave.

But those moods can disappear and life opens its arms and provides new opportunities to achieve, to love, to give thanks for the gift of life.

Yes, your favorite little waterfall, half hidden within the woods, is still there, beckoning you to re-assemble, open your pores to its cleaning grace, retune your priorities, and take a new breath.

What is truly worthwhile?

Where are the beacons whom God has nudged you to measure yourself against?

If you have found even one, like someone with a natural tact who can easily summon up forgiveness and instinctively treat others with respect, consider yourself truly blessed.

As the pendulum swings in its predetermined arc, carrying with it the history of our existence, we know we must continue to look outward because that is where happiness lies.



Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

It's Adopt-a-cat month

Dear Editor:

The Moore Humane Society, along with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, is celebrating June as national Adopt-a-Shelter-Cat Month to help bring attention to the many wonderful cats and kittens awaiting adoption at shelters nationwide.

As you may know, Spring and Summer months typically bring a surge of cats and kittens to the nation's animal shelters, and Moore Humane Society is no different. We have cats of all ages, sizes, and colors that are looking for a forever home. To find your new friend, visit us at 5355 NC Hwy 22.

If you can't adopt, there are still ways to celebrate Adopt-a-Shelter-Cat Month. Most importantly, spay or neuter your pets. By spaying and neutering your companion animals you are becoming part of the solution to pet overpopulation. If your pets

are already spayed or neutered, go one step further and encourage others to do the same thing. You could even offer to help with the costs for someone who may not be able to afford it otherwise.

Another way to help celebrate is to become a foster parent to

a cat or kitten who needs some extra TLC before being adopted. For more information about becoming a foster parent, please contact us 947-2631. Please help us save Moore animals!

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Thanks for help with MMAR event

Dear Editor:

On Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1, at the Seven Lakes Business Village Commons, Montgomery-Moore Animal Rescue held a pet adoption drive. Six adorable dogs were adopted and went to good homes.

This group effort could not have been possible without the following:

Elaine Girgis – for permission to use the Seven Lakes Business Village Commons

The Seven Lakes Times – for advertisement

The Coffee Scene – for use of restroom facilities

W102 550 AM/102.5 FM – for on-air promotion of the event

Betsy Mikula – for Pick-a-Pooch headbands and flyers

Pud Kent – Pick-a-Pooch sign boards

Barb Lewis – paperwork assistant for Rabies shots

And the Pick-a-Pooch dog handlers; Pat Allan, Marisa Back, Mary Beamish, Roger Brooke, Ruth Brooke, Betty Buechel, Dick Dick, Jo Ann Dyson, Norm Dyson, Lee Foreman, Jim Haggard, Kay Haggard, Mike Keenan, Sue Keenan, Pud Kent, Bob MacGregor, Norelyn MacGregor, Eddie Miller, Emma Miller, Jim Owen, Jim Rector, Blaine Rowland, Martha Rowland, Debbie Taylor, Bob Skau, Jim Tobias, Karen Tobias, Bill Wells, Jackie Wells, Bob Williams, and Gloria Williams.

It was a fun and worthwhile time for all. Even the weather cooperated.

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ference where they live.

Any individual, group, business, or organization whose volunteer activities in North Carolina benefit the community or the State of North Carolina in a substantial, important, or unique

way is eligible for the award.

Nominations are being accepted until June 30. Nomination forms are available from the Moore County Senior Enrichment Center, all branches of the Moore County Public Library,

and the Southern Pines Public Library or at www.volunteermc.org.

RSVP supports volunteerism in Moore County, assisting more non-profit agencies with recruiting, training, and recognizing their valuable volunteers.



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Course helps families cope with mental illness

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Moore County [NAMI-MC] is offering a twelve-week "Family to Family" course, free to family members of close relatives with mental illness. The course begins Tuesday, July 8. Attendees will receive current information about the severe and persistent mental illnesses and addictive disorders, up-to-date information about medications, and current research.

They will also gain empathy by understanding the subject, lived experiences of a person with a mental illness while learning in special workshops about problem solving, listening, and communication techniques. Attendees will be given strategies for handling crises and relapse, all the while learning how to cope with the worry, stress, and emotional overload of being a caregiver. They will be given guidance on locating appropriate support and services within the com-

munity, and information on advocacy initiatives designed to improve and expand services.

Former students raved about the Family to Family program, one said, "It was the first course that spelled out for me what it was like to be a patient with a severe

mental illness, and what it was like to be a family member."

Another said, "It literally demonstrated for me what it was like to listen to someone having auditory hallucinations. It taught me how to be an empathetic listener, and finally, I gained incredi-

ble respect for the family members of people struggling with a severe brain illness."

Marianne Kernan, NAMI-Moore County President said, "The course was so enlightening three years ago that I decided to acquire the credentials to teach

this offering in July."

She will be joined by Ellen Ains, board member and co-chair of NAMI-MC's Pathway to Awareness Weekend.

For more information or to register for this free educational course, call 235-0292.

How's it growing?

Taylor Williams, Horticulture Extension Agent for Moore County will conduct a plant clinic from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Wednesday, June 25 at the agriculture building, located at 707 Pinehurst Ave. in Carthage.

Williams will discuss the current growing season and address some of the questions coming in on the Master Gardener Hot Line.

The emphasis will be on landscape plants and vegetable gardens.

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sioners for review.

"A primary issue for the Commissioners was the very strong verbs ["require"] we used to introduce each strategy," Kinney said. "I think they had a feeling we were forcing their hand. 'Consider' is very wishy-washy, and then somewhere in-between is 'investigate.'"

Another revision that drew comment was a section recommending a continued exploration of whether the 2.5 miles of road within the Seven Lakes Village Business District could be transferred to the state. The Board of Commissioners expressed concern that the North Carolina Department of Transportation

[NCDOT] would "in all probability" not accept a transfer for ownership of maintenance until those roads were brought up to state standards.

"The issue is appearance and surface," said Kinney, "but the bigger issue is economic development. The village needs to be renovated to draw more retail-

ers and service industry into area."

Committee member Jesse Wimberley elaborated, "We are very interested, because, if we can put development into already developed areas, that will keep sprawl from moving out, and we don't have to improve the roads as much between Pinehurst, because it reduces the number of trips back and forth."

Committee member and Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Director Ray MacKay agreed, saying the village is already zoned for commercial developments: "It's been designated; what it needs is economic development."

As the public forum concluded, Harry Huberth of Sandhills Area Land Trust cautioned the Steering Committee and forum attendees against apathy.

"This is a vision. It is not a rule book and there is no law. Each recommendation will need to be enacted as ordinance or a revision of ordinance," Huberth warned.

"If you are concerned, you'll have to follow though. This is just a template and when it leaves you need to aware . . . don't think just because it passed that everything is safe. You all need to be involved, and the plan will only succeed with input."

Cell towers

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more lower-level towers, and could impact coverage for cell phone users. Currently, twenty-five percent of Moore County has full cell phone coverage.

Raczowski recommended the county solicit a request for proposal for a qualified contractor to look at the ordinances, and using up-to-date state and federal

laws, determine whether the county should adopt a master plan for telecommunications towers.

"This is very technical stuff and we have different companies telling us different things to the same questions," said Raczowski. "I've talked to our current consultant who represents us well but I can't say if he is a perfect

match for Moore County needs."

A member of the Planning Board agreed with looking forward, "We don't ever want to regulate ourselves to the point we can't have service. If we [Moore County] want to advance with technology, then we have to accept we will have tall ones and short ones."

June Red Cross Blood Drives

This Summer, the American Red Cross encourages everyone to remember: The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood.

June Blood Drives

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Tuesday, June 24: 10 am – 2:30 pm, Sandhills Community College, Blue Hall. No appointment needed.

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Foxfire Council

(Continued from front page)

“We have not had a group budget Work Session w^oith all council members present...I do not think this is a good way to do business,” said Coker.

During discussion, other council members present, excluding Vic Koos who is traveling, declined to second her motion arguing that the Budget Meeting held on June 2 had been the appropriate time to raise any questions or objections.

During the Finance Report, Peckitt said a loan application was submitted to BB&T to finance well and water projects, not to exceed \$461,000 in borrowed funding. The council approved the fifteen-year loan, which carries an interest rate of 3.89 percent.

Planning & Zoning

With twenty-two houses listed for sale, Zoning Administrator Mimi Ainsworth reported the village has seen a decrease in the number of homes on the market that she hoped signaled an increase in sales. Ainsworth also said she had issued one permit for a single family resident this month, and other permits for two fences, one accessory building, and a deck.

New zoning ordinances under discussion at the committee level include burial of propane tanks that exceed 200 gallons, and determining a maximum height for grass.

Bob Thorne was appointed to the Planning & Zoning Board. Previously serving on a local government board and on private advisory boards, Thorne’s construction background will be very helpful to the committee, stated Planning Director Craig Ramey.

The Village Council also approved hiring Michael Grow, an attorney who specializes in annexation and Planned Unit Development [PUD].

“The village has started to grow, particularly in the last three years and will probably continue,” said Mayor Erickson. “This will help Planning and Zoning to be prepared for anything that comes our way.”

Grow has suggested the village create a new district specific for PUD’s, and to review and update the existing subdivision ordi-

nances.

Water

“We’ve had a rather dry spell, we’re hitting our peak normal usage period a little early,” reported Councilman Ed Lauer. “We’re not facing a problem but it’s something people need to be aware of.”

Lauer encouraged villagers to conserve water, restrict well use, and irrigate only early in the morning or late at night. He also said he has collected information on rain barrel systems for those interested.

“A lot of new houses seem to have an excessive lawn compared to what is normal,” said Lauer. “The more lawn, the more you have to water. I would encourage folks to think seriously about how much green they need to put in.”

Resident Charles Coker suggested the Water Superintendent should be more proactive issuing fines for irrigation violations.

Public Safety

Councilwoman Coker reported the Community Watch program held on June 9 had been well attended. A pamphlet outlining program information including Code Red, disaster preparedness, CERTS, and useful hints and phone numbers will be distributed to all residents.

“I have received a good response for this program and we will be installing Community Watch signs and have stickers for mailbox posts,” said Coker. “We want to be proactive.”

An Ad-hoc committee, chaired by Coker, will make recommendations at the July meeting whether village road speed limits should be lowered from 35 to 30 miles per hour.

“We are trying to use common sense,” explained Coker. “If you are going a few miles over 35, you won’t get a ticket, but you may be traveling too fast. That’s why we are looking at going to 30 and having a little bit more leeway.”

Resident Tommy McCaskill, a father of three young daughters, said the increased police patrol along Woodland Circle has helped slow traffic in front of

his home.

The two main state roads through Foxfire, Hoffman and Richmond, were studied last year to determine whether traffic volume warranted a reduction from 40 to 35 miles per hour. Erickson said conclusions of that study have not been completed by the state agency.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Erickson said he had responded to an eastside resident’s concerns about an under-construction home. He also said that while there is no ordinance requiring foundation plantings, at least 99% of village homes had them.

There was also a discussion of complaints regarding developer Ron Jackson and the open foundations located at his project site.

“This is absolutely dangerous for children,” fumed a resident.

“And there are a lot of foundations around there.”

Both Erickson and Lauer agreed that it was both a safety and liability issue.

“That’s fine,” responded the resident, “but what good is that

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Water

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which pulls almost all of its water from the Pinehurst system — was increased to one million gallons per day through the installation of a new water line along NC Highway 211 and an upgrade to the pump station located near West Pine Middle School.

Prior to that upgrade, the system could produce only 825,000 gallons per day — a total that was exceeded on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

County Utility Operations Manager Ben Vaughn told *The Times* on Wednesday that the Public Works Department is watching the situation carefully, including monitoring groundwater reserves.

The static water level in the wells the county monitors actually shows a decline from last Summer, when the County imposed even more restrictive Stage 3 Mandatory Conservation Restrictions. But the groundwater level appears stable, Vaughn told *The Times*, and water from Winter and Spring rains has yet to reach the aquifer to recharge it.

When heavy rains in the Fall of 2002 broke that year's severe drought, it took about five months for the rainfall to reach the aquifer, Vaughn explained.

County measurements show Seven Lakes rainfall at about 2.9 inches below normal for 2008 so far, despite much heavier than average rain in April.

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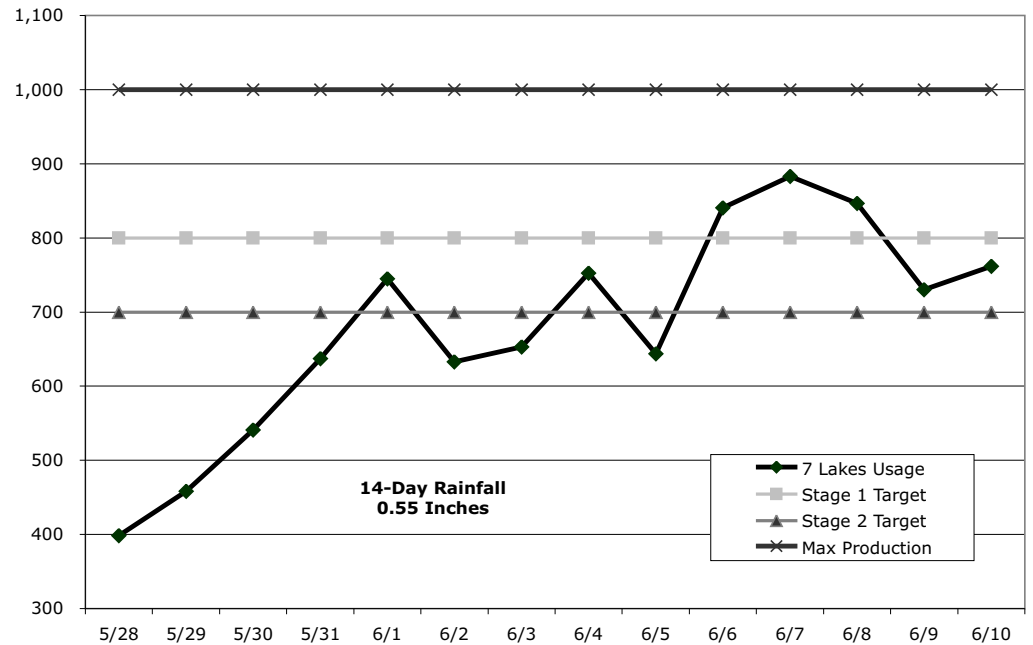
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to upgrade or replace the aging SLWLA pickup truck, which has more than 150,000 miles on its odometer. In either case, the security vehicle will be outfitted with distinctive markings and a light bar with green flashing lights, as well as a high-intensity, hand-held spotlight.

Office staffing

In other staff related business, the Board voted to continue employing a part-time temporary receptionist/data-entry clerk in the Landowners Office through mid-July, when the last of the annual registration-related workload should be done. The SLWLA Communication's Committee had asked the Board to make sure the reception desk is staffed until Autumn, when a decision is expected on whether to hire and community management company and more permanent staffing arrangements are nailed down.

Community Manager Tony Robertson told the Board that the lack of a receptionist for the office was "unprofessional," and made it difficult for both he and Denise Duncan to carry on their work without constant interruptions from fielding telephone calls and greeting visitors to the office. Director Ray MacKay also advocated strongly for a three-person office, noting that the Seven Lakes Landowners Association office staff includes four people.

But other Board members seemed to feel that a two-person office was sufficient except during the busy registration period.

Mary Anne Fewkes made the compromise motion to continue employing a part-time temp, suggesting the Board revisit the issue during its July work session.

Management Company

Negotiations with a community management company continue to move along, President Jim Haggard told his fellow directors. Haggard and Human Resources Committee Chairman Ron Sickenberger met with Community Association Services, Inc. President John Stone for a two-hour review of contract modifications prepared by Legal Director Ed Silberhorn.

"He had no problem with any-

thing we asked for," Haggard said, "Though he wanted an opinion from his lawyer on some things."

Haggard said his goal is to make sure Silberhorn is satisfied with the legal structure of the contract, "then everyone else can take potshots as well."

CERT Support

Board members expressed strong support for having the Association make a contribution to an on-going fund-raising effort by the Community Emergency Response Team [CERT], but stopped short of approving a dollar amount.

The recently formed CERT organization plans to acquire an enclosed utility trailer and outfit it with a variety of light-rescue and first aid equipment that could be used by team members as they deploy in response to an emergency. Team leader Terry Riddle made a presentation at a recent SLWLA monthly meeting asking for contributions, and has already collected a check for \$1,000 from the Lake Auman Sports Club. Director Fewkes said the Sailing Club is also likely to make a donation to the project.

CERT needs \$4,500 to \$5,000 for the purchase and initial stocking of the trailer. Directors debated the merits of committing to matching funds CERT raises from other sources versus pledging to bridge any gap between the goal and funds raised from elsewhere.

Director Ron Shepard argued that the Board should simply commit to giving CERT a straight donation of \$1,000, but that failed to garner sufficient support.

Director MacKay said a higher-visibility fund-raising effort — including publicity in the SLWLA newsletter — should be undertaken before the Board makes a decision about contributing. Director Fewkes suggested the Association may need to plan on some sort of on-going budget for CERT in future fiscal years. Treasurer Kathy Kirst suggested that each director scrutinize their own departmental budget for the current year in order to assemble a donation, noting that she was opposed to diverting any funds from reserves, which have already been allocated to future projects.

In the end, the Board decided to defer action until the July Work Session, when they hope to have a firm budget and report on donations already collected from Riddle.

New gate policy?

Legal Director Silberhorn reported that he had drafted a new policy on SLWLA-SLLA reciprocal gate access that President Haggard will discuss with SLLA President Randy Zielsdorf.

Under Silberhorn's plan, the communities would continue to recognize each others' stickers,

allowing for free access through the gates on each side — during daytime hours. At night, SLLA landowners would be asked to

obtain a guest pass to enter the Westside gates and vice versa. Exceptions would be made for

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nighttime events hosted in the Westside Community Center. "It would work just like now, except at night," Silberhorn said, noting that nighttime Cross-211 visits are a small part of the volume, but that "ninety-nine percent of our problems occur at night."

Silberhorn said that he was "personally opposed to going backwards on our neighborliness. I would like to see the reciprocity continue."

Director Ray MacKay expressed some skepticism about the proposal, noting "We're all one community."

Director Fewkes, who in last month's SLWLA general meeting related an incident of nighttime trespassing at Johnson Point and on the Lake Auman Dam by young people in vehicles with SLLA stickers, said "We want some kind of control in the evening. This will be equal on both sides. I think it will help with concerns on both sides."

Haggard said he would discuss the concept with Zielsdorf, noting that he would prefer to have a Cross-211 relationship that is "Close, rather than hostile."

Haggard added that he had been in discussions with Zielsdorf that grew out of the CERT program, developing an arrangement that would allow either Association to temporarily host the administrative function of the other, should a natural disaster render offices unusable. "If this building were destroyed and

theirs remained, we could share offices," Haggard said.

Tickets for minor violations

Silberhorn said he was working on the implementation of a plan suggested by Community Advocate Bud Sales that could cut down on paperwork and speed up compliance where minor rules infractions are concerned.

The compliance officer would be authorized to issue warning citations and then infraction citations — which would include a fine — for a list of minor, clearly identifiable, rules violations. This would streamline the current approach, which requires a letter from the Community Manager. The hope would be that the warning ticket would motivate the offender to comply with the rules. Failing that, the offender would be issued a ticket with a fine attached and could either pay the fine or contest it through the established judicial panel. That last element of the plan preserves the due process required by the Planned Community Act.

New Community Advocate

Silberhorn told *The Times* on Wednesday that the Board had approved Mick Herdrich as Associate Community Advocate. Herdrich, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, handled courts marital while in the military. He will join Community Advocate Bud Sales in representing the community before the Judicial

Panel.

Slow response from County

Community Manager Robertson said he had recently spoken with County Manager Cary McSwain about several pending SLWLA items, including support for a railroad crossing upgrade, county funding for Westside fire hydrants, and SLWLA acquisition of abandoned county wellsites. The latter two items are currently sitting with the County Attorney's office, Robertson was told.

The upgrade to the Gateway Drive railroad crossing — an NC Department of Transportation [NCDOT] project — is awaiting a resolution of support from the Commissioners. That crossing upgrade is part of a larger project stretching from Seven Lakes to West End that will upgrade some crossings and close others. McSwain told Robertson that the owners of the old Stanley Furniture plant have objected to the closing of the crossing at Mode Road, arguing that it will interfere with access to their loading docks. They have asked whether a crossing someplace else in the county or state could be closed instead — in much the same way that wetlands disturbances can be mitigated through restoration in a remote location. NCDOT is reportedly working on that possibility.

The county's slow response to SLWLA requests provoked a strong response from Long Range Planning Co-Chairman Bud Sales during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Noting that the letter regarding the railroad crossing had been sent to Board of Commissioners Chairman Colin McKenzie on March 8, Sales said, "So far, we haven't had even the courtesy of an acknowledgement. I'd like to see this Board express some outrage at that. We send them four or five million dollars every year in taxes. We have 4,000 vehicles a day traveling across that railroad crossing. And we can't even get an acknowledgement."

Registration

President Haggard reported that 78 percent of Westsiders have completed the annual registration process, leaving a few more than 300 landowners currently unregistered.

So far, 72 percent have voted in favor of the covenant change that would clear the way for curbside mail delivery — assuming the US Postal Service can be persuaded to agree to the change. That's well-clear of the 67 percent needed for approval of the change, but a failure to vote counts as a "No," so much hinges on obtaining a positive vote from those who have yet to register.

Haggard said it will soon be time to send out late notices notifying those members who have not registered that interest will begin to accrue on their unpaid dues.

Though the number of boats registered stands at 92 percent of last years, total, Director Fewkes reported, a dozen members who rent boat slips at Johnson Point have yet to register. She asked at what point those slips should be judged forfeited and rented to others on the waiting list. Slips may be rented only by "members in good standing." After a brief discussion, Fewkes was asked to form a small group including Legal Director Silberhorn to develop a recommendation on the matter.

Treasurer Kirst said she had located software that will allow member data from the new community database to be ported into the Quickbooks accounting system.

Stites Memorial

The Board voted to give the go-ahead to a group of residents who hope to collect funds to

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SLLA recreation

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new weekly maintenance schedule for the beach areas will keep the sand raked and clean all season.

“Our standards have gone up from what we used to consider acceptable,” said Caulk.

In addition to maintenance, Caulk said Recreation and Security form a natural partnership. “We have a system in place to check passes at the pool and stables but will also have someone working seven days a week to perform random checks for

guest and member passes at the other recreation common areas; basketball courts, beaches, and playgrounds.

At Northside Park, the shuffle board court has been resurfaced — equipment is available for check-out from the SLLA office or pool staff. The court is located next to and behind the baby pool. There are also horse-shoe pits, two located below the pool and one pit at Sequoia Point. And the new half-court surface at Northside Park will be marked for hopscotch and

four-square games, in addition to basketball.

“We hope to install a Bocci court soon,” explained Beane. “A local merchant became involved with May Follies, was pleased, and has shown interest in funding this project.”

Other long range plans include refurbishing the docks at Sequoia, Echo Lake, and Big Juniper; repainting and improving playground equipment; replacing the tennis court fence; and refurbishing the stables. Beane said that the stables are structurally sound and the necessary work is mostly cosmetic, replacing interior boards and bathroom work.

“The stables are pristine and they are the first thing you see when you come to Seven Lakes,”

said Caulk. “It’s a beautiful community and we want it to look that way.”

Beane and Caulk agree that volunteers and the many local community organizations have been tremendous assets to the Recreation Program.

“They really have stepped up to the plate and made a difference,” said Beane. “People who know are really excited about what’s going on. We are very service-oriented with Recreation and are meeting the needs of landowners – needs which have changed dramatically over the past fourteen years solely because of demographics.”

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create a memorial to Keith Stites, a resident and local builder who recently died. President Haggard suggested that the group be encouraged to come forward with an expandable concept that could be used to recognize others in the future.

Bud Sales suggested a memorial arboretum as the sort of concept that might work.

Sales also criticized the Board’s decision to suspend adding names to the SLWLA Wall of Honor, which was created by a former Board but has so far included only Joe Fellingham.

“The Board has said that no one could live up to Joe’s standard,” Sales said. “That’s like saying Ty Cobb is in the baseball Hall of Fame, no one can live up to that, and to say so it’s now closed.” Sales urged the Board to continue to utilize the Wall of Honor as a way of recognizing those who have made substantial contributions to the community.

- The Board approved a set of Board goals for the 2008-2009 Term.

Other Business

In other business,

- Director MacKay reported that he had begun implementing the “Shepard plan,” to reduce speeding, installing new speed limit signs around the community.
- Directors heard that motion detector lights have been put in place at Johnson Point and the pool area to help discourage vandalism.

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