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## Hoping for gold!



**Ted & Sandy Schneider** of Seven Lakes South are hoping granddaughter Chloe Sutton stirkes gold in Beijing competing in the 10K Open Water Marathon Swim. [See p. 4.]

# Transfer tax redux?

by Greg Hankins, Times Editor

The idea of a land transfer tax referendum reared its head during the August 4 meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners, courtesy of Chairman Colin McKenzie, who told his fellow Board members that they would have to make a decision by August 18 — their next scheduled meeting — if they want a referendum on the tax placed on the November 4 ballot.

But three of the five commissioners expressed little interest in revisiting the idea.

More than seven in ten Moore Countians voted against a proposed one percent tax on real estate transfers when it appeared on last Novembers ballot — a result that was echoed in counties across the state. The General Assembly offered counties the opportunity to enact either the transfer tax or an additional quarter-cent sales tax, but only

(See "Commissioners," p. 24)

# Gatehouse facelift approved

by Greg Hankins, Times Editor

A \$6,200 facelift for the North and South Gate Houses and a

\$4,300 pontoon boat for Security were among the items approved by the Board of Directors of the Seven Lakes Landowners

Association [SLLA] during the Wednesday, July 30 business meeting.

On a motion from Security Director Gary Caulk, the Board approved a \$6,200 contract with Davin Frye Construction to paint and repair the North and South gate houses. The Association received two bids on the project, and Frye's was "a couple of thousand" higher than the other bid, according to Caulk.

Seven Lakes Landowners

7/20 Association Meeting

He justified the difference based on the quality of work Frye was doing in assembling the new metal building in the maintenance area — along with some cost-overruns the Association had experienced with other contractors.

"He can do it faster," Caulk

explained. "We don't need someone there for weeks at a time. We have had over-runs with some other people. I feel with Frye there won't be any overruns."

The Board approved the award of the contract unanimously, but the process didn't sit well with a couple of residents.

When Moderator Sally Kindsvatter allowed additional public comment at the end of of the meeting, Charlie Oliver told the Board, "I was surprised on the awarding of the bid. My experience is that we normally go to the low bid." Michael Florence expressed concern that only two bids, rather than the customary three, had been secured for the

(See "SLLA Board" p. 31)

# Board okays new school site

by Greg Hankins, Times Editor

Moore County's next new elementary school will be built on a site in back of West Pine Middle School, if a deal approved by the Moore County Board of Education Monday night, July 28 is negotiated sucessfully.

The 13.42 acre site lies east of Archie Road and contiguous with the site of West Pine Middle School [WPMS], Board Member Joe Vaughn said, asking for approval of the purchase of the tract from MHK Ventures for \$201,300. MHK is a Floridabased developer that owns nearly 1,700 acres near the school that is slated for a mixed use

development including two golf courses, a variety of residential options, and some light commercial or retail.

Vaughn said the Moore County Schools [MCS] Facilities Committee met on July 10 and 11 to evaluate options for land purchase and the selection of architectural firms. School Board members met in closed session prior to Monday night's meeting, in part to discuss the new school site.

The MCS Facilities Master Plan estimates the cost of the new school, which will be built to accommodate 500 students, at \$12.7 million. Site preparation for a new \$17.8 million middle school near Vass is already underway.

Board approval of the new elementary school site near West Pine was unanimous; the purchase is subject to successful negotiation of a sales contract by the superintendent's office. The Moore County Board of Commissioners will also have to approve the purhcase; it is expected to appear on the Commissioners' August 18 agenda.

Board Member Bruce Cunningham praised the site, noting that "the purpose of the new elemetary school was to relieve pressure on Pinehurst Elementary and West End Elementary." The West Pine site "is well suit-

(See "School Board," p. 29)

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# Morgan Wood theft is felon's third strike

convicted in Moore County Supe-

Michale Wayne Peterson was 4, of felony larceny for stealing a work trailer from a jobsite at 216 rior Court on Monday, August Morgan Wood Drive in Seven

Lakes West on March 7.

Moore County Sheriff's Office detectives recoverd the trailer.

owned by Russell Strickland, and some of its contents.

District Attorney Maureen Krueger indicted Peterson as a habitual felon under North Carolina's "three strikes" law.

Superior Court Judge Jim Webb sentenced Peterson to 80 to 105 months in the North Carolina Department of Corrections

# **Breast Cancer Golf Tourney**

The Beacon Ridge Ladies a two best balls team score for Golf Association will host a golf tournament at the Beacon Ridge Country Club in support of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation on Monday, September 22.

The format for the event will be

nine holes of play.

Lunch will be served following the tournament.

The event is open to all Beacon Ridge lady members with handicaps, and is limited to the first forty-four golfers.

The entry fee is a \$20 donation to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Any non-golfers are welcome to attend the luncheon.

For more information, please call Ellen Leslie at 673-5475.

Think Pink!

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The first day of school for Moore County Public Schools on the traditional calendar is Monday, August 25.

West End Elementary School will host an Open House on Thursday, August 21 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

West Pine Middle School will host a Back to School Night on Tuesday, August 19 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Pinecrest High School's Back to School Night activities are scheduled for Tuesday, August 19 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

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# County leaders study wastewater options

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

"History, not technology, favors a centralized approach," suggested Dr. Mike Hoover, a NC State professor of soil science, "it's tradition that makes sewer the gold standard, not technology."

Hoover was but one of several speakers invited to address Moore County leaders during a daylong workshop, held on Thursday, August 6, to discuss onsite decentralized wastewater treatment plants. These so called "package plants" have generated many questions and little support from several County Commissioners or Director of Public Works Dennis Brobst since local developer Bill Beardslee was the first to propose them last year.

Beardslee's projects, Cambridge, a mixed-residential development proposed near Cameron, and Southwick and Northington, a 316-home, 131-acre mixedresidential development located approximately 2.1 miles east of Rt. 211, on Holly Grove School Road, both included on-site tertiary wastewater treatment sites in their plans, rather then conventional, individual septic systems.

Hoover recommended a policy of using decentralized technology while maintaining centralized management for this type of system.

He said historically wastewater treatment options fell along two extremes: poorly-maintained conventional septic systems or highly-maintained centralized wastewater plants.

"The focus was get it out of my yard and underground. Now that has changed and there is much more emphasis on reuse, recvcling, and treatment." Hoover continued, "A new long term strategy is needed and that's what we're talking about."

In North Carolina, almost double the national average, 48%, of homes use septic and 50,000 new septic systems are installed each year. Hoover explained that expansion of sewers throughout rural areas is not an option because it is cost prohibitive to run the wastewater lines.

Instead, he said that landbased systems are judged to be the most cost-effective and

environmentally sound treatment option for rural communities under present and anticipated future conditions.

"Once you establish a management system for monitoring them, the doors open to all these other technology options," said Hoover.

A key question is whether such systems would be privatelyowned by communities or developers and maintained under county regulations, or if the county would own the plants once constructed, operating and maintaining them with funding from the utilities enterprise fund.

Fred Hobbs of Southern Pinesbased Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates, said that private ownership of on-site treatment plants "was a thing of the past."

He said that homeowner's associations [HOA] lacked the training, funding, and experience to properly maintain such systems. Instead, he recommended that any county policy on private-owned systems should include a requirement to contract with a certified utility oper-

**Brobst and Planning Director** Joey Raczkowski, who have already drafted a preliminary policy that includes such a requirement, as well as strict construction guidelines that

require decentralized facilities be built to the same standards that would be required of a county-owned plant. The intent would be to protect Moore County in the future if they had to take over a facility in the wake of a HOA bankruptcy.

"So later on we're not having to do a retrofit," explained Raczkowski.

He also said that he was not (See "Wastewater" p. 24)

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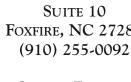
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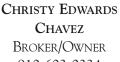


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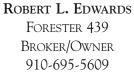
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# Schneider granddaughter goes for Olympic gold

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

"It's not a sissy race," explained Southsider Sandy Schneider as she described the 10K Open Water Marathon Swim, a new Olympic event that will be featured this Summer in Bejing. Schneider and her husband, Ted, know all about open water swimming because their sixteen-year old granddaughter, Chloe Sutton, is the only North American woman who qualified to compete in the event. "She's had black eyes, lost her hat and goggles, had elbows in the side, and even been bitten by jelly

A medal contender, Sutton will race against twenty-four other women for the inaugural

Open water swims are held in lakes, ocean, or rivers. The Bejing competition will be held on a man-made river called the Shunyi Rowing Park. The strenuous race will take approximately two hours to complete.

A gifted young athlete, Sutton has already brought home the gold twice: winning the Open Water 10K in the 2006 and 2007 Pan American Games. She also received bronze in the 5K at the 2008 World Open Water Swimming Championships and is a two-time USA Swimming national 10K champion. Sutton also came in third place in the 800 freestyle at the U.S. Olympic Swim Team Trials.

Another notable achievement on her resume is the 2006 Tiburon Mile. After winning the race, Sutton refused the \$10,000 prize, instead giving it back for charity - a most generous gift repeated the next year after yet another win.

"We're very proud...she's quite a young lady," said Ted Schneider. "When she gave back the prize money for Special Olympics she simply said she knows how hard she works and can imagine how hard they [disabled] have to work."

The daughter of an Air Force Colonel, Sutton has moved eleven times and spent years training twice a day, six days a week. Often rising at 3:00 am, she would spend two hours swimming before school and two hours in the pool again after school, slowing her schedule

on Sundays to train only once that day. She is currently completing an on-line high school curriculum and lives in Ladera Ranch, California, with her parents David and Wendy, and younger brother Colin. She is

coached by Bill Rose from the said Ted Schneider. Nadadores in Mission Viejo.

"When she was twelve, she held national record for the 100, 200, 400, 800, and 1,500 meter races for her age group and three of those records still stand,"

The Schneider's, residents of Seven Lakes South for only sixteen months, had hoped to see Sutton this past June. She had planned to race in the North Carolina 10K Open Water Swim which is held each year on Seven Lakes North's Lake Echo, but was unable to compete after winning the National 10K in Flori-

"After she won that, her schedule was not her own," said Sandy.

Standing nearly six feet tall with cascading blonde hair and a gorgeous smile, the pretty swimmer has already garnered national attention with feature

articles in USA Today, Sports Illustrated, and Swimmer's World.

Schneider said Sutton must be the only girl in the world who wishes her size nine feet would grow. "That would help her swim even faster!" he joked.

Sutton's race, the Women's 10K Open Water Marathon Swim, is scheduled to begin at 9:00 am on August 20. This year's Summer Olympics promise the most in-depth media coverage in history. NBC will use its numerous cable channels and the internet to broadcast an average of 212 hours per day over the seventeen days of the Beijing Games [August 8-24].

## **August Blood Drives**

The American Red Cross Carolinas Blood Services Region needs approximately 1,600 people to donate blood and platelets each weekday to meet the needs of hospital patients.

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To schedule an appointment to donate or for information on the location of blood drives, call 692-8571 or visit www.redcrossmoorenc.org **Upcoming Blood Drives:** 

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**Friday, August 15** – 2:30 pm - 7 pm, Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, 15-501, Southern Pines.

**Monday, August 18** – 1:30 pm - 6 pm, Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Luther Way, South-

Wednesday, August 20 -10 am - 3 pm, First Health Moore Regional Hospital, Pinehurst

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**By SANDY STEWART** 

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# Women of Seven Lakes elect 2008-2009 officers

The Women Of Seven Lakes have elected a new board for the 2008-2009 year. President, Pat Weber; Vice President, Laura Douglass, Secretary, JoAn Moses; Treasurer, Lois Ann Eisel; Vice Presidents of Programs, Susan Killemyer and Alice While;

and Vice Presidents of Membership, Carmela Chase and Sue Sikes invite you to join the Women of Seven Lakes for an exciting year of speakers, events and activities.

The first general meeting is Thursday, September 4, 1:00pm at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. The speaker will be Marian Russell, LCSW, of First Health Hospice and Palliative Care. She will share information regarding the newest forms and information required to make health care decisions and to express

medical wishes.

All women who live in the Seven Lakes area are encouraged to join the Women Of Seven Lakes, to get to know their neighbors and help support the community.

During the week of August 11 applications for membership will

be mailed to last year's members. Applications will also be available in both the North and West Landowner's offices. Meetings are casual dress in a relaxed atmosphere. Visitors are always welcome. The Women of Seven Lakes hope to see you the first Thursday in September.



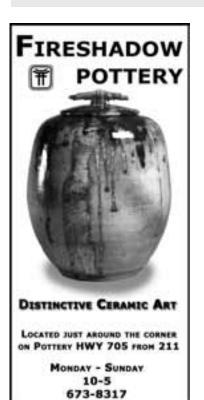
**Women of Seven Lakes Officers** — Standing – Carmela Chase, Laura Douglass, Pat Weber, JoAn Moses. Seated – Sue Sikes, Alice While, Lois Ann Eisel. Absent: Susan Killmeyer

## Women start the season Sept. 4

Marian Russell will present "Expressing Your Medical Wishes," a discussion on planning your health care decisions, at The Women of Seven Lakes meeting to be held Thursday, September 4 at 1:00 pm at the Seven Lakes North Club-

house. This is important information for every age group and all are welcome.

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# Tennis Camp attracts kids from all over

by Barb Horan Seven Lakes Tennis

The Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Center has done it again, another great tennis camp for the local kids . . . some kids were not so local. This time we had kids from New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Connecticut, Colorado, Ohio, Florida, El Salvador and Puerto Rico.

We put them all together on our tennis courts and in the pool at the Fitness Center - just one big bunch of great, happy kids having a ball!

This was the second camp this season for the kids. Each day the kids enjoyed tennis lessons. swimming, and lots of healthy snacks, all with the help of our local Country Club tennis players and junior tennis program counselors. Not even the last rainstorm could dampen the spirits of these kids.

The final day of camp they all enjoyed a good old- fashioned Watermelon Party. Thirty-two kids went home as a bunch of "happy campers!"

SLCC Tennis Pro Bruce Adams directs all of the tennis programs. Currently he is adding a new member to his team, a Certified Physical Fitness Instructor/Tennis player who will oversee a Cardio-Tennis program for different ages. Coach Adams is pleased to announce that Bob Joseph from Pinehurst has been hired and will also be assisting with the youth program.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Cardio-Tennis, here's a crash course. It is first and foremost a fitness program. It is more about getting people moving and active, and less on hitting great forehands and back-

A Cardio-Tennis program will elevate a person's heart rate into their aerobic zone. The pro will challenge you to your ability and fitness level. This is a new, age appropriate, fun way to exercise featuring drills to give players the ultimate, high energy workout. If you are looking for a way to get in shape and to burn calories, an introductory class for \$5.00 will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm beginning August 13. You do not have to be a member to participate.

Another program that continues to grow is a special one called "Mom's Nite Out." On Monday nights at 7:00 pm, you will see these ladies having one terrific time. They were recently the "testers" of Joseph's Cardio-Tennis program and went home tired and happy. The program was so well received, Coach Adams has decided it is a "must have!"

Anyone who is interested in the "Mom's Nite Out" can stop by on a Monday night and take a look. You'll be hooked in no time! These ladies participate in this program under a new Access Card Program. Each card enables participation for six months of tennis for a very minimal fee. Each session is for one and a half hours of tennis followed by "a social hour."

Another program on the drawing board, "Dad's Nite Out"...go figure!

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# FirstHealth Fitness sponsors Kids Triathalon

It was a beautiful Saturday in Pinehurst when the FirstHealth Center for Health & Fitness hosted its first annual Youth Triathlon on May 17. The first event of its kind in Moore County, the event attracted eighty-four participants in three age divisions.

The first group of children,

ages four to six years, swam one length of the Center for Health & Fitness pool, biked three-quarters of a mile, and ran about 200 yards. Twenty-two children took on the challenge. Paige Tolentino took first place overall in the female category with a time of 7:47, and

Jake Mills was the first-place male with a time of 7:58. Second place went to Alex Hedges at 8:20 and Max Mills at 8:43. Caroline Holder and Troye Cutrin took third-place honors.

The second age division of seven to nine year olds had the greater challenge of a 50-yard swim, 2.05-mile bike ride and 400-yard run. It also had the largest group with thirty-eight participants. Lea Mills at 15:44 and Robin Berthelette at 12:17 took first place. Second place went to Rylee Kraft with 17:51 and Nick Kuzma at 14:31. Anna Kuzma and Will Overton took third place.

Children in the ages ten to twelve group swam 125 yards, biked 3.71 miles and ran for a half mile. First-place honors went to Cecelia Burger at 26:14 and Lucas Mills at 25:00. Second place went to Mulloy Manning at 26:20 and Steven Bristol at 26:28, while third place went to Natasha Schwartz and Nick

Manning.

All events took place on or adjacent to the FirstHealth campus with the pool swim in the Center for Health & Fitness, the closed bike course using the parking lots at the Center for Health & Fitness and Pinehurst Surgical, and the trail run on the Pinehurst Greenway Trail.

Bode Chiropractic, McDonalds of Aberdeen, Kirby Real Estate Group, Aberdeen Coca-Cola, Rainbow Cycles, and Bill Smith Ford were event sponsors. Providing event assistance were the Sandhills Cycling Club, Sandhills Striders, and the Pinecrest football team.

# Junior Golf Classic

For the nineteenth consecutive year, the American Junior Golf Association will bring the best junior golfers in the country to the Pinehurst area for the Golf Pride Junior Classic, to be held August 11-14. The fifty-four hole event will be played at Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club in Southern Pines, and features a field of ninety-nine boy and girl junior golfers ages twelve to eighteen.

An official tournament practice round will take place Monday, August 11 at 1:30 pm. The first and second rounds will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 12-13 with tee times running from 7:00 am to 11:48 am. The final round will take place Thursday, August 14. An awards presentation will take place immediately after the final round.

Spectators are welcome and admission is free of charge. Volunteers are needed and may contact Andrew Parr, Tournament Director, at 770-503-4303 or aparr@ajga.org

The American Junior Golf Association is a 501 c3 non-profit organization dedicated to the overall growth and development of young men and women who aspire to earn college golf scholarships through competitive junior golf.

For more information, contact Stacey Whyte at 678-425-1787, or swhyte @ ajga.org, visit the AJGA website at www.ajga.org

# Seven Lakes Tennis will host Juniors Tourney

The Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Facility will host a Junior Tennis Tournament on September 26-28. The tournament will be limited to a total of sixty-four entries combining all flights. The four flights are ten year old girls and boys singles, twelve year old girls and boys singles, fourteen year old girls and boys singles, and six-

teen year old girls and boys singles. Matches will start on Friday, September 26 at 4:00 pm and run until the finals on Sunday afternoon, September 28. There will also be a first round consolation match.

The tournament is USTA sanctioned. Participating players will be from North Carolina or South Carolina.







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# In memory of

**Dorothy Mae Beemer**, 86, of Canadian Lakes, died Monday, July 21.

Mrs. Beemer was born in Toronto, Canada, to Frank and Mae (Isard) Maxwell.

She and husband spent most of their married life living in both North Carolina and Michigan. For the last seven years, they have lived at Canadian Lakes.

Mrs. Beemer was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Keith Russell Beemer, and a sister, Jean Jolliffe.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald; daughters, Kathryn Newhouse, of Alpena, Karen Geiger, of Grand Rapids, MI; five grandchildren; three greatgrandchildren; a brother, Charles Maxwell of Ajax, Ontario; a sister, Betty Jarman of Don Mills, Ontario.

A memorial service was held Saturday, July 26 at the Daggett-Gilbert Funeral Home in Big Rapids.

Jack Henry Schwertfager, 86, formerly of Seven Lakes, died Saturday, July 26.

Mr. Schwertfager was born in Sheridan, NY, son of the late Louis Schwertfager and Edith Holtz Schwertfager. He was also raised by his stepfather, the late Louie Doty.

Mr. Schwertfager graduated

from Dunkirk High School in 1941. He was a Master Sergeant with the U.S. Marine Corps, serving during World War II and the Korean War. He attended George Washington University and was employed with AT&T for thirtyseven years.

He and his wife, Jane, retired to Seven Lakes in 1982. He was a past president of the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Schwertfager was preceded in death by a brother, Clark Schwertfager.

In addition to his wife of sixtyfour years, Jane Schwertfager, he is survived by a sister, Eunice Swanson, of Jamestown, NY; two sons, Louie Schwertfager of Covington, GA, and Scott Schwertfager, of Duluth, GA; a daughter, Sandy Corr, of Seven Lakes; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Thursday, July 31, at the Chapel in the Pines in Seven Lakes. A reception followed at Seven Lakes Country Club.

Memorials may be sent to The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, 825 College Blvd., Suite 102 PMB 609, Oceanside, CA 92057.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Richard "Dick" Franklin McCleney, 79, of Foxfire Village, died Tuesday, July 29, at his

Mr. McCleney was a native of Columbus County. He was a graduate of Wake Forest University and played on the baseball team. In 1949, he played in the National Championship game and the Pan-American games in Argentina.

After graduation, he played semi-pro baseball and signed with the Philadelphia Phillies. An injury ended his career and he started coaching high school sports.

He was active in the Food Pantry Ministry at West End United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jaunita Ray McCleney; daughters, Dickie Anne Carter, of Pinehurst, Cathy Barrett, of Kings Mountain; a stepson, Richard Ray, of Raleigh; a stepdaughter, Lynn Ferguson, of Holly Springs; a brother, Hubert McCleney, of Chadbourn; a sister, Frances Hart, of Chadbourn; and three grandchildren.

A funeral service was conducted Friday, August 1, at West End United Methodist Church by Dr. Won Namkoong. A graveside service followed at Piney Forest Baptist Church in Chadbourn.

Memorials may be made to the West End United Methodist Church Food Pantry, P.O. Box 276, West End, NC 27376, or to FirstHealth Hospice, 150 Applecross Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Boles Funeral Home of Pinehurst assisted the family.

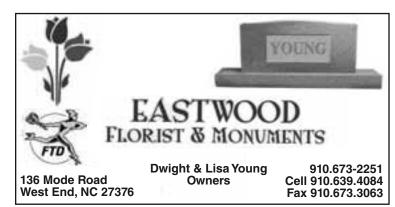
Patricia Tuttle McKeon, 79, of Foxfire Village, died Friday, August 1, at her residence.

Ms. McKeon was born to the late Leroy and Edna Mae Tuttle

of Middletown, CT. She resided in the Foxfire area for more than fifteen years.

She is survived by four sons, Tim McKeon of Charlottesville, VA, Dan McKeon of Ashburn, VA, Brian McKeon of New Fairfield, CT, and Michael McKeon of Crystal Lake, III; a stepdaughter, Dianne Anderson of San Jose, CA; two brothers,

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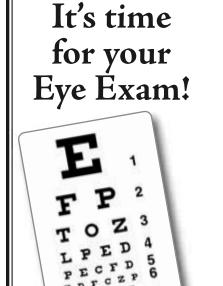
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A funeral service was held Tuesday, August 5 at McDonalds Chapel Cemetery in Foxfire, directed by Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes.

Memorials may be made to Multiple Sclerosis Society, 733 Third Ave., New York City, NY 10017

Millie Jo Elliott, 64, of Seven Lakes North, died Sunday, August 3, at her home following a courageous battle with cancer.

Mrs. Elliott was born in Wooster, OH, to the late John Joseph and Mary Capitola Hoverstock Seib.

She married Gary Shisler on January 11, 1964. He preceded her in death October 22, 1974.

She married her husband Clifford B. Elliott who survives her. Also surviving are her children; Steven Shisler of Lima, OH, Lisa Mudgett, of Kernersville; a sister Linda Ramsier, of Wooster, OH; a brother, Andy Seib, of Butler, OH; and her step-children, Jodi Drouhard; Jeffery Elliott, Kathryn Wilson, and Kerry Potts; and many grandchildren.

A visitation was held at Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes, on Tuesday, August 5. Graveside services were held at the Wooster Cemetery in Wooster, Ohio, on Thursday August 7.

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The Reverend Kevin Phipps of Central Christian Church officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to Central Christian Church, 407 North Market St. Wooster, OH 44691

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes served the family.

Mrs. Sue Carol McLean Cummings, 58, died Monday, August

Funeral Services will be conducted at 2:00 pm Friday at Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines officiated by Rev. David Reynolds. Burial will follow at Seven Lakes Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7-9 pm Thursday at Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes, 287 McDougall Dr., Seven Lakes.

She was preceded in death by her husband Benny Cummings, brothers, Johnny and Mackie McLean and a sister, Bonnie McLean.

Survivors include her sons, Jonathan Cummings, of Sanford, Steve Cummings, of Cameron, her step-mother, Doris Hunt, of Rowland, two brothers, William Lindsey and Carl Lindsey, her sisters, Wanda Zoellner, Connie McLean, Pat Hillard, Brenda Miller, Betty Lou Lindsey, Cathy Miller, Debbie Lindsey; ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes is assisting the family.

The 'format' for the sessions

4:30 pm - Presentation of infor-

5:15 pm - Speaker /participant

The next Forum is sched-

uled for Wednesday, Septem-

ber 17. Further details on the

topic will be noted at a later date

in The Seven Lakes Times,

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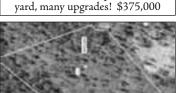
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# ber of residents from Seven Lakes attending the series of presentations on the topic Lets Talk about Death and Dying, the Forum schedule for the 2008-09 season has been changed. The Forum will now be conducted at 4:30 pm on the third Wednesday of each month from September through May,

exclusive of December. The

location continues to be in the Great Room on the upper level

of the West Side Park Com-

munity Center. All women and

men from Seven Lakes, and their guests, are invited to

attend.

As a result of the large num-

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# Moore OnStage announces its season

Moore OnStage is entering its fourth year in the Sandhills with a show that will delight all audiences.

"Sisters of Swing - The Story of the Andrews Sisters" is going to start off this season at the Sunrise Theater in September. Inspired by and based on the singing sensation of the 1940's, Sisters of Swing blends the trio's engaging harmony and witty sense of humor into one unforgettable musical revue. You know the songs - "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and "Mr. Sandman" are just a couple of the favorites that will be sung.

Next up is a return visit by "The Plaids," with a new show called "Forever Plaid presents Plaid Tidings." This show offers the best of Forever Plaid tied-up in a nifty package with a big Christmas bow on top! Filled with Christmas standards that have

all been "plaider-ized," the boys are back to do their Christmas Special.

Owens Auditorium at Sandhills Community College will host the Broadway classic -"Forty-Second Street." While dancers tap their way into your hearts, you will be singing along with "Lullaby of Broadway" and "Shuffle Off to Buffalo." The classic story of being in the right place at the right time, Peggy Sawyer will bring to life the hard work and will to succeed on one of the roughest roads in America - Broadway.

After the applause, Moore OnStage returns to the Sunrise for a Tony Award winning play -"Master Class," the story of the operatic diva Maria Callas told by herself to a Master Class that she is giving at Julliard School of Music. Incredible passion and sacrifice is what truly makes a

This year the season wraps up with a world premier production at Owens Auditorium: "Earth -The Portrait of the Planet," conceived and written by Rita and Gary Taylor with a collaborative composition by Sandhills School of Performing Arts owner, Baxter Clement. The earth mes-

merizes and provides a remarkable journey filled with beauty and grandeur as told through music and dance — guaranteed to be a powerful performance.

Moore OnStage is committed to bringing the best and most diversified season to audiences in Moore County.

Season tickets are on sale

now for \$89 and may be purchased over the phone by calling 910-692-7118 with a Mastercard or Visa.

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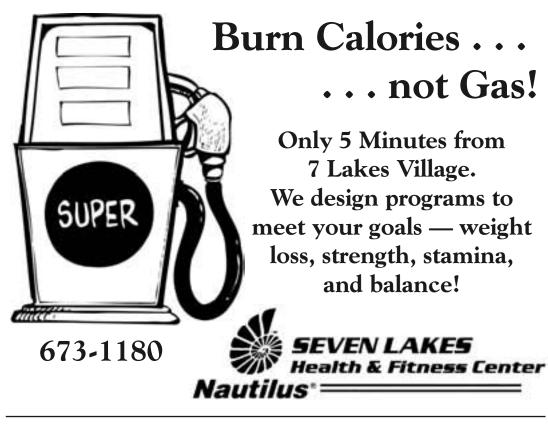
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# Air Force veteran heads up FirstHealth Dental

by Frank Krohn Seven Lakes Kiwanis

David Williams, Dental Health Program Manager with FirstHealth, spoke to the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club on August

Williams is a veteran of twenty-three years with the Air Force,

and has a total of 36 years in Dental Administration. His work now is with the FirstHealth Dental Health Services which works primarily with low income children from infant age to about 18 years

first Dental Care Center in South-

In 1998, FirstHealth opened its

ern Pines. There are now three centers with the addition of part time centers in Troy and Raeford.

A prime requirement is to be eligible for Medicaid. The services provided are preventable treatment as well as regular exams and services as required. Once in the program, it is mandatory that the patient keep his/her appointments. If a patient has two no-shows in a row, he or she is removed from the program for at least a year.

FirstHealth has a commendable record of no-shows, only 12 percent versus a national average of 26 percent in similar facil-

The Centers have served over 17,000 children since 1998. Since

the centers serve only children who cannot pay for the service, the Centers get financial help from some outside organizations, of which "Kids in Crisis" is one.

The Seven Lakes Kiwanis

Club actively supports "Kids in Crisis," and it was gratifying to hear that those funds are being put to such good use.

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The Seven Lakes Kiwanis meets every Tuesday at noon at Seven Lakes Country Club.



FirstHealth's David Williams with Kiwanian Gerry Buelow, Program Coordinator.

# **Red Cross offers** health, safety classes

The Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross offers a range of health and safety classes.

Here is a list of Health & Safety Classes offered in August:

### Adult/Infant/Child CPR+AED

Saturday, August 9, 8 am to 1:30 pm. Certification Fee

Standard First Aid - Wednesday, August 13, 6 pm to 9 pm. Certification Fee \$35

New Dog and Cat First Aid -Thursday, August 21, 6 pm to 10 pm. Course fee \$25 [\$40 with Pet First Aid Kit]

Standard First Aid + Adult CPR/AED - Saturday, August 23, 8 am to 2 pm. Certification Fee \$60

### **Review Courses**

Review Courses Prerequisite: Participant should hold current or recently expired certification in the review subject.

### Adult/Infant/Child CPR Review

- Thursday, August 7, 6 pm to 8:30 pm. Certification fee \$30

Professional Rescuer **CPR/AED Review** – Wednesday, August 20, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Equivalent to BLS for Healthcare Provider. Certification fee \$25

Standard First Aid Review -Tuesday, August 26, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Certification fee

### Adult/Infant/Child CPR Review

- Thursday, August 28, 6 pm to 8:30 pm. Certification fee

Note: All fees must be paid in advance. Class size is limited to a minimum of four or a maximum of ten participants. Fees are nonrefundable, but they may be applied to another course.

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# The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel

The Magician by Michael Scott

Review by Patrick Crawley

The Magician, by Michael Scott, is the sequel to his bestselling first novel, The Alchemyst. This new author packs his novels full of epic battles and suspense that could keep the most avid Harry Potter fans waiting for more.

The story follows the continued adventures of the Newman twins, Josh and Sophie who were introduced in the first novel as a prophesized set of twins who could either bring destruction or grandeur to our world.

The novel is set in modern

day Paris and is action-packed from beginning to end with battles of epic proportions.



The twins, the vampire warriormaiden Scathach, and Nicholas Flamel, with some new friends of equal prestige must fight new battles with new enemies and the chase through Paris begins.

They are not the only ones in peril, however. Perenell, is trapped on the famous prison island of Alcatraz, with a sphinx as her guard. She must use her cunning and resourcefulness to escape the creature as the sphinx takes away the powers of any magic user near it.

The story is a good read and is aimed at the middle school to is must read for any fantasy fan. Harry Potter fans will appreciate

early high school age group and the tale as will anyone who enjoys a suspenseful tale.

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# Don't miss the **Guild Golf Tourney** coming August 23!

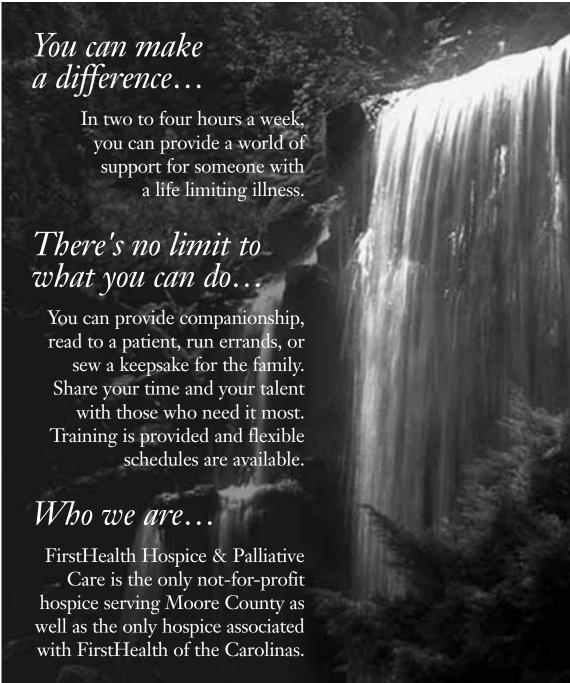
The 4th Annual President's the roadways. Cup fundraiser golf tournament of the Seven Lakes Business Guild will be held on Saturday, August 23 at the Beacon Ridge Golf & Country Club. The event will feature a Captains Choice format featuring three-person teams and a 9:30 am shotgun start.

Each team must represent a Guild member business and Guild members may be represented by multiple teams in the tournament. The "President's Cup" will be engraved with the winning team's name and will be held by the winning Guild Member business for the year. The entry fee of \$60.00 per player includes range balls, golf, oncourse refreshments, lunch, and prizes.

The proceeds from this year's tournament will be applied to the ongoing business village roadway project. The Guild is currently in the process of having the roads surveyed as the first step in converting them into public roadways. At this time, the Business Guild and its members are providing all of the funds to maintain and improve the roadways in the Business Village. Playing in the tournament is a wonderful way to assist the Guild with their efforts to improve

You do not have to be a Guild member to play in the tournament. Any of the guild members would be happy to have an extra team play for their busi-

In conjunction with the tournament, the Guild will be raffling off two Bushnell Tour V2 yardage range finders. These are the world's smallest, most advanced laser rangefinders. The Bushnell Tour V2 weighs just 6.6 ounces and is accurate from five to 1,000 yards. It's equipped with their PinSeeker technology to combine pinpoint accuracy and consistency which enables you to range up to 300 yards to the flag without the use of reflectors. The Tour V2 is legal for tournament play and for posting of scores for handicap purposes. Only a limited number of tickets will be sold for the raffles at a cost of \$10.00 per entry, so don't miss out on an opportunity to win one of these great game improving devices. To purchase a raffle ticket, register your team, inquire about hole sponsorships, pledge prize donations, or for more information, contact Mike Spayd at Seven Lakes Country Club at 673-



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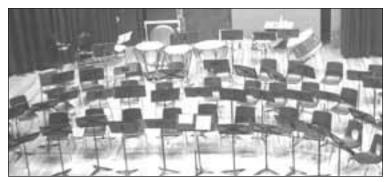
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## **Methodist host scrapbookers**

The West End United Methodist Church will be hosting a Scrapbooking Event at the church on Saturday, September 6.

The event will run from 2:00 pm until 9:00 pm, and dinner and refreshments will be included. There will be an \$8.00 crop fee for the event.

An optional Beginner's Class will start at 2:30 pm.

Everyone is welcome to the event, but you must register by

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# Peanut Butter Pies

You will find a recipe for Peanut Butter Pie in the Project Linus Cookbook.

Recently, someone gave me one which makes three pies.

It has the same ingredients and not three times as much.

Since it is frozen.it is very convenient to have them on hand.

Here goes:

### **Peanut Butter Pies**

- 8 oz. Cream cheese (lite if preferred and at room temperature)
- 1 cup peanut butter (I prefer crunchy)



# from Lucy's Kitchen

Lucy Ingram Seven Lakes South

Ingredients

16 oz. Kool Whip

2 cups confectionary sugar 1 cup milk 3 small chocolate or

graham

cracker pie crusts

Combine cream cheese and peanut butter. Mix on low speed until smooth.

Add powdered sugar and milk, and continue to mix.

Fold in whipped topping.

Pour into crusts and and freeze at least 8 hours.

Let thaw 15 minutes before serving.

Make the chocolate topping from the cookbook if you like; however, I simply drizzled chocolate syrup over each

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# Coping with things that bite and sting

If you or your plants are being attacked by critters that bite or sting you can learn how to fight back with help from Taylor Williams.

A Moore County Extension Agent, Williams will conduct a clinic on insect and pest management on Wednesday, August 27, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Agriculture Building, located at 707 Pinehurst Ave. in Carthage. Learn how to control Fire Ants and deal with hornets, yellow jackets, or stinging caterpillars. Bring samples of plants that show signs of insect damage. If possible bring a live insect specimen for identification.

Williams will recommend an action plan to address specific problems so you and your plants can fully enjoy summer in the Sandhills. For additional information, call the Extension office at 947-3188.

# Quilting in the Pines

The Sandhills Quilters Guild and the Village of Pinehurst Parks and Recreation are cosponsoring a quilt show, Quilting in the Pines III, to be held September 19 and 20 at the Fair Barn.

Anyone wishing to enter a quilt in the show may contact Ellene Place at 910-315-2080, or emplace@nc.rr.com for registration forms.

There is an August 19 deadline for submission. Registration forms may also be down-

Caught the Quilting Bug? Jennifer Chiaverini's The Quilter's Apprentice at Bookshop by the Lakes

loaded from the guild website at www:sandhillsquilters.org

For show information contact Chair Liz Stern at 295-4017 or lizmur20@aol.com

# Flowery Photography

'Flowers andor Insects' are the focus of the digital photography competition at the next meeting of the Sandhills Photography Club.

The meeting will be held Monday, August 11, at 7:00 pm at Christ Fellowship Church on the corner of Midland and Pee Dee Roads in Southern Pines.

Anyone interested in nature photography is

welcome to attend this exciting and informative competition.

For more information on the Sandhills Photography Club, visit www.sandhillsphotoclub.org. Photo by Gisela Danielson, Seven Lakes West.



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## SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

• Candidate's Rally – 5 pm - 8 pm, Pinecrest High School Cafeteria. Sponsored by Moore County Democrats Party featuring a barbeque dinner, cost is \$10. Meet the following candidates running for office in November: Kay Hagan, US Senate; Teresa Sue Bratton, US House; Betty Mangum, NC House; Beth Wood, State Auditor: Sam J. Ervin. IV. NC Court of Appeals; Judge Linda Stephens, NC Court of Appeals; Judge Cheri L. Beasley, NC Court of Appeals; Wayne Goodwin, Insurance Commissioner; Tony Berk, Moore County District Attorney. Information and reservations. 947-1933, or Tonia Camina 692-7866.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

 Eddie Barrett & Goodman Legacy Orchestra - 4 pm -6:30 pm, Mint Juleps Club, 155 Hall Ave, Southern Pines. Eddie's big band sound is a popular part of Sandhills music scene. Information, 603-7660.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 11

• NARFE Meeting – 10:30 am, Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St., Southern Pines. The National Active & Retired Federal Employees [NARFE] Sandhills Chapter 1895

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land and Pee Dee Roads, Southern Pines. Digital competition featuring 'Flowers and/or Insects.' Anyone interested in nature photography is welcome to attend this exciting and informative competition. Information, www.sand-

hillsphotoclub.org

 Moore County Board of Education Meeting - 7 pm, Central Schools Office, Carthage.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

- Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Work Session - 8 am, West Side Park Community Center.
- **Kid's Government 101** 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, Carthage. Participants, age ten to eighteen, shadow with different Moore County departments with an

emphasis in wellness, tour of the jail, Sheriff's Office, and special projects relating to GIS. Lunch provided. A two-day event, continues Wed, Aug 13. Applications online at www.moorecountync.gov Information, Eli Arroyo-Allen at 947-

**Foxfire Village Council Meet**ing - 7:30 pm, Town Hall.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

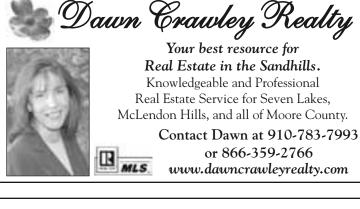
• SLCC Cardio-Tennis – 6:30 pm, Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Facility. An introductory class, Cardio-Tennis is a fitness program guaranteed to get you moving and your heart rate into the aerobic zone. New, age appropriate, and fun way to exercise. Class fee \$5.00. You do not have to be a member to participate.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

 Seven Lakes Landowners **Association Work Session –** 8:30 am, Game Room.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

SLCC Hawaiian Luau - 5:30 pm cocktails, 6:30 pm dinner, Seven Lakes Country Club. Everyone's invited, you do not have to be a member! A night in paradise, fabulous Hawaiian buffet featuring pork loin with bourbon sauce, Hawaiian chicken, grilled veggies, rice, salad bar, and ice cream station. First time appearing DJ Harold Pickett with music and dancing at 7 pm. Member pricing is \$23.00 inclusive, nonmembers is \$28.00. Reservations, 673-1100, Luau dress suggested Muu-muu, Hawaiian shirts, cool and casual. Hosts are Shirley & Ralph Shank, and Sue & Gordon Zeller.



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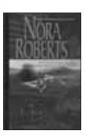
























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## TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

 Back to School Night – 6:30 pm – 8 pm at West Pine Middle School, 5:30 pm to 7pm at Pinecrest High School.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

• Project Linus Blanket Workshop - 10 am to 3 pm Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Join us for a day of blanket making: fleece, flannel, crochet/knit, or quilt. We will have fleece, fabric and yarn. Bring sharp scissors, needle, and thread and be ready for fun and fellowship. If you plan to stay all day, pack a snack or lunch. We hope to see you there! Pat Weber, Chapter Coordinator, 673-1457.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

- Seven Lakes Lions Club Meeting – 6 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Guest speaker Terry Riddle of Seven Lakes West CERT Team. The community is welcome to attend the meeting. Reservations, Roger at 673-0845 or Tina 673-3037. Membership information, Keith at 673-2611 or Sam 233-4551.
- WEE Open House 6:30 pm to 8pm, West End Elementary School.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

 4th Annual President's Cup Golf Tournament – 9:30 am shotgun, Beacon Ridge Golf & Country Club. Captain's choice format featuring three-person teams. Entry fee \$60.00 per player includes range balls, golf, on-course refreshments, lunch, and prizes. Proceeds applied to Seven Lakes Business Guild ongoing village roadway project. Two Bushnell Tour V2 yardage range finders raffle, limited number of tickets at \$10 each. Information, Mike Spayd SLCC 673-1088.

## <u>MONDAY, AUGUST 25</u>

 Moore County Schools – First Day of School

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

- Seven Lakes West Landowners Association General Meeting – 7:30 pm, West Side Park Community Center.
- Seven Lakes Men's Bowling League 9 am, Sandhills Bowling Center, Aberdeen. New players are welcome! Information, Ross Moreton at 673-1405, Ken Collins at 673-5505, Jim Gunderson at 673-1124, or Don Sass at 673-3390.
- New Horizons Band: Information Day 3:30 pm 5:30 pm, Moore County Senior Enrichment Center. If you do not know how to play an instrument or haven't played in year...we want you! Find out how you can learn to play, meet new friends, and find fulfillment through music. Join the New Horizons Band in the Pines. Information, 673-1381 or 673-4099.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

Things That Bite and Sting
 2 pm - 4 pm, Agriculture

Building, 707 Pinehurst Ave, Carthage. Taylor Williams, a Moore County Extension Agent, will conduct a clinic on insect and pest management. Learn how to control Fire Ants and deal with hornets, yellow jackets, or stinging caterpillars. Bring samples of plants that show signs of insect damage, and live insect specimen for identification. Information, 947-3188.

Seven Lakes Landowners
 Association Open Meeting –
 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

 Memory Loss Lecture & Discussion – 4:30 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Sponsored by The Chapel in the Pines Outreach Ministry, Dr. Sangeeta Varanasi will speak about Alzheimer's Disease. All are welcome to attend. Information, Fran Stark 673-5493.

 Bookgroup by the Lakes –
 7:00 pm. Join Bookshop by the Lakes for a discussion of Mr. Sebastian and the Negro Magician by Daniel Wallace. Held at the Coffee Scene.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Women of Seven Lakes
 Meeting – 1 pm, Seven Lakes
 North Clubhouse. Marian Russell will present "Expressing
 Your Medical Wishes," a discussion on planning your
 health care decisions. This is
 important information for every
 age group and all are welcome.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Scrapbooking Event – 2 pm
 9 pm, West End United
 Methodist Church. Dinner and

refreshments are included with \$8.00 crop fee.Optional Beginner's Class at 2:30 pm. All are welcome. Register by Aug. 30. Registration, Call Brooke Bowman 673-3153.

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# Chamber to host State of Transportation event

The Moore County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a State of Transportation Luncheon on August 19, at the Country Club of Whispering Pines.

Businesses will be provided updates by the US Chamber of Commerce, the Regional Transportation Alliance, and the Research Triangle Partnership. This is the second of the 2008 "State of" series.

"We are very fortunate to have these three entities presenting at this event," said Patrick J. Coughlin, President & CEO of the Moore County Chamber of Com-

"The US Transportation system is failing to keep pace with the demands of a 21st century economy. We must act now to build, maintain, and fund a 21st century transportation system equal to the rapidly changing world and national economy."

"Learn how the national and state issues will affect Moore County. We encourage all from the business community to attend."

If we allow congestion to get out of hand, we will lose our competitive advantage, compromising our ability to attract and retain talent, and diminishing our overall quality of life.

Without investments guided by new polices the US transportation system will fall further behind the growing demand of five major economic sectors agriculture, natural resources, manufacturing, retail services, and transportation that account for eighty-four percent of the US economy.

The State of Transportation

Seamus Murphy sez:



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will be held Tuesday, August 19, from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm at the Country Club of Whispering Pines. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch.

RSVP to the Chamber at (910) 692-3926 or contacting

Lakota lcopeland@moorecountchamber.com

The mission of the Moore County Chamber of Commerce is to provide quality, value-added services and programs to mem-

Copeland at bers to unite Moore County area businesses in a committed effort to strengthen the economic environment and thus, improve the quality of life for all of Moore County.

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# Kiwanis host law enforcement psychologist

by Frank Krohn Seven Lakes Kiwanis

The Seven Lakes Kiwanis welcomed the son of one of its own members at its July 29 meeting. Casey Everett, son of Lloyd Everett, is a Doctor of Clinical Psychology and is employed by Law Enforcement Psychological Services. He works with several states, screening applicants for the various State Police Forces.

Psychological and emotional screening is one of the most important facets of a potential trooper's qualifications during his evaluation process.

Basic criteria such as the age requirement of being between twenty-one and thirty-five years and the physical size and fitness are pretty straight forward.

However, evaluating the emotional stability-the ability to act properly under stress, and handle the day-to-day stress on an ongoing basis, is most important, and requires the skills of a trained psychologist.

A polygraph test is a requirement, as is a lengthy and detailed psychological test. Both of those tests, however, are only tools for the interviewing psychologist. Dr. Everett used the example of two troopers who were hired against his recommendation and who took their own lives within a year after being hired to

illustrate the importance of his evaluations. If those two men had been passed by Dr. Everett with the same tragic results, it would have been a serious mark against his evaluation ability and performance.

Dr. Everett's comments were most interesting and eye-opening as to the high standards to which the state police troopers are held.

The Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at noon at the Seven Lakes Country Club. Visitors are always welcome.



Casey Everett

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# Having trouble paying for your medications?

There is help for people who have trouble paying for their prescription medications. It's called FirstHealth Cares, a FirstHealth Community Health Services program that helps Moore and Montgomery County residents get free medications from participating pharmaceutical manufacturers.

For the past few years, the Moore County program has operated from an office at Sandhills Pediatrics in Southern Pines. Earlier this year, it moved to space in the Moore County Senior Enrichment Center on Highway 15-501 North.

Melinda Wallace, the program's resource coordinator, is available daily to work with people who need help in applying for assistance. Despite the program's location at the Senior Enrichment Center, the service is available to people of all ages, not just senior adults.

"Age is not a factor," Wallace said. "I help five year-olds. I help ninety year-olds."

Income is the only criteria, and guidelines are set by participating pharmaceutical companies such as Merck, Merck/Schering Plough, TAP, Abbott, Bristol-Myers Squibb, GlaxoSmithKline, AstraZeneca, and Takeda. Most have guidelines based on an annual income of \$20,800 or less for a household of one, \$28,000 or less for a household of two, and \$42,400 for a family of four. That translates into 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

Even seniors who have a Medicare prescription drug plan, but encounter problems because of the so-called coverage "doughnut hole," sometimes qualify for assistance. [In a "doughnut hole" situation, federal payments for a person's drug purchases end once an annual spending limit is reached and are resumed only after the person has spent thousands of dollars out of pocket.]

"It doesn't hurt to call and ask," said Wallace about "doughnut hole" coverage.

Medications that are available from participating pharmaceutical companies include those for most of the major chronic diseases including asthma, chronic bronchitis, congestive heart failure, COPD, diabetes, emphysema, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol. The local needs can be significant.

"We have people who have to choose between whether they are going to buy their prescriptions or buy food or pay their light bill," said Wallace, who sees about 100 people a month at the Senior Enrichment Center. She is available for consultations from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

The FirstHealth Cares supervisor is Joanna McDearmon, a registered pharmacist, who not only acts as pharmacy manager but who is also available for patient consultations and "brownbag reviews" [an evaluation of all prescribed medications to ensure that they are not being duplicated and that they can be safely taken together.]

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# Video game helps with stroke rehabilitation

Nellie Jo Ferguson is recovering from a stroke, so why is she playing a bowling game on a Nintendo Wii? And apparently enjoying it so much?

According to Cindy Sayce, director of Inpatient Rehabilitation at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital, Ferguson's Wii adventure is another step toward her recovery, a step that takes advantage of the virtual world of gaming systems to help patients who need help with cognitive as well as motor skills.

"Nintendo continues to add new components and games, so we anticipate expanding what we have and using it for a long time," said Sayce of the department's Wii.

The \$2,000 used to acquire the Wii system, a 32-inch television on which to project the games and a mobile cart to move it around the rehab unit came from a disbursement from the Moore Regional Hospital Foundation. The Foundation's Grant Review

Committee met in April to consider grant disbursements totaling more than \$50,000, all to enhance patient care and clinical efficiencies at Moore Regional Hospital.

"It is exciting to see the positive impact that these disbursements provide - not only for the patients, but also for the clinical providers who care for patients on a daily basis," said Howard Pierce, chair of the Foundation's Grant Review Committee. "Our community's generosity improves the quality of care every day. This is really something that we can be proud of."

Cynthia Hardwick, R.N., a nurse in the Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit, suggested getting a Wii system for rehab inpatients after her family got one and she had a chance to observe its versatility. She noted the various skills needed to play Wii games and thought they would work well for patients needing rehabilitation therapy.

"You have to get up and move your limbs," Hardwick said. "I knew it would be a therapeutic benefit for the patient, so I became the squeaky wheel [for acquiring one]."

Actually, the use of the Wii gaming system in rehab therapy, sometimes referred to as "Wii-habilitation," is becoming a trend in rehab therapy - for patients young and old with issues ranging from knee replacement and brain and spinal cord injuries to stroke, cerebral palsy, even Alzheimer's disease. Raleigh's Wake Med began incorporating Wii into its therapy program a year ago, and hospitals across the country have begun to acknowledge Wii therapy as a successful aid for helping reduce the pain, repetition and monotony of traditional therapy exercises.

Savce anticipates even more Wii use as her department investigates the various gaming bundles that include such activities as tennis, golf, bowling, even fishing and duck hunting that can help patients with balance, range of motion, strengthening, and coordination.

There is also a cooking game that simulates following recipes as well as puzzles and other

"smart" games that help with cognitive skills. There is even an aquarium-like "Endless Ocean" program that Sayce believes could be used as relaxation or distraction for patients who are agitated or in pain.

"We hope patients won't even realize they're doing therapy, because their attention is focused on the game and having fun," she said.

Savce also expects that some patients will be encouraged to acquire their own Wii system so they can continue this fun but challenging therapy after they leave the hospital. "This is something that patients could purchase themselves and continue to use at home," she said.

In addition to the \$2,000 for the Wii system for Inpatient Rehabilitation, other disbursements approved by the Foundation's Grant Review Committee include the following:

• \$5,000 to the Clinical Performance department to provide education for nurses on the InterQual application to assist them in determining appropriate patient admissions. The InterQual product provides an evidence-based way of determining the medical necessity for admission

and length of stay in an attempt to avoid unnecessary costs.

\$31,650 to Clinical Operations for a "Lean Health Care" program designed to improve Emergency Department operations and identify value-added activities for triaging patients. Three areas are being considered for improvement: patient waiting times, inventory use, and staff use.

The Foundation also disbursed \$1,900 in donor-restricted funds for staff EKG and echocardiogram education.

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if voters approved the new levies. Moore County voters rejected the additional sales tax in May.

"I know we all felt pretty strong about it last time we voted on it, but we didn't get much support," McKenzie said. "We could not use general fund money to put the word out and encourage people to vote. With the state of the economy, I don't want to waste time, but I think we ought to think about it to see if we want to find someone who would support it."

The Commissioners and County staff are prohibted by state law from using tax dollars to

campaign for the new taxes, and, last November, the state association of Realtors funded an aggressive campaign to defeat the measure. McKenzie called attention to an article in the Fayetteville Observer that reported the association has raised its members dues in order to rebuild its campaign war chest.

Referring to drumming up support for a new transfer tax referendum, McKenzie said, "There's some possibility of getting some people who are concerned about it to really put on a little campaign."

But Commissioners Tim Lea, Jimmy Melton, and Larry Caddell all expressed skepticism about taking back to the voters an idea they so soundly rejected.

Though he understood that the county needs additional sources of revenue, Lea said, "I can't understand why now would be the time to pursue this when we just got through the budget cycle, and just raised taxes 2.9

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## **Wastewater**

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in favor of "package plants," referring specifically to pre-fabricated steel wastewater treatment plants. Such plants have a short life expectancy and inadequate processing capacity. Rather, Raczkowski explained that any potential plants would be required to be free-standing, brick and concrete structures.

Concluding the workshop, he called the day "a good foundation" of knowledge from which county leaders will now be able to make decisions and draft pol-

# Hawaiian Luau at SLCC

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## **Commissioners**

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Noting that "the country is obviously in a recession," Lea said the commissioners should wait to resurrect the transfer tax idea until the economy is in better shape and the county can explain to voters exactly what the funds would be used for.

"We offered it to the general public, and they responded; and I don't see how it would be any different if we did it again," Melton said

A referendum asking voters to approve new taxes is futile "unless you're going to run a campaign," Caddell said, "and if we didn't do it last time we're not going to do it this time."

McKenzie nevertheless asked his fellow commissioners to think on the idea prior to the August 18 meeting.

### **Other Business**

In other business, the commissioners:

 Agreed to place on their August 18 agenda consideration of the purchase of a 13 acre parcel behind West Pine Middle School as the location for a new elementary school to be built as part of Moore County Schools' facilities master plan. The Board of Education approved the purchase, subject to the negotiation of an acceptable purchase contract, during its July 28 meeting. Under North Carolina law, local governments are responsible for the provision of school facilities

- Adopted a resolution approving a tax exempt loan for Eastwood Volunteer Fire District to allow them to purchase a new fire truck to replace the existing 1972 model truck. The county will neither be loaning the money to the fire squad nor will it be responsible for repaying the loan, Fire Marshall Carlton Cole explained, but county approval is required under Internal Revenue Service rules.
- Approved a new policy that will allow the County Attorney and Clerk to the Commissioners to periodically review the minutes of closed sessions and recommend those that can be unsealed because the reason for their closure is no longer valid. Commissioners will be asked to approve the unsealing of the minutes as part of their consent agenda.
- Tabled a discussion of and decision on a new enterprise wide software package and hosting service that would computerize many county functions, from the finance office to the sheriff's office.

Made a number of appointments including:

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- Glenn Mathews and Joey Boswell as extraterritorial representatives on the Robbins Planning Board;
- Carol Matuza to the Nursing/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee;
- Andrea Korte and Linda Pearson to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council;
- Hunter Stovall as a member and Paul Hodges as an alternate to the Moore County Board of Adjustment; and
- Vernon Kelly as the extraterritorial jurisdiction alternate on the Town of Carthage Planning Board.

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# OPINION

**Editorial** 

# Running around our thumbs

Being newspaper folk who make our living messing about with words, we've always had a certain fondness for colorful, homespun sayings like "tighter than Dick's hatband," "lower than a well-digger's behind," "off like a dirty shirt," or "dumber than a sack of hammers (or a box of rocks)." We've amassed a pretty good collection over the years most of which can't be printed in a family newspaper.

But we hadn't heard this one 'til Moore County Board of Commissioners Chairman Colin McKenzie came out with it in a recent meeting: "You have to run around your thumb to get to your finger!"

McKenzie was talking about the result of closing off a railroad crossing near Pinehurst Hardware years ago, but the phrase can probably be applied to a variety of situations, including the current state of financial reporting by the Board of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] to its membership.

Last Wednesday, during the SLLA's end of month business meeting, Community Manager Dalton Fulcher provided a lengthy review of the year-to-date performance of revenues and expenses to budget, describing why some line items were over budget and others were under. It was a very interesting and comprehensive report — which no one in the audience could follow, because we didn't have the numbers in front of us to look at while Fulcher talked.

A couple of enterprising residents had requested copies of the income statement that provided the basis for Fulcher's report, but even they got those copies only after the meeting concluded. So, interesting as it was, no one really knew what was going on during Fulcher's five minute discussion of Association finances.

What would have made Fulcher's report truly illuminating is if we had all had copies to look at as he explained the numbers.

That's exactly what Westsiders do get every month at their general meeting. As you enter the door of the Westside Park Community Center to attend a Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] meeting you find a neat stack of copies of a detailed four-page income statement — or P&L, as it's often called — that breaks out SLWLA revenues by source and expenses by budget line item within each department. The columns show revenues and expenses for last month and for the year to date, display the year-to-date budget, and track actual results against budget expectations.

The SLWLA income statement is very detailed. It includes every line item (though not, of course, the details of every check). But it is not, actually, all that difficult to prepare. Those familiar with Quickbooks accounting software, which both the SLWLA and SLLA use, would recog-

nize it instantly as a standard Quickbooks report that took all of five key strokes and two minutes to send to the laser printer.

Not everyone attending the Westside meetings picks up a copy of these financial reports, but quite a few folks do; you can see them looking over the numbers before the meeting begins.

We also learned in Wednesday night's SLLA meeting that the finance committee had recommended denying one resident's request for a rundown of Association investments. Over on the West Side, along with that stack of income statements, you'll find at every month-end meeting copies of a neat little report that details SLWLA investments, mostly CDs, arranged by the bank in which they are deposited, complete with amounts, interest rates, and date of maturity.

In short, SLWLA members have easy to review financial data at their fingertips every month. But members of the SLLA have to run around their thumb to get to their finger.

Interestingly, it is rare that even a single question about SLWLA finances is raised during the public comment section of the meeting, except at budget time. The answers to most questions are right there in the reports.

To our mind, the question this raises is simple: "Why do Westsiders deserve better, more transparent, more easily accessible financial reporting than folks who live on the North and South sides?"

Or, to put it another way, "Why don't members of the SLLA deserve financial reporting just as complete, just as transparent, and just as easy to access, as their neighbors on the other side of NC 211?"

Our object here is not to pick on Treasurer Denny Galford. He is clearly a very competent finance man and was an excellent choice for the office. But he is also the latest in a long line of very competent SLLA Treasurers, not one of whom has ever provided SLLA members with the kind of financial reporting that West Side landowners now enjoy each month.

We believe the responsibility for good reporting belongs not simply to the Treasurer, but to the Finance Committee, the Board, and the staff, as a whole.

So, we don't care who comes up with the answer, but, between now and the next General Meeting of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association, we'd like to hear [and we'd be more than happy to print] an answer to this question:

"Why not? Why not provide SLLA members with financial reporting that is at least as good, as transparent, and as easy to access, as that provided to Westsiders?"

# Don't forget the magic 8-ball . . .

So I've got to ask, are you feeling auspicious? According to the calendar you should be – well, probably more so if you happen to be Chinese. Turns out that eight sounds an awful lot like the Mandarin word for wealth. Thus 8-8-08, is a pretty darn good day to get married. Or

open the Summer Olympics in Bejing, as it turns out.

Funny, I never looked at eight as being particularly special. Thanks

to Wikipedia I now know that in nuclear physics, eight is the second magic number [and in case you're wondering, I have absolutely no idea what that means]. Eight is also the atomic number of oxygen, the notes of an octave, the maximum number of electrons that occupy an atom's valence shell, the days of Hanukkah, and we must not forget those ever cheerful eight maids a milking.

Personally, I've always been a much bigger fan of the number three. My earliest realization that I even had a preference was after winning a prize in Kindergarten by guessing that the teacher was thinking of the number three.

After several decades of bumbling through life, I assure you that my answer that day was exact-

ly what it was, a wild guess. Reading minds is not one of my talents. Winning prizes has not been one either.

Three however has kept pace with me, a constant companion with many pleasant connotations; three-leafed clovers, the Holy Trinity, the primary colors

# Laura's - Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

and three R's, the Three Little Pigs...heck, I even asked Darling Hubby for a three-stoned engagement ring.

He obliged, and I said yes: everyone was happy.

Jim claims ten as his favorite number. Of course, men don't wear engagement rings? Perhaps I should offer to honor his fave with a ten-stone band – after all, this year is our tenth anniversary on, dare I go there, 10-10! Say, I think I'm on to something big here . . .

But I digress.

Numerology is not usually a frequent topic of conversation, predictor of events, or harbinger of bejeweled gifts around the Douglass ranch. In fact, numbers considered auspicious, audacious, august, or just plain old *au* 

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# Is Board willing to obey laws, follow bylaws?

In the State of North Carolina, we have statutes and laws that govern landowners associations. They are 55A and HB 1541. Under these laws, any landowner may inspect and copy records.

It is interesting that Denny Galford, who was appointed to the board, has said that I can not copy Hunter Stovall's bill from March that carries my surname. I wonder what he's afraid of?

This bill has nothing to do with a law suit as he has stated. What it concerns is an investigation by the Moore County District Attorney's office into allegations of wrong doing: moneys paid out at the expense of the landowners.

By the way, Mary Hudson has just recently spoken with the District Attorney's investigator again. What happens next, I do not know. Are laws of the State of North Carolina being broken?

Also under HB 1541 is 47F-3-118 section C that in essence says no payments may be made to any director without advance approval by the board. Don Truesdell turned in mileage again and was paid \$75.83 in May. There is no record of the board voting to approve this item.

According to the IRS web site, there are mileage deductions for employees and 14 cents per

# **Eight**

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There is a reason, after all, that I chose a major wherein I successfully avoided most collegelevel math classes without the word introductory in the descrip-

Better yet, I'll quote Lewis Carroll as he described the different branches of arithmetic as, "Ambition, Distraction, Uglification, and Derision."

Well said! Though, unlike Carroll, I am not a brilliant mathematician who just happens to write a story or two on the side. And since I also don't speak Mandarin, I'll just declare here and now that any stray ambitious or auspicious feelings I generate this week are probably not related to any 8's.

mile for volunteers. Mr. Galford did inform the board at the latest work session that this is for deductions. He neglected to tell the whole story that businesses use the IRS rules for mileage reimbursement to

Steve Hudson Seven Lakes North

employees. No one on the board is an employee. Why are we landowners paying employee rates to volunteer board members? Why isn't the board voting in advance for approval? If you can't afford to volunteer, then simply resign from the board.

Next, Dalton Fulcher has said that the maintenance people do repairs, painting, etc. in the off times when there's no grass mowing to be done. Why did we contract out the cleaning of the gazebos? We are now going to pay to have the North and South gate houses painted?

Also, policy was set some

time ago that the board was to get three bids for work to be done. Why did this board only get two bids and then vote to accept the highest one?

Now, just some questions:

How did the cost of

the new maintenance building go from \$20,000 to an estimate of over \$45,000? Who voted in the extra expenditure and

when? The association owns a front end loader that was sent to Raleigh for some repair work. The bill was over \$12,000. Who voted the approval for this?

A policy was set a few years ago that anything over \$5,000 was to have board approval. I know because I voted for this policy. According to the bylaws, the board can vote in open session or in a special session. When were these items voted on?

I must ask if this board is going to ignore our bylaws? Are they going to turn a blind eye to the statutes and laws of the State of North Carolina? This is a volunteer board, but they can be held accountable for wrong doing.

I hope in the future they will consider this as well as the landowners and put the landowners first.

As I've said before, only time will tell and so far it's telling a lot. I hope they will let the sunshine in and have things more open, above board, and out on the

table for us all to see.

[Editors note: The Times spoke with Moore County District Attornev Maureen Krueger on Tuesday. Krueger said, so far as her office is concerned, "there is no on-going investigation involving the Seven Lakes Landowners Association."

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# Citizen patrols are a bad idea

Dear Editor:

The Westside board should read the article in *The Times* [July 25] regarding volunteers patrolling.

For the last several months, I have heard and read many articles concerning enforcing speed limits on the Westside using patrols, radar guns, night vision binoculars, etc. Having volunteers patrol our streets making decisions on whether a neighbor is going too fast or maybe too slow is looking for a lot of problems and confrontations, arguments, and above all, a neighborhood where everyone must look over their shoulders to see if the guy next door is responsible for that person to now go before a judicial board for punishment or, worse yet, having someone tell him to pay a fine for, in their judgment, going too fast perhaps, if he or she was correct or accurate in their judgment to begin with; who knows?

In the thirty years I have driven on the Northside, Southside, and yes, the Westside, it has always been a pleasure. It's always been a pleasure to stop and say hello and usually have a return greeting.

Seven Lakes is a friendly community – let's keep it that way.

What a terrible mistake it will be to think that my neighbor will decide how I must drive down the street. Believe me when I say it's not his business, because he is not schooled in traffic control. Leave the law enforcement up to the people taxpayers pay to do the job. Concentrate our efforts in making sure they do their job, as they are paid to, state police, sheriff's department, licensed security company, etc.

Let's not have people act as if they are above the law by judging other people or act as if their volunteer position in the community gives them the right to punish someone else. To quote the article "Congress says that a volunteer group should not enforce - anytime, anywhere."

Ron Weber Seven Lakes West

# Birth of an opus

One of the pair was raising his fountain pen contemplatively.

A bit out of place because the circumstances called for an Eighteenth Century scratch pen. After all, the challenge was to transform yourself back to those early years, imagining how authors might have plunged into the birth of a novel.

He looked at the photo of himself and his wife at the dining room table. The tumbler was



# Mason's -Musings

Mason Gould

there, seemingly with water in it, although it could have been gin.

And that fat little volume was a copy of Roget's Thesaurus ready to supply just the right word when the going got tough.

The magnifying glass lying there was a perfect item for the near-sighted man pictured in the frame, with an intellectual bearing accompanied by a hint of rascal. Yes, his bow tie spoke of another era. And over there was that huge pile of rejected manuscripts, ideal for starting a blaze in the fireplace.

In the reservoir of his vast consciousness, he was obviously in his element.

So his pen began to scratch the unrefined paper.

And another hopeful novel was launched.

# Vote GOP

Dear Editor:

There is a clear choice for our elected offices this year. I know that this list could be long, but please allow me.

Maureen Krueger is running for reelection for District Attorney and I hope that you the good people of Seven Lakes will allow this good lady to serve us again. She is a woman of incredible integrity and conviction and has performed her job well to our and our children's benefit.

Jamie Boles is a family man who has lived in our county his whole life. He knows us because he is one of us and he understands our needs and concerns. He is a good listener and smart

(See "Vote," p. 29)

# **Thanks**

Dear Editor:

[An open letter to the members, management, & staff at Seven Lakes Country Club]

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## School Board

(Continued from front page) ed to that purpose and has some additional benefits."

"This is Moore County's first venture into a clustered educational facility," Cunningham added. He said the close proximity of the schools could make student transportation easier and less costly for both parents and the MCS transportation department. In addition, it creates an opportunity for shared recreation facilities and even shared staff members such as nurses and resource officers.

"There is hardly anything a board does that is more fulfilling than beginning a new school,' Board member Sue Black said.

Also at the recommendation of the Facilities Committee, the School Board awarded the task of designing improvements at the Farm Life, Robbins, High Falls & Westmoore campuses to the architectural firm of Schuller, Ferris, Lindstrom & Associates.

### No Child Left Behind

During the July 28 meeting Superintendent Purser shared with Board of Education members her concern that Moore

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County Schools — and other school systems in the state could be facing what she called "a perfect storm."

The federally-imposed No Child Left Behind student and school evaluation regimes, a new state-mandated process for evaluating principals and teachers, the changing characteristics of "today's learner" and the struggle to fund public education will combine over the next few years to substantially increase the challenges faced by the school system, Purser said. It is the superintendent and Board who, in the face of those challenges, must establish the direction for the district, Purser said.

Her "core belief," she said, was that "all of us can learn."

"Learning is not about mastery of content," Purser said. "Learning is about the ability to access, understand, and apply information that supports the culture and the future."

During Monday's meeting, Purser focused on the first element of the "perfect storm," No Child Left Behind, suggesting that she would brief Board members on the other elements in future meetings.

She highlighted a number of shortcomings of the No Child Left Behind approach, which evaluates the success of schools based on student performance on standardized tests - and insists that all students, regardless of background, disability, or command of English - must meet the same standard.

No Child Left behind "mean all students look alike," Purser said, despite obvious differences in experience and background that students bring to their educational

careers.

In addition, No Child Left Behind testing focuses on math and reading, which can lead to a de-emphasis on other subjects such as social studies. civics, science, and the arts. The regime can lead to too much emphasis on "teaching to the test" and too much classroom time spent practicing test taking, Purser said.

She presented Board members with a book critical of No Child Left Behind and said she believed that the Board and MCS staff should "work with the community to determine what measures would define a successful school and school system."

"No Child Left Behind is going to be out there," Purser said, "but primarily we serve the children and families of this local community."

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"We have to get our arms around how we as a community define what we want to accomplish in our schools," she said.

Board member Bruce Cunningham said he had been concerned for some time that the state's evaluation of schools based on student testing was inappropriate. The state evaluation program recognizes exceptional schools by awarding them

"I'm not sure that the message we want to send is that we can judge our schools on what is successful or what is not — what is good teaching and what is not - based on a banner or a piece of fabric that

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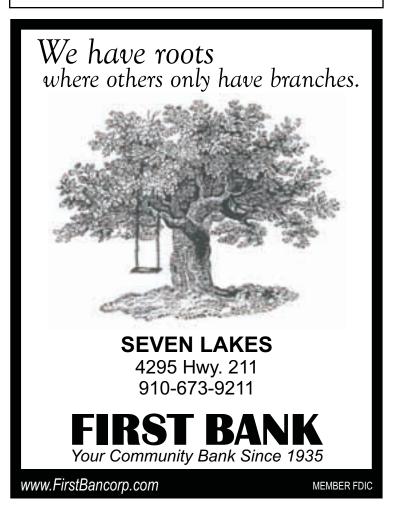
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## School Board

(Continued from page 29) comes from the state," Cunningham said. He suggested de-emphasizing the awarding of those banners, and noted that at least one school system in the state sends the banners back to Raleigh rather than distributing them to individual schools.

### **Transportation Costs**

Rising fuel costs mean Moore County Schools will be short more than a quarter million dollars as it tries to make state reimbursements cover the cost of running its fleet of 164 school buses, Transportation Supervisor Charles McDowell told the Board of Education during its July 28 meeting.

The state has budgeted \$3.22 per gallon for fuel; MCS's most recent fuel purchase was at \$4.22 per gallon. MCS is looking at a \$260,000 shortfall; statewide, the gap is expected to be \$14 million.

The county's school system purchases 7,500 gallon of fuel every seven days.

McDowell said he will be working to optimize school bus routes, as well as consolidating some bus stops. Routes will be reviewed and audited by using GPS trackers installed in buses.

MCS buses travel 600 miles per day, he noted, adding that he expects ridership to increase this year, as parents, stretched themselves by rising gas prices, opt for the school bus instead of driving their children to school.

#### Volunteers in the schools

Nearly 7,800 Moore Countians volunteer their services to the public schools. Volunteer Coordinator Linda Hubbard told the Board during their July 28 meeting. Volunteers serve in a wide range of capacities, including "mentoring, conducting afterschool programs, chaperoning, assisting with clerical duties, assisting in the media center, participating in band boosters and athletic boosters, working on campus beautification, assisting with extracurricular activities, serving as lunch buddies, serving as reading buddies, career coaching, supporting cultural arts, conducting fund raisers, and more," she explained.

A host of religious and civic organizations, ranging from the West End Presbyterian Church to the Seven Lakes Kiwanis, also contribute time and money to the schools. The Back Pack Pals program, which provides a backpack stocked with food to kids who otherwise might go hungry over the weekend, is serving 400 children in 18 schools; and the Moore County program has spawned similar programs in Cumberland, Lee and Sampson Counties. Thus far, more than \$82,000 has been donated to the program.

Luther and Friends, which places trained dogs in schools as reading buddies, now has 40 teams covering all of the district's primary and elementary schools.

"Linda always give the credit to everyone else," Board member Charles Lambert said, "but she's really the workhorse."

Dr. Purser noted that the system has 12,300 students and 7,800 volunteers, "The credit goes back to the one who has constructed that effort," she said.

### **Be There**

Community Relations Advisor Tim Lussier briefed the Board on a new multi-media outreach campaign aimed at encouraging parental involvement in the lives and learning — of their children. The program, developed by a national non-profit, is available to MCS free of charge, and includes a variety of high-quality art for brochures, ads, and billboards, all stressing the importance on one-on-one parent-child interaction.

Lussier said there is no charge for the use of material; MCS must pay only for printing it. He noted that principals would be briefed on the program and materials would be ready for use during upcoming back-toschool nights.

### **Other Business**

In other business during the July 28 meeting, the Board approved a final adjustment to last year's budget, and approved a long list of policy changes, as well as the members of advisory councils for each school in the district.

# Memory Loss specialist to speak

The Chapel in the Pines Outreach Ministry is happy to announce that Dr. Sangeeta Varanasi will speak about Alzheimer's disease on Thursday, August 28 at 4:30 pm at the West Side Park Community Center

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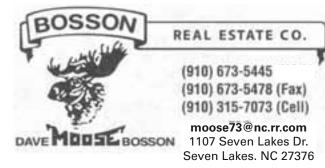
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## SLLA Board

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### **New Security Boat**

The Board unanimously approved the purchase of a used pontoon boat from Seven Lakes Marine for \$4,300. The green & white Sweetwater has a fifty horsepower motor and will be used for security patrols.

The Associaiton already owns a pontoon boat, but, Community Manager Dalton Fulcher explained, it "is just about embarrassing for a security guard to go out in it and talk with any one." Fulcher said the seats and carpeting are torn, and the cost of repairing the boat would be very close to the purchase price of the used one. The old boat can still be used for dirtier jobs like distributing buoys and transporting mowers to the island in Lake Sequoia, he noted.

The purchase of the boat was not a budgeted expense; the funds will be drawn from anticipated cash reserves.

### **Bylaws Changes**

The Board voted to change bylaw 6.9.1 during the July 30 meeting, which deals with the scheduling of the monthly business meeting and open meeting, to make clear that Directors can reschedule the work session at their discretion, as long as it is held not less than ten days prior to the end-of-month business meeting.

Director Shaver took the opportunity to explain his understanding

of the distinction between the two meetings. "This open meeting is to you people, to address your concerns," Shaver said. "When we have a work session, this is when the board is going to meet and wrestle with the things that need to be done . . . not to keep people from looking at things, but to give us time to work on it."

On the motion of Security Director Gary Caulk, the Board approved a bylaws change that gives the Judicial Committee the power to rule on cases involving juvenile vandalism of community property.

"If we have a problem with vandalism, right now, we can talk to parents or turn them over to the state for prosecution," Caulk explained. "We need something in the middle."

The new rule would allow the judicial committee to suspend a vandal's privilege to use the pool, the tennis courts, and other amenities for up to a year. "If someone abuses their privileges, maybe they don't need that privilege," Caulk said.

### **Appointment of Secretary**

The Board lost its Secretary with the resignation of Director Donna Stephan. While a staff member is on hand to take minutes of the Board's open meetings, a Secretary is needed to take minutes in closed session and to discharge various legal responsibilities, Fulcher explained.

Though former SLLA President Don Truesdell was not in attendance at the July 30 meeting, Director Shaver nominated him for the post and, with a second from Director Welch, the appointment was unanimously approved by the Board.

### **Community Standards**

Director Welch said his Community Standards Committee has revised the reporting of infractions, in order to get problems cleared more quickly. The map of Seven Lakes North and South has been divided among committee members, each of whom will take responsibility to report infraction in his or her section directly to Assistant Manager Chad Beane. Beane will then make contact with the offender within seven days.

The prior procedure, in which infractions were reported to the full committee before being referred to Beane, dragged out the process, Welch said.

The committee believes the Lake Sequoia boat and trailer storage area could accommodate as many as 100 trailers if it were properly marked. Boats and trailers will need to be moved out so that the area can be laid out and marked off, but the question of what legally can be done with apparently abandoned boats and trailers remains unresolved. "We need a legal opinion on

what the Association can do with abandoned property," Welch said. Director Shaver offered the support of the Maintenance Committee for the project.

The Committee has moved its meeting to the first Tuesday of the month, so that it precedes the monthly Board work session.

Welch said "Nancy Blythe has done a great job taking all the rules and regulations that have to do with standards and putting them in a small book that can be given to each landowner and renter." The booklet should be ready for distribution by the end of the month.

Welch said the committee is working on the idea of a community-wide clean-up day in the fall, in order to "create enthusiasm to get everyone to clean up their lots and neighborhoods."

### Treasurer's report

Treasurer Galford told the Board that, from now on, Community Mananger Fulcher would be reviewing financial performance to budget in the Association's month-end meetings, something the Treasurer has traditionally done.

Galford reported that the Finance committee met on July 22 and:

• Reviewed the monthly finan-

cial report that each Director receives. The Committee reviews the reports before they are forwarded to the full board. Committee member Gil Jones is developing a new cover page for the report.

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- Reviewed a draft of the 2008 audit report.
- Received a report on day camp revenues and expenditures.
- Reviewed outstanding Accounts Receivables on an individual by individual basis. Galford reviewed requests for financial information submitted by SLLA members. Jack McCarthy was provided with the profit & loss, trial balance, and other monthly reports. He had asked

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for a breakdown of all SLLA investments. Instead Galford prepared an explanation for McCarthy.

Former Treasurer Steve Hudson was also provided with the monthly reports he requested, but was not provided with a copy of a March invoice from SLLA attorney Hunter Stovall that, according to Hudson, contained his name. Galford said Hudson's name did not appear on the invoice, and, even if it had, "we don't have the legal expertise" to decide whether it would be appropriate to provide it to Hudson.

Galford suggested Hudson have his attorney contact Stovall to request a copy of the invoice.

Reporting on financial performance to budget later in the meeting, Community Manager Fulcher said the draft audit report recently received shows that 2007-2008 revenues were \$130,000 over expenses, which increased the reserves that can be invested this year.

As of the end of June in the current Fiscal Year, 89.7 percent of budgeted revenues have been collected.

Expenses are currently running a bit ahead of budget, Fucher said, adding that some expenses tend to be payable early in the Fiscal Year, and will come back into line as the year progresses. "Most stuff is right in line with where it should be," he added.

### **Architectural Review**

Director Sally Kindvatter, who, as Vice President, presided over the meeting in the absence of President Randy Zielsdorf, reported that the Architectural Review Board [ARB] had approved only one house last month, along with a number of additions, a dock, and a lot clearing. The committee is considering fining two different construction companies, one for clearcutting without a permit and another for being over 90 days in building a

ARB is working on an improved method for tracking progress on new houses that are being built that doesn't rely on builders contacting the office at the appropriate time for inspec-

A new ARB manual for use with builders is almost ready for distribution, Kindsvatter said.

The new beautification committee, which is also under Kindsvatter's oversight solicited bids from a number of landscaping companies on maintenance of the landscaped common areas "not grass cutting, but the plantings." Two bids were received and the committee will be reviewing them.

### Maintenance

Director Shaver said he is actively looking for a retired civil engineer to join his Maintenance Committee. The need was highlighted by the drainage problems that occurred in the wake of a massive rainfall on Wednesday, July 23, when three or more inches fell in the sapce of a couple og hours.

"Numerous driveways washed out," Shaver said. "Catch basins backed up, and there was some flooding."

Shaver noted that the previous Board had removed responsibility for dealing with drainage problems from the Community Manager and required that the Board itself deal with them on a case-by-case basis. "I think this should be devolved to the Maintenance Committee," Shaver said

"Right now, the Board doesn't have any drainage policy whatsoever," Fulcher noted later in the meeting.

Shaver said the maintenance crew are now filing regular reports on their activities and will soon begin tracking the time it takes to perform specific tasks. The data will be used to improve the planning of maintenance work and is available for inspection by any landowner. Equipment maintenance is also being tracked, so that the committee can determine whether one member of the maintenance crew should be a mechanic.

The committee has provided the maintenance department with a prioritized job list to help guide their work.

"The new maintenance building needs another door and

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some other things the inspector noticed," Shaver reported, adding that "once that is up, we will make a plan about what goes in there and clean up the whole area." Shaver said the original budget for the new building was \$25,000, just under \$40,000 has been spent to date, and it looks as though it will ultimately cost \$45,000.

The committee has a report in hand that will allow it to plan for

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the replacement and, in some cases, relocation, of stop signs and speed limit signs.

### Security

Summer visitors and the Fourth of July fireworks made for an extremely busy month at the North and South Gates, Director Caulk reported. Over 600 guest passes were issued on July 4.

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## SLLA Board

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The roving patrol is actively checking for membership cards and guest passes at all the recreation areas and making sure that the 11:00 pm curfew is respected.

Security officers were recently trained in CPR and first responder techniques.

The Moore County Sheriff's office has been active in the community making arrests for a burglary and a larceny in July, as well as charging three people for underage drinking in late June.

#### Recreation

The summer recreation program has attracted high levels of participation, Assistant Manager Chad Beane reported. Seventy-five young people participated in the Sandsharks swim team sponsored by the Seven Lakes Lions club. Fifty-five children took advantage of swim lessons at the Northside pool.

Day Camp, operating with extended hours from 8:30 adm to 5:30 pm this year, has attracted an average of fifty children each day.

### Lakes & dams

Reporting for Director Truesdell, Community Manager Fulcher reported that the Associations engineering firm has recommended mowing the face of the community's dams only twice per year, in order to allow the grass on the dams to develop a stronger root system that

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Hobbs & Upchurch, an engineering firm, has nearly completed surveys and topographic maps of the dams. Once those are complete, they will begin work on an emergency action plan for the dams.

The placement of new rock on the face of Sequoia Dam is almost complete; Echo dam will also need some additional rock, Fulcher said.

### **Judicial Committee**

Assistant Manager Beane told Board members that the Judicial Committee had met earlier in the day and considered two complaints, both for unkempt yards. The Committee ruled in the Association's favor, giving the homeowners a set number of days to comply, after which they

would be fined \$100 per day.

### **Public Comment**

JoAn Moses spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting, reminding residents that they could submit suggestions to the Board of Directors through The Advocates, an ad hoc volunteer groups that aims "to augment existing lines of communication." A suggestion box is available in the SLLA Office and comment forms can also be requested via email. This month The Advocates forwarded fourteen suggestions to the Board, she added.

After Moses's comments, Director Bud Shaver said he appreciated the suggestions that had already come to the Board through The Advocates, but "the thing that bothers me is the implication that that is needed because this Board will not or does not respond to the needs of the community. It's an implication that we are failing in our job, and I find that as a problem."

Later in the meeting, Don Welch asked how the Board should respond to suggestions that come through The Advocates, and suggested that they might be routed to the appropriate committee chairmen for consideration.

Treasurer Denny Galford said that he was concerned that some of the suggestions forwarded through The Advocates are unsigned. "I feel that, if anyone

has a concern that needs to be addressed, we should be able to address it to that individual," he

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Bill Yarrish asked about what appear to be very short setbacks on a new home being built on the South Side between Devonshire Avenue and Seven Lakes Drive. ARB Director Kindsvatter explained that the plats allow setbacks for some smaller oddly shaped lots that are smaller than the standard 50-foot setbacks.

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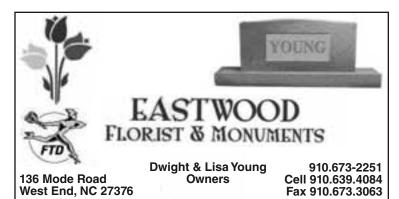
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