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Management company hired

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

Beginning in October, the Seven Lakes West Landown-

ers Association [SLWLA] will be managed by Community Association Services, Inc., [CAS] a North Carolina company headquartered in Pinehurst, that manages landowners associa-

tions throughout the Piedmont.

The SLWLA Board of Directors voted six to two during its Tuesday, August 12 work session to approve a \$200,000 contract with CAS, bringing to its culmination more than a year of work

on the part of the Human Resources Committee to research the options for replacing Community Manager Tony

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Robertson, who will be retiring.

The Board met a second time, Tuesday, August 19, in a special meeting, to approve an addendum to the contract that clarified the timing of the transition.

Only Directors Blaine Row-

land and Ray MacKay voted against approval of the contract. President Jim Haggard typically votes only in order to make or break a tie vote and so did not vote in this case.

MacKay presented a list of ten objections to the move to a management company; arguing that, compared to hiring employees in-house, the option would cost more and reduce Board control of Association management.

MacKay said hiring the management company would cost \$20,000 more annually, and that the Association would pay a premium any time it wanted to add

(See "Management," p. 34)

Harsany honored



Ellie Harsany accepts Foxfire Village's Steiner Stemple Community Service Award for her late husband and longtime council member Joe Harsany, who died earlier this year. Mayor George Erickson presented the award.

County approves school site

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

Despite objections from Pinehurst, it appears Moore County Schools' [MCS] new elementary school will be built adjacent to West Pine Middle School, off NC Highway 211 between Pinewild and West End.

The Moore County Board of Commissioners approved the \$201,300 purchase of 13.42 acres at that location to serve as a site for the school during a Monday, August 18 meeting. The Moore County Board of Education had approved the purchase of the site late last month.

Pinehurst Mayor George Lane objected to the plan during the

public comment portion of the meeting, before the Commissioners voted. "If you look at Pinehurst elementary school, nothing has been done in nineteen years other than add temporary classrooms," Lane said. He said the Village had offered the School Board land in Pinehurst on which to build a new school but was turned down.

Lane said it was important to keep Pinehurst students in Pinehurst and asked that an additional school be built in the Village. "I don't want you to assume that Pinehurst students will be going to that school up in West End." He said a meeting was planned with school officials to determine what could be done to address Pinehurst's concerns. Later in the meeting, MCS Deputy Superintendent Larry (See "New school," p. 32)

New financial reports coming

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

Responding to the recent Times editorial suggesting that Seven Lakes Landowners Association financial reporting should be more forthcoming, SLLA Treasurer Denny Galford said profit and loss statements have always been available at the office to anyone interested.

"The landowner's association

has nothing to hide," declared and expense reports are pro-Galford during the August 14 vided, at no charge, to all

landowners each year and that he makes time following each meeting to meet with and provide reports or copies of financial doc-

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Work Session. Galford said annual income uments, as requested by (See "SLLA Work," p. 35)

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Board appoints railroad crossing panel

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

The Westside Board has formed a Blue Ribbon Committee under the leadership of Director Blaine Rowland to guide the community's involvement in a North Carolina Department of Transportation plan to upgrade the railroad crossings at the entrance to Seven Lakes West and NC Highway 73 West in West End, while closing crossings at Mode Road and Edgewater Terrace.

If that plan fails, the Committee would explore other options for upgrading the Seven Lakes West crossing.

"The ideas is to not let the railroad crossing issue fall into a crack with all the other issues that we are dealing with," Rowland told *The Times*, "to keep it top of mind."

That crossing is currently a "private" rather than a "public crossing." In other words, it is owned by the Aberdeen, Carolina, and Western Railway; the public is allowed to use it under a lease.

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The NCDOT plan would convert it to a public crossing as part of a railway corridor safety project, taking advantage of federal railway safety funds. One of the prerequisites for the use of

mittee doesn't represent itself as the Board. I am not fine with them representing me in this issue."

Ray MacKay said the Long Range Planning Committee had

been working on the issue and he saw no need for a separate committee.

"This community is going to have to decide, at some point, whether there is a need

to upgrade the crossing, whether the state is going to do it or not," President Jim Haggard said.

Ultimately, the Board approved

the creation of the Blue Ribbon Panel by consensus.

Sales: SLWLA Must Address Crossing Issue

During the Public Comment portion of the meeting, Long Range Planning Committee Co-Chair Bud Sales — who said he has been working on the crossing issue since 2003 — attempted to clarify some of the issues involved.

"There is a presumption — not just in the community but by some members of board — that, if this thing fails, everything will be back to business as usual.

I can assure you that is not the case," Sales said.

"This is being driven by the railroad. They have a huge liability on our crossing, which could be the biggest private crossing in the state, Whether it is now or later, they will require that the crossing be brought up to date before the lease is renewed."

"Right now, the projected cost is \$300,000. Eight years from now, it could easily be \$500,000," Sales said, estimating that the SLWLA would likely bear 65% to 75% of that cost.

"Isn't the lease with the devel-(See "Crossing," p. 30)



those federal funds is the closing of other crossings, and idea that has met with resistance from some residents and business owners in West End, as well as some residents of Seven Lakes West.

Both Directors Mary Anne Fewkes and Karen Milligan expressed skepticism about the need for a Blue Ribbon panel when the issue came up in a Tuesday, August 12 work session.

"I have mixed feelings on that," Fewkes said. "I think there are a lot of facts we don't have. This should be the developers' problem — they should be involved. I am bothered by "the poor people in West End . . ." line. All that hoopla is because the developer at the Stanley plant doesn't want it [the crossing] closed."

Later she added, "I don't feel this is something that the Board should be pushing. Perhaps we could have a committee to provide information . . . not to campaign."

Millgan said she could agree with the creation of a crossing committee, "as long as the com-

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Covenant change could create public space

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

A covenant change proposed by the West Side's Long Range Planning Committee [LRPC] ran into some skepticism among Directors during a Tuesday, August 12 Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Board work session. But the Board ultimately agreed to have outside counsel review the proposal.

Legal Director Ed Silberhorn and LRPC member Gerhard Hergenhahn presented the idea of changing a current covenant provision that prevents the Association from converting any residential lot to public use - for example, for a small park or playground, for additional lake access, or for a satellite mail

Noting that the current Westside covenants are twenty-nine

years old and "were a very incomplete package" from the beginning, Hergenhahn explained that modern covenants, like those at Grande Pines or McLendon Hills, provide exceptions that

allow a developer some flexibility in the use of land.

"The developer often discovers needs not known when the plats were drawn,' Hergenhahn explained. For example, the developer of Seven Lakes West realized, after the plats were finalized, that there was no "public" land available on which to

locate a pumphouse for the Beacon Ridge Country Club irrigation system. In that case, the

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> developer simply converted a residential lot for the purpose, even though that was, technically, a violation of the covenants.

> "Our developer created masses of lots and a minimum of public spaces," Hergenhahn said. "We have only one gatehouse, one mailhouse, one sliver of land for boats. He then had 1600 lots; we now have 1900. There was no space for community centers, well houses, waste

water pump stations, etc."

The community dealt with the need for a community center and recreation area by purchasing land outside the original borders of the community and not covered by the original covenants, Hergenhahn explained. "But not all future infrastructure can be located outside the borders. There are times where, inside the borders, infrastructure needs

could be served by converting a residential lot to an infrastructure lot."

The proposed covenant change would allow the Association to convert Associationowned lots to Common Facilities, but would require a formal notification process, a public hearing, and a two-thirds vote of the Board to accomplish the change.

(See "Covenant," p. 33)



Lawsuit update

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] prevailed in a ruling in the Terrill lawsuit, Legal Director Ed Silberhorn told Board members during a Tuesday, August 12 work session.

Linda and James Terrill, the Plaintiffs in the suit, own a lakefront home at 135 James Drive in Seven Lakes West, as well as a vacant lot just across a narrow

cove, at 139 Wertz Drive. The Terrills are suing the SLWLA, along with Accent Design Build, LLC, and Accent Design Build II, LLC, two related homebuilders, alleging that runoff from Accent projects silted in the cove on which their properties lie and alleging that SLWLA failed to protect the

The recent decision, handed down by Superior Court Judge Ripley Rand, was on the Plain-

(See "Lawsuit," p. 32)





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Village debates opening of Shamrock gate

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

Declaring there are advantages and disadvantages to reopening the gate on Shamrock Drive, Foxfire Councilman Vic Koos said it would be a long process both politically and mentally. Closed off and abandoned twenty-eight years ago, the road in question generated much discussion during the August 12, Foxfire Village Council monthly meeting.

Historically the road was heavily used as a shortcut for trucks and frequent site of illegal street racing. The racing-related death of a local teenage boy in 1979 prompted the decision to close the road. However, the merit and convenience of restoring the road has been a recurring discussion and many Foxfire residents have expressed an interest in installing an electronic gate, which would provide for, and restrict, access.

Councilman Ed Lauer said that limiting access was not an option.

"You can't have a private gate on a public road, DOT [North Carolina Department of Transportation] will insist if it's open to one it's open to all."

Lauer continued, "This isn't just a simple thing and for a lot of folks this would become a disadvantage. It was used as a cut-across and there were speeding problems over the dam. There were some good reasons for closing and abandoning this road."

A resident suggested that twenty-eight years was a long time and that conditions and needs of villagers today were perhaps different. He recommended opening the gate for thirty days to assess the impact on residents and traffic flow.

Currently only emergency vehicles can travel through the gate.

Mayor George Erickson said he will continue to research the issue and Koos will contact DOT to determine whether the gate could be opened for a study period and what, if any, restrictions could be used to limit access.

Public Safety

In other village roads discus-

sion, Councilwoman Page Coker reported the Ad hoc speed limit committee had learned that setting a unified speed limit throughout the village would require a sign on every street.

"The cost isn't warranted for the few people who break the law. We shouldn't penalize every taxpayer for the few," said Coker.

However, she said, village police have been instructed to ticket offenders traveling even a few miles per hour over the designated speed limit.

Coker also said the council has decided not to pursue hiring a third police officer at this time.

"For a town our size to even have a police force is great and we are very blessed and have two good officers."

Coker said the council's decision was entirely financial. The 2008 police budget is \$190,519 and includes salaries, training, equipment, vehicles, and insurance.

"We spent \$974 in gas just in July!" exclaimed Coker. "I would love to hire a third but that will not prevent vandalism on the golf course if someone decides to vandalize."

She said instead she is looking into the cost of installing security cameras at the park, pool, and Town Hall areas. Coker also suggested any village businesses with concerns should investigate private security options.

During public comment, a resident asked why the village police chief is allowed to take his vehicle home – a thirty-mile roundtrip. Coker said that when he is offduty, the chief is always willing and able to respond to emergency calls.

Another resident suggested

pool vandalism could be limited by securing the deck furniture.

"I hope we never live in a community where we have to chain down the pool chairs," said Coker. "There has been two times in seventeen years that we have had problems at the pool. I don't see any reason to go out and buy chains."

Coker reported village police are investigating the recent vandalism and encouraged all residents to report any suspicious activity.

On Saturday, September 20, CERT [Community Emergency

(See "Foxfire," p. 31)



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Tom McGinnis appointed to Planning Board

Seven Lakes West resident Tom McGinnis — a Realtor® working with The Property Center — was appointed to the to the Planning Board during the Monday, August 18 meeting of the Moore County Board of Comissioners — though not without a bit of a tussle over the appointment.

When the need to replace Roger Bone, who resigned from the Planning Board in June, came up on Monday night's agenda, Commissioner Tim Lea immediately moved to appoint Carl Munro, a former member of the Foxfire Village Council. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Cindy Morgan but failed in a three to two vote.

Commissioner Caddell then nominated McGinnis, prompting Lea to have the clerk distribute a report mapping the current and potential planning Board members against the Commissioner districts.

Lea pointed out that three members were from District I, three from District II. and one each from Districts III and IV, with none drawn from District V, Commissioner Melton's district. McGinnis, Lea pointed out, was from District II.

In addition, he said, the appointment of McGinnis would add a Realtor to a board that already contained two home builders, as well as a second member from Seven Lakes, a gated community.

Lea said failing to diversify

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the Board would be a "grave injustice to the county."

"We have ample representation from Seven Lakes," Morgan agreed. "We need to open this Board up instead of having it localized."

Melton said it could be difficult to find qualified people who are willing to devote the time required to serve on the Planning Board.

Lea then offered a substitute nomination of Richard Blessing of Whispering Pines, which was also defeated in a three to two vote, with Morgan and Lea in the minority.

Chairman Colin McKenzie, Melton, and Caddell then voted to place McGinnis on the Board.

The Board also needed to fill the seat of an alternate, a member who serves when regular members are unable to attend a

planning board meeting. Caddell moved to place Carl Munro in that seat; the motion was unanimously approved.

Progress Energy resolution deferred

During the public comment portion of the meeting, the Commissioners heard from representatives of Save Our Sandhills [SOS], an environmental group, who urged them to pass a resolution urging state and federal officials to require Progress Energy and other utilities to complete environmental impact studies before undertaking major infrastructure projects.

Progress Energy is planning new high voltage lines that will cross portions of Moore County, and, according to SOS, the company's survey crews have

already damaged ecologically sensitive areas.

Joe McDonald said it was not an overstatment to say that Progress Energy was "running roughshod over our community . . . Coming through people's land and knocking down trees" without prior notice.

Ruth Stolting said "If they have the right of eminent domain, then they should bear the burden of an environmental impact state-

Later in the meeting, Chairman McKenzie said that the Commissioners wanted to hear both sides of the story before passing a resolution on the matter and had invited both SOS and the company to a work session scheduled for Thursday, August

Other Business

In other business, the Commissioners:

· Discussed but took no action on the suggestion that solid waste collection sites be closed on Sunday. Public Work Director Dennis Brobst told the Commissioners that a problem with the compactor at the Hillcrest Park site filling up on Sunday had been alleviated by adding a second \$32,000

(See "Board," p. 30)



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Planning Board discusses wastewater plants

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

In their first meeting since participating in a county-sponsored decentralized on-site wastewater treatment plant workshop, several members of the Moore County Planning Board weighed in the controversial topic during the Thursday, August 7 meeting.

"It was pretty clear from the speakers that the technology is there," explained Dave Kinney to Chair Nancy Roy Fiorillo, who was unable to attend the workshop. He said his primary takeaway was that proper management of such facilities was critical, as was identifying the soil type where the technology would be used.

Board member Kim VonCannon was also cautiously optimistic about the technology.

"It was very informative and I got a good sense that there are options out there," she said. "I think something like it somewhere we will be able to work in, but we need to be careful before we run down that track."

Planning Director Joey Raczowski said his staff is currently updating the countywide master land use plan and recommended the county place a soil and land expert on retainer to assist in identifying if the type and design of any proposed decentralized treatment plants would be suitable dependent upon the soil at the location in question.

"If the plan would not support the type of facility we [Moore County] want then we would direct them [developer] towards conventional septic," said Raczowski.

Progress Energy

Raczowski told the Planning Board that he has been in contact with Andy Honeycutt, Public Affairs Director for Progress Energy, regarding the proposed electric transmission line between Rockingham and West End.

"We are following through with what we can on these projects," he said.

The controversial route of the thirty-two mile long 230-kiloVolt (kV) line traverses rural farmland, forests, and wetlands.

Kinney encouraged Raczowski to speak with Mike Wilson and

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Jesse Wimberley. Both are members of the Small Planning Area A Steering Committee who own land directly affected by the proposed line.

Representing Save Our Sandhills [SOS], Ruth Stolting also

urged members of the Planning Board to support SOS efforts to persuade Progress Energy to sponsor a Public Hearing in Moore County. At this time, October hearings have only been scheduled in Raleigh and Rockingham. She also reported the Hoke County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution, drafted by SOS, requiring Progress Energy to work cooperatively with county planning efforts.

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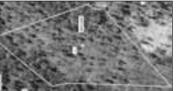
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Parents protest combining IB, AP classes

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

A half-dozen parents and one former student of Pinecrest High School addressed the Moore County Board of Education on August 11, over concerns that Advanced Placement [AP] and International Baccalaureate [IB] classes were being combined to the detriment of both programs. The lack of upper level Honors courses was also discussed.

One parent said the limited number of Honors classes forced students to take overwhelming class loads to compete for college placement. Honors and AP courses are weighted with higher grade point percentages.

"A heavy class load combined with sporting teams makes participation in any other extracurricular activity impossible," she said.

Karen Chamberlain, also a Pinecrest parent, said the consolidation of AP and IB "is a disservice and dilutes both programs." She continued, "They have vastly different curriculums. but both prepare students for a four-year degree. The end result is a watered down program of each. A hybrid program is misleading; what you are offering is a makeshift program."

Currently, Pinecrest High School offers four distinct academic tracks: standard, Honors, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate.

AP is a rigorous academic program developed to provide college level credit, while the primary goal of the IB program is to develop well-rounded, balanced students using a comprehensive, universally established curriculum.

Parent Rita White noted that IB degree candidacy has dropped and wondered if the expense of operating both AP and IB programs was too high.

"Perhaps Moore County should choose. We're losing the integrity of both programs. Maybe we should be pulling resources on the better option," said White.

Graduation Project

Dr. Beverlee Beale, Executive Director Curriculum for Moore County Schools, presented an update on the Graduation Proj-

"We are preparing our students for a world where they will be required to think, reason, collaborate, communicate, and use their minds well," said Beale. "Our students are changing and as needs and interests change, we need to assess our curriculum."

Introduced last year, Moore County officials decided to initiate the Graduation Project program early to allow time for improvement and feedback before it becomes a state requirement for graduation in the 2009-2010 academic year.

Program coordinator and Union Pines High School English teacher Doug Stalls described the introductory year as a "big suc-

"The project is a Twenty-First Century skills initiative focused on the transition to college and work," said Stalls. "In daily life you don't complete fill-in-the-blank tests. Instead we complete tasks that combine teamwork, research, communication, and monitoring one's own performance — that is what life requires."

He reported that whole grades

and passing rates had improved this year.

"I believe the students are more engaged. The more you put in the more you put out," said Stalls, noting that the project allows students to customize work to their interest and needs.

Stalls said the project's success was apparent at all three county high schools and that many students said it was the highlight of their high school experience.

Other Items

Superintendent Susan Purser said gas usage, mileage, and ridership will be closely monitored this year to minimize unneces-

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sary fuel expenses.

Chair Dr. Lorna Clack expressed concern that the eight percent fund balance would be inadequate to cover additional fuel costs. Mike Griffin, Chief Finance Officer, assured her he was confident the fund level was appropriate.

Board members W. Joe Vaughn and Susan Black both said they had received positive comments and enthusiastic response to the board's decision to approve land adjacent to West Pine Middle for construction of a new elementary school.



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Stanley plant owners clearing the way for future

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

Amid piles of rubble and twisted metal, Ron Myers, owner of the old Stanley Furniture plant in West End, envisions a brighter future for the historic location.

"It's looking better," he said of the current cosmetic improvements being made, "but will look a lot better when we're done."

In the Fall of 2006, Myers, and his business partner decided to demolish the easternmost, and least attractive, end of the feet." building.

"Once we got into the project, we agreed the remaining portion was also unattractive and decided that we needed to tear down another 90,000 square

Myers said there is no long term plan for the building.

"We're just cleaning it up. My partner lives in Seven Lakes and he, and the rest of town I expect, got tired of looking at that thing," he said.

Demolition is expected to continue for another thirty days, followed by several months of cleanup with project completion at the end of the year. The original 8,000 square foot building will be left intact for historical reasons, as well as the original administration and main brick buildings; including the three-story 300,000 square foot brick-faced struc-

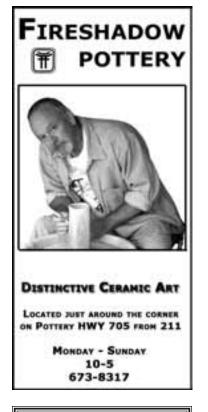
"That building is extremely well-built. It is constructed with concrete and steel is a very, very solid structure," explained Myers.

Closed since late 2001, the plant is still zoned for industrial use and Myers said the plant would be best suited, in its current condition, as a warehouse, storage, or manufacturing facil-

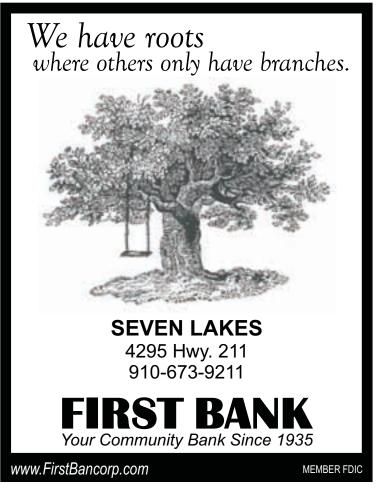
"The building is for sale and we want it to look attractive," said Myers. "We would love to see something that benefits the community and hopefully that will happen sooner rather than later."



Ripping it up! — Heavy equipment was brought into play last week as portions of the old Stanley Furniture plant in West End were demolished.



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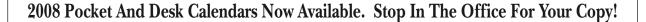
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Do Shaver is delegate to GOP Convention

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

Calling the opportunity, "my last hurrah of volunteering for the party," longtime Republican

supporter Do Shaver is headed to the National GOP Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota. The four day event, to be held the first week of September, marks

led Shaver's first experience as a national delegate.

"I'm extremely excited," said Shaver. "I've already received a binder full of information including a welcome letter from John McCain."

A resident of Seven Lakes North since 1990, Shaver became involved with the Moore County Republican Party [MCRP] as the West End Precinct Chair way back in 1992. Within a year she was asked to replace the vice chairman of the party, eventually becoming chair in 1994-1995. She then served as secretary for two years and then took a four year hiatus.

"I remained involved but not as an elected position," explained Shaver.

Now in her third year serving as secretary again, Shaver said being chosen to attend the GOP Convention is even more exciting because St. Paul is across the river from her birthplace, Minneapolis, where two of she and her husband Bud's children live, plus eight grandchildren, one

great-grandson, and all four of Do's siblings.

Roughly 2,380 delegates are expected to attend the GOP convention, along with 2,227 alternates. As representatives of their states and territories, delegates play a critical role in the democratic process by casting their vote for the Republican Party's candidates for president and vice president of the United States

Shaver has previously served as a precinct, county, district, and state convention delegate. The process for becoming a national delegate varies from state to state but Shaver said all North Carolina potential delegates must attend a district convention.

Moore County is part of a six county district that is sending six delegates. Shaver said of the six, the top three vote recipients were elected as delegates with the remaining three nominees serving as alternates. A total of sixty-nine delegates will represent North Carolina at the

convention

"I'm always proud of Moore," said Shaver. "It is one of the most active counties in the state and had thirty-eight delegates at the District Convention in Asheboro. That is twice the number of any other county."

Shaver said the North Carolina delegation will stay together at a Minneapolis hotel and use shuttle bus services when traveling to and from the St. Paul convention site. She anticipates that most activities will take place in the evenings.

"I really don't know what is going to go on but the state chairman has made clear he wants all of the delegation involved," said Shaver. "Hopefully we'll have a good spot on the floor. However," she continued, "the most important thing is to encourage everyone to turn out in November and, of course, vote for John McCain and Pat McCrory [the Republican nominee for Governor of North Carolina].



Seven Lakes North's Do Shaver will represent North Carolina at the GOP National Convention in September.





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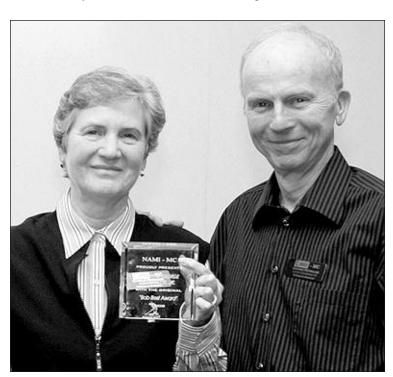
NEWS August 22, 2008 **Seven Lakes Times**

Reynolds honored by mental health alliance

by Ellen Airs NAMI - Moore County

George and Carole Reynolds of Seven Lakes, formerly of New York, recently received the Bob

Best award given by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Moore County, which recognizes outstanding service to the organization.



Carole & George Reynolds

Since arriving here and joining the affiliate three short years ago, both have worked tirelessly to improve and/or initiate the many successes of our local chapter and "are truly part of the backbone of NAMI-MC," according to Judith Krall, immediate past President.

Carole volunteered to be the Treasurer, and has taken the volunteer position to a new and sophisticated level never seen before. She keeps separate track of the affiliate's budget and its annual Pathway to Awareness Weekend monies in such detail that no board member ever has any questions, and auditors are thrilled with its completeness, despite the complexity involved.

George immediately volunteered to be the Publicity Director for both the affiliate's activities and its first Pathway to Awareness Weekend, which hosted actress Patty Duke. His publicity efforts throughout the Sandhills created an overflow crowd of 150

folks who had to be turned away that night! He's continued the PR work through the past years and is one of the major reasons Moore Countians know about NAMI-MC and its mission.

George initiated the NAMI-MC effort for Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training in Moore County and garnered the appropriate community partners (Sheriff's department, Sandhills Center, SCC, and FirstHealth) to host the first class in April this year. He remains NAMI-MC's rep and will co-host three more classes by the end of 2008, because of the success of the first one.

"I don't know what our affiliate and Pathway to Awareness Weekend Committee would do without Carole and George. They're an integral part of the core team and so richly deserve this award," praised Marianne Kernan, President.

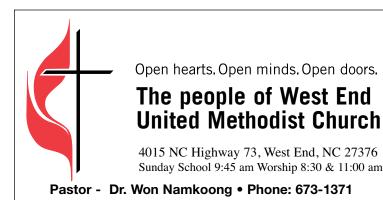
The Bob Best award was named for the founder of the Moore County chapter, who worked diligently to educate and

support the families. NAMI members still talk fondly of the Bests who made such an impact on their lives and, therefore, the board wanted to honor Best in this way four years ago. Past recipients are Hazel Elmore, Dave Davies, Marianne Kernan, and Ellen Airs, who have members with mental illness.

NAMI-MC's purpose is to support families and friends of the mentally ill, educate the public, promote helpful legislation, and advocate for those who suffer with mental illness. NAMI-MC meetings are open to all families and friends of those with a brain disease, who need more information on an illness, and/or who need support in dealing with the symptoms.

Expert speakers discuss medical and therapeutic advances in the field. NAMI-MC has its own library of books and videos on mental illness that members can check out. The meetings are held monthly at 7 PM on the

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Breaking ground at McLendon Hills



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The ceremony included a breakfast followed by an informal meeting about the amenity area and the upcoming property owners association.

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For example, a former client in his high school junior year appeared to have no idea what he might do. His vocational assessment and counseling demonstrated an interest in science and in the military. He attended a university that had an ROTC program and became a leader in ROTC. He eventually completed his Ph.D. in physics, and is currently employed as a physicist for the U.S. Air Force. His parents and those that knew him had no idea this is what we would end up choosing as a career, but they are pleased with his successes and happiness with his life.

Vocational counseling for high

school, college-age, and adults can be instrumental in achieving or changing career goals.

Dr. Nadene Peterson is a licensed counselor with Counseling Professionals in Seven Lakes. She has been a career counselor for thirty years and

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NEWS Seven Lakes Times August 22, 2008

Seven Lakes student wins BIC scholarship

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This year, BIC awarded a total of \$102,000 in scholarships to sixty-nine students, including Pinchac, who is attending NC State University. She is the daughter of Andrew and Jacqueline Pinchac.

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Andrea Pinchac, of Seven the costs of college and graduate school.

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states Todd Abbey, Sandhills

FC Executive Director. "With this

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France, which is traded on the Paris Stock Exchange [BIC].

'Futbol' comes to Seven Lakes

Seven Lakes Landowners Recreation Department and the Sandhills Futbol Club have partnered together to bring a soccer development program inside the gates. Sandhills FC will be offering soccer for the ages of U5 -U14 in various formats for the residents of Seven Lakes and the surrounding West End area.

> scheduling issues." The clubs intention is to con-

"It just makes sense for a tinue to offer the emerging development program that has already started to take off in the central and northern parts of the county. With the efforts and cooperation of the Sevens Lakes staff, the club looks forward to bringing a soccer program that the residents can be proud of.

> Registration will be held Monday, August 25, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Seven Lakes North Game Room, or down

load form at http://www.sandhillsfc.com/Pages/Recreation Soccer.html

For more information on Sandhills FC, Todd Abbey can be reached at 986-1281 or todd@sandhillsfc.com

More than he could eat



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In memory of . . .

Jane Richardson Doll, 82, of Seven Lakes, died February 22, at Elmcroft Assisted Living, Southern Pines.

Mrs. Doll was born in Canton, OH, where she spent most of her life. She married Robert Doll in 1956. They moved to Seven Lakes in 1983.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Doll, in April 2006; and a brother, Jack Richardson.

She is survived by a brother, Albert, of Canton, Ohio.

Memorial services will be held in September in Canton, OH.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Terry Van Hussey, 60, of Eagle Springs, died Sunday, August 3, at his home.

Mr. Hussey was a financial officer in the banking industry with Chase Bank and Wells Fargo. Following his banking career, he was a thoroughbred horse trainer at the Kentucky Derby, at Churchill Downs and at Saratoga Springs, NY, Ocala, FL, Keeneland, KY, Gulfstream Park, FL, and Belmont Park, NY. He was most currently with JoS. A. Bank Men's Clothiers, as a sales executive.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Levi Cranford Hussey and Artanse Britt Hussey.

He is survived by two daughters, Mallory Hussey Sigmundsson and Ann Bibb Hussey, both of Warrenton, VA; two brothers, Cranford Phillip Hussey, of Ace, TX, and Steven Taylor Hussey, of Arlington, VA.

Memorial services were held Saturday, August 9 at Tabernacle United Methodist Church in Robbins. The Rev. Mike Nelson officiated.

Arrangements were by Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes.

Elwood Earl Henning, 93, of Seven Lakes North, died at his home on Monday, August 11.

Mr. Henning was born in Newark, NJ, the son of Julius and Christina Henning. He was a veteran of WWII, he served five years between both the Army and Army Air Corps. After discharge he served a total of twenty-two years in the active Army Reserves, retiring with the rank

He was employed by IBM for

thirty-three years, working as a field manager in the service division out of the Newark, NJ. He lived in Westfield, NJ, for thirtyseven years before retiring to North Carolina in 1991.

Mr. Henning was a longtime

member of the Kiwanis Club of Seven Lakes and Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Southern Pines.

He was preceded in death by three sisters and one brother.

Survivors include his wife of

sixty-five years, Jean Schmidt Henning; a son, Elwood E. "Bud" Henning, Jr., of Victoria, BC, Canada; a daughter, Judith Henning Stratton, of Wayne, IL; and two grandsons.

A memorial service will be

held at Our Saviour Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 13, at 2:00 pm. Burial will be at Hollywood Memorial Park in NJ at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family (Continued on page 16)

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requests memorials be made to Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 1517 Luther Way, Southern Pines, NC 28387; The Nature Conservancy, 4245 N. Fairfax Dr., Arlington, VA 22203; or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Jerry Lawrence Schenna, 90, died Monday, August 11, at his residence in Seven Lakes.

Mr. Schenna was born to the late Martello & Karolina Schenna of Westfield, MA. A member of the Boy Scouts of America, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He later went on to serve his country as a firefighter on board a fireboat with the U.S. Coast Guard; he also served as a military police officer. After leaving the Coast Guard he volunteered his time as a firefighter in Fairport, NY and retired from Carrier Corp & Diamond International as a packaging engineer.

After moving to the Seven Lakes area, Mr. Schenna retired a second time from the Country

Club of North Carolina as a head starter. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife of forty five years, Jo Schenna of Seven Lakes; a son Anthony Schenna, of Vancouver, WA; daughters Gerriann Ronsen, of Buffalo, NY, and Bobbi Andolina, of Webster, NY; sisters Maria Barry of Revere, MA, and Helen Henderson of Asheville; and five grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass of Resurrection was held Saturday August 16, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Pinehurst. The Reverend Pitts officiated.

Memorials may be sent to First Health Hospice and Palliative Care at 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374 or The Boy Scouts of America at PO Box 152079 Irving, TX 75015.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes served the family.

Margaret C. "Robin" Andrews, of Aberdeen, died Thursday, August 14, at Kingswood Nursing Center, Aberdeen. She is survived by her son, Tony Robertson, Community Manager of Seven Lakes West.

Mrs. Andrews was preceded in death by two brothers, Howard Coffey, and Bruce Coffey; and two sisters, Ethel King, and Edna Coffey.

In addition to her son, she is survived by her husband, Robert C. Andrews of the home; daughter Janenne Morris of Seattle, WA; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial was conducted Monday, August 18 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Burial will be at Maplewood Cemetery, Kinston.

Cards may be sent to Tony & Carol Robertson, 905 Glendale Drive, Aberdeen, NC 28315

Memorials may be made to First Health Hospice, 150 Applecross Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Betty McQuay Wallace, 70, of Southern Pines died on Sunday, August 17, at her home.

She was the daughter of the late Jesse B. McQuay and Lucille Maness McQuay, she was a member of First Baptist Church of Southern Pines. Mrs. Wallace operated "Nanny's Daycare".

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 20, at First Baptist Church in Southern Pines. Dr. Tom Allen officiated. Burial followed at Pinelawn Memorial Park.

Survivors include her husband of forty-nine years, John Wallace; two daughters, Terry Wallace Frye, of Seven Lakes, and Sharon Wallace Gant, of Alabama; one son, Ken Wallace, of Burlington; three brothers, J.B. "Buck" McQuay, of Charlotte, John McQuay, of Ocean Isle

Beach, Randy McQuay, of Wingate; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and six step-great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be directed to First Baptist Church of Southern Pines Building Fund, 200 E. New York Ave., Southern Pines, NC 28387 or to the American Cancer Society, 8300 Health Park, Suite 10, Raleigh, NC 27615.

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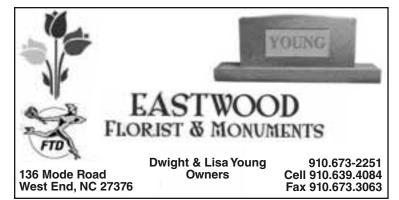
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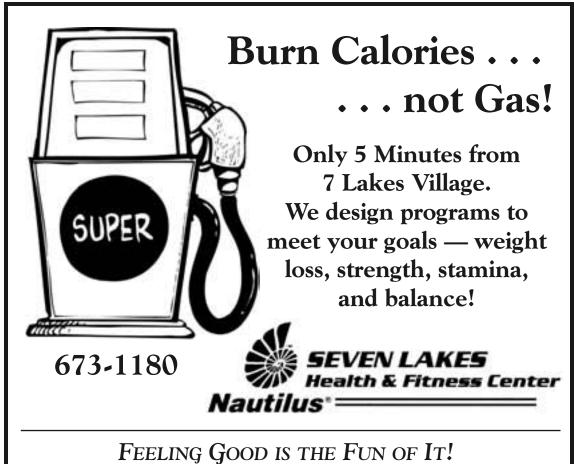
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tv Schools.

Orientation for the sixth class is scheduled for Friday, August 7, 2009.

Pictured above are: Angela Zumwalt, Chair, Moore County Responsible Pet Ownership Coaltion; Ralph Grinter and Bailey; Rebecca Vassallo, founder

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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/player includes range balls, golf, oncourse refreshments, lunch, and prizes. Proceeds applied to Seven Lakes Business Guild ongoing village roadway project. Information, Mike Spayd at SLCC 673-1088.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

- Moore County Schools First Day of School
- Sandhills FC Registration

 6 pm 8 pm, Seven Lakes
 North Game Room. Sandhills
 Futbol Club will be offering soccer for the ages of U5 U14 in various formats for the residents of Seven Lakes and the surrounding West End area. Information, Todd Abbey 986-1281.
- Sandhills Natural History Society Meeting – 7 pm, Weymouth Woods Auditorium, Southern Pines. Ornithologist Erin Hewett will discuss research on dominance and dispersal of sibling red-cock-

aded woodpeckers found within family groups on Fort Bragg and the Sandhills Gameland. Visitors are welcome. Information 692-2167 or visit www.sandhillsnature.org.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

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· Seven Lakes Men's Bowl-

ing League - 9 am, Sand-

hills Bowling Center, Aberdeen.

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Information, Ross Moreton at

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Seven Lakes
West Landowners Association General Meeting
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West Side
Park Community Center.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

Things That Bite and Sting

– 2 pm – 4 pm, Agriculture
Building, 707 Pinehurst Ave,
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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 dam-

age, 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. Contact 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 in Seven Lakes Business Village.

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"First Man" Celebration - 4 pm. Belford Baptist Church. Windblow Road, Jackson Springs. A celebration with Bishop Ricky Smith of St. Peter's Deliverance Church of God in Southern Pines.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Labor Day

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

 Project Linus Arts and Crafts Workshop - 10 am to 3 pm, North Clubhouse. Cutting fabric and sewing tote bags together, making paper gift boxes, completing wine cork wreaths, pricing and tagging items to be sold in the Pinehurst Holly Arts and Crafts Fair October 18 and sewing labels on completed Project Linus blankets. Bring a craft idea of your own. Pat Weber 673-1457.

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.
- **Catching the Spirit, Growing** in Faith - 6:30 pm. Our Savior Lutheran Church, Southern Pines. A three-day revival, through Saturday, September 6. Each evening begins at 6:30 pm with singing, followed by worship at 7:00 pm featur-

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- Moore County Board of Commissioners Meeting -4pm, Historic Courthouse, Carthage.
- Moore County Board of Education Meeting - 7 pm, Central Schools Office, Carthage.

<u>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9</u>

- Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Work Session - 8 am, West Side Park Community Center.
- Seven Lakes Computer Club Meeting - 3 pm, Game Room at Seven Lakes North. Featured speakers TJ Thompson and Frank Milligan of Best Buy will discuss transitioning to digital television, what you need to know when shopping for a digital TV, and how to receive digital TV on your personal computer [live TV, recording live TV, and streaming video from internet]. All are welcome.
- Foxfire Village Council Meeting – 7:30 pm, Town Hall.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- Seven Lakes Landowners Association Work Session -8:30 am, Game Room.
- Kitchens...and Moore 10

am - 4 pm, Pinehurst. Sponsored by the Moore County Extension and Community Association, Inc. to benefit youth groups, tour includes six homes. Area chefs will prepare and serve favorite recipes at each home. Tickets \$15 available at Phoenix Fashions, Faded Rose, Daphne's Hallmark, Gap Creek Candle Co, and the Extension Office. Tickets sold at each home on day of tour for \$20. Information, 947-3188.

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

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Quilting in the Pines III - 10 am - 5 pm, Fair Barn, Pinehurst. Sandhills Quilters Guild Quilt Show, co-sponsored by the Village of Pinehurst Parks & Recreation, features display of nearly 200 hand-made quilts, demonstrations, Kids Can Quilt Exhibit, boutique, vendors, and silent auction. Show continues on Saturday.



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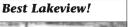
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SLLA announces fall sports programs

Sign-ups for Seven Lakes Landowners Assocation Fall recreation events will be held Monday, August 25th from 6:00-8:00 in the North Side Game Room.

Great new Seven Lakes' sports programs mean you won't have to drive to Pinehurst or Southern Pines to participate. The Recreation Committee has assembled the best coaching staff in the Sandhills area.

Soccer Training will be provided by The Sandhills Futbol Club [SFC]. Check their web site at www.sandhillsfc.com for information and registration. An

information and registration session will be held on Monday, August 25 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. SFC offers the most advanced fundamental futbol training using a system known the world over but new to the Sandhills.

The Sandhills Sandsharks Swim Team will practice in the indoor poll at Seven Lakes Health and Fitness Center. Renowned, veteran coach, Taylor Cooper, will bring his amazing coaching staff to the Seven Lakes indoor pool for a year-round swim program.

Check the Sandsharks web site at SandhillsSandsharks.org

for more information and registration — or register during the August 25 sign-up event.

The Montgomery County Archery Association will be holding weekly evening classes for youth and adults. The coaches had a great showing at The World Archery Competition and are excited to teach Seven Lakers the sport. Register on Monday, August 25.

No school day Fun Days. Teacher work days, holidays, long weekends,will all become Fun Days this Fall. Sign up on Monday, August 25. Registration will be limited to 40 and the cost is \$25 per day per child. Hours are from 8:00am to 6:00pm. Coaches will run special camps for the kids: soccer, swimming, tennis, horse back riding, archery, horse shoes, scrap booking, card making, quilting — but, best of all, the kids get choose what activity they wish to be a part of.

Tennis Lessons. Beginning Thursday, September 1, Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Center and Tennis Pros Bruce Adams and Bob Joseph will be offering youth tennis lessons every Thursday night from 6:00-7:00pm at The Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Center. Registration for this six-week tennis program will be Monday, August 25 from 6:00-8:00 at the North Side Game Room.

For more information on any of these programs, please contact Anne Johnson at 724-9174 or Chad Beane at 673-4931.

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League marks 19th amendment's anniversary

This August 26 marks the 88th anniversary of the day that the U.S. Constitution was amended to grant women the right to vote, in the Nineteenth Amendment. The nonpartisan League of Women Voters, formed when women were first granted the right to vote, will mark this occasion with reflections on how far women have come as well as optimism that this year will bring even more Americans into the democratic process.

"This election year has seen an unprecedented rise in the amount

of new voters, especially young people and minorities, registering to vote," said the League of Women Voters of Moore County President Jo Nicholas. "There is a tremendous sense of excitement and energy during this election. Right now, the League is working with several organizations, specifically dedicated to reaching out to these rising populations of new voters, making sure that everyone is prepared for November 4.

"More and more people are getting motivated and involved,

something that League founders would be proud to see: an active, energized voting public fulfilling the destiny of the 19th Amendment," continued Nicholas. "However, these achievements do not mark the end of our journey. In communities across the country, citizens still lack real representation by their elected officials and the policies they pass. It is only with the continued work of citizens and leaders of all background, that this can change."

"Today, and especially this election year, is a time to cele-

brate the progress achieved by active citizens over the past eight decades. But it is also a time to look at what still needs to be done to make democracy work for all Americans. The League of Women Voters of Moore County will continue to be the place where hands-on work leads to better democracy for all," stated Nicholas.

The Moore County Chapter of the League of Women Voters encourage everyone to join their continuing outstanding work for the people and communities of Moore County.

"Join us in making democracy work in Moore County," said Nicholas.

For information contact Jo Nicholas at 673-3604 or email at LWVMoore@bellsouth.net

Like to Quilt?
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Women of 7 Lakes celebrate Art of Quilting

The Women of Seven Lakes are hosting a special event to celebrate the art of quilting! On Friday, September 19, Rose-Mary Hansult of RoseMary's Quilting Room located at 850 Linden Road, Pinehurst will be the guest speaker for a luncheon held in the Seven Lakes Country Club Dining Room.

Following the luncheon, attendees will carpool and caravan to the Pinehurst Fair Barn to attend the Quilting in the Pines III – Guild Quilt Show, a judged quilt show with quilt boutique, silent auction, demonstrations, vendors, second hand treasures, raffles, and door prizes.

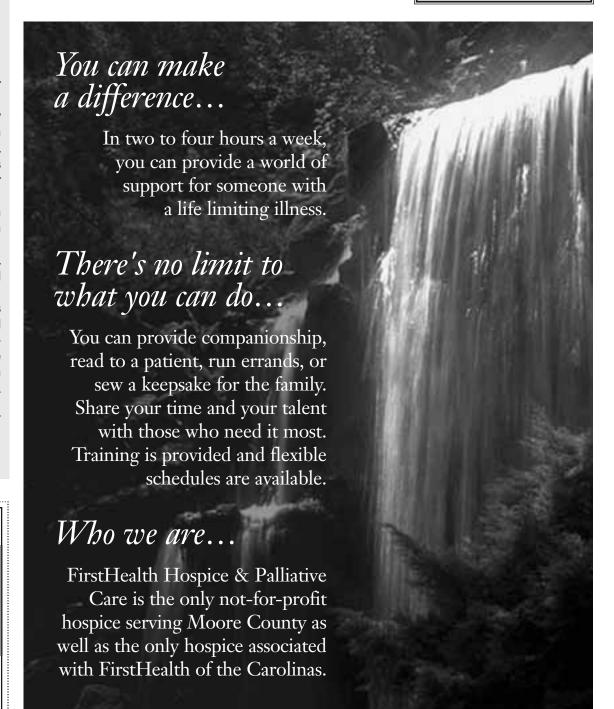
The cost of the event is \$20.00 which includes lunch, a Quilting in the Pines III ticket and car pool fee. Sign in will

begin at 10:30 AM, speaker 11:00 AM, lunch 11:30 AM, depart for Guild Quilt Show 12:30 PM and depart for Seven Lakes Country Club 3:30 PM. Only pre-paid reservations received prior to September 15 will be accepted.

Send your check to: Women Of Seven Lakes; 850 Seven Lakes North; Seven Lakes, NC 27376; Attn: Quilt Show. Be sure to list the names of all attendees included in the check.

The Women of Seven Lakes extend this invitation to all members, non-members, quilters, non-quilters and to those who would like to have an enjoyable day out. Bring a friend or meet a new friend.

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Walking & Wagging Walk-A-Thon is September 20

Moore Humane Society [MHS] and the Village of Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department have scheduled their 2nd Annual Walking and Wagging Dog Walk-a-Thon & festival for Saturday, September 20 at Cannon Park off highway 211 and Rattlesnake Trail in Pinehurst. Last year, over 100 people put on their walking shoes and helped raise funds and awareness for homeless animals in Moore County and we're hoping to everyone will come out and help us make it even bigger and better this year.

In addition to the 3K dog walk, scheduled activities will include a dog costume and talent contest, music, pick-a-prize auction donated by area merchants, and we'll be set up for an adopt-a-thon with some of our cats and dogs on site. Kids will enjoy arts-n-crafts, face painting, and having their photos taken with their canines. Local businesses will be setting up exhibit booths and Animal Health Center will be on hand to administer low cost rabies and micro-chipping. Great

food, cold ice cream treats, snacks and drinks will be available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds being donated to Moore Humane Society.

Admission to the event is free; however there is a \$15 registration fee to participate in the walk-a-thon. The first 100 walkers registered will receive a walka-thon t-shirt and goody bag filled with items donated from area merchants. Walkers are encouraged to get together five or more of their friends, family or coworkers and form a Dog Pack. Dog Packs receive a discounted registration fee, their own web page to promote their Dog Pack

and more!

If you're not much of a dog person, you can still participate by walking in honor of your feline friend. Honorary felines will be announced on stage before the Walk starts.

Registration will begin at 9:00 am and the walk-a-thon will begin at 10:00 am. Pre-registration is available by downloading the forms from our website at www.moorehumane.org or you may pick up registration forms from First Casualty Insurance Group at 190-A Turner Street, Yadkin Park in Southern Pines

Corporate sponsorships are

available and start at just \$50! Benefits of becoming a corporate sponsor includes vendor space at the event, sponsor listing on the event t-shirt and more! If you are interested in becoming a corporate sponsor, forms may be downloaded from our website or by contacting Gary Kunce either by phone at 692-8303 or by email mhs@embargmail.com.

Walking and Wagging promises to be a fun-filled event for families and their canine so be sure to come out and enjoy a great day in the park and help us to raise funds to benefit the homeless dogs and cats at Moore Humane Society.

Dancing anyone?

The Ballroom Dancers of the Sandhills will observe National Dancers' Month with an open house on Friday, September 19 starting at 7:15 pm in the Olde West End gym in West End.

The Open House, featuring free admission for visitors who are residents of the area, is intended for everyone, from beginners to accomplished dancers. A few steps in both Smooth (waltz and foxtrot) and Latin (rumba and cha cha) styles will be taught, after which visitors are invited to stay and dance the rest of the evening.

The Ballroom Dancers of the Sandhills was formed eight years ago at the Olde West

End Gym to provide an opportunity for dancers in the area to dance, learn, and practice on a regular basis in a friendly and supportive atmosphere.

The group meets on the first and third Fridays from September through May from 7:15 to 10:00 pm, ending the season with a formal dinner dance in May.

For about 45 minutes before open dancing commences, Bob and Beverley Weatherbie, who also provide lessons at the Senior Enrichment Center, teach a variety of dance steps.

Questions? Please call Helen and Ray Pardue at 673-6347.

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NAMI offers course for family members

The National Alliance on Mental IIIness of Moore County [NAMI-MC] is offering the elevenweek "Family to Family" course beginning Tuesday, September 23.

The course is free for family members of close relatives with mental illness.

Attendees will learn of all current information about the severe and persistent mental illnesses, up-to-date information about medications, and current research. They will also gain empathy by understanding the subject, lived experiences of a person with a mental illness while learning in special workshops about problem solving, listening, and communication techniques.

Attendees will be given strategies for handling crises and relapse, all the while learning how to cope with the worry, stress, and emotional overload of being a caregiver.

Paticipants will be given guidance on locating appropriate support and services within their community, and information on advocacy initiatives designed to improve and expand services.

Recent students raved about the Family to Family program, one said, "It was the first course that spelled out for me what it was like to be a patient with a severe mental illness, and what it was like to be a family member."

Teachers are Marianne Kernan, NAMI-Moore County Pres-

ident and Ellen Airs, co-chairs of NAMI-MC's forthcoming Pathway to Awareness Weekend.

For more information or to register for this free educational course, which has limited seating and begins Tuesday, September 23, call 235-0292.

SARL finds homes for kittens

by Lou Atkins Sandhills Animal Rescue League

During the month of July, Sandhills Animal Rescue League [SARL] placed fifteen sweet, beautiful kittens to great forever homes. Indiana and Jones went to Seven Lakes North, while Ashley found her home in Seven Lakes West. Others found homes in Sanford, Laurinburg, Southern Pines, Aberdeen, and Carthage.

Thank you for all the won-derful new homes.

SARL will be back in the Cat Center at PetsMart in October but kittens and adult cats are available at all times of course.

The League has several beagle mix pups about seven to eight months old available now.

One weighs only fifteen pounds, because she is mixed with feist terrier. The other male pup was just dropped at our horse barn on Sunday, August 10. Both are in training. There are also large adult dogs of mixes such as lab, shepherd, and hound available for adoption.

Please consider donating your used towels, bed linens, pillows, blankets, or bedspreads. They can be used for rescued pets. Please call 974-4468 or 638-1921 and pick-up can be arranged for items.

Monetary donations are always needed and all funds are used for the rescued pets for their needs and care. Tax-deductible donations may be mailed to 396 Thomas Road, Jackson Springs,

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Please spay and neuter your pets, or if you can help someone who does not have the funds to spay or neuter their pets or drop offs, please do so. It will make you feel very good to do this deed, not only for the pet but the human they own.

The low cost spay and neuter clinic can be reached at 692-3499 [FIXX]. For those who qualify, the cost is \$7.00 for rabies vaccinations; \$45 to spay a cat or spay or neuter a dog; and \$35 to neuter a cat.

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— Oprah Winfrey

When was the last time you looked in the mirror to appreciate the beauty that you see and all that your body does for you? When was the last time you had a negative thought about yourself?

Unfortunately, many of us are so focused on what's wrong that we never take time to look at what's right. On a daily basis we talk to ourselves in ways that tear down our self image telling us that "I am not good enough." If you spoke to a child this same way the words would devastate and squelch any hope of growth and success.

When you have negative thoughts about yourself, it affects you similarly, causing stress, emotional pain and even physical illness in your body which can make improving your health or losing weight even more difficult.

To develop a positive self image and thought pattern to increase the happiness, health and abundance you have in your life I suggest starting with awareness. For just one day, set your intention to be mindful of any negative thoughts you may have about yourself or even negative thoughts in general. When I first did this, I discovered my thought patterns during my commute to work and back were not exactly all positive. After this discovery, I chose to spend that time in prayer and thanksgiving which changed my mental, physical and emotional state going into work and coming home to receive my family. Working with clients in this area I have witnessed huge improvements in their energy, overall health and a greater sense of well-being. The first steps to getting healthier and

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happier has to be a commitment to love and nourish yourself in healthy and positive ways.

Could you begin to treat yourself with kindness, to limit the negative self-talk and to reconnect with your inner wisdom? Take a minute to imagine what that would feel like. It would mean celebrating your body rather than punishing it. It would mean nourishing your body rather than depriving it. It would mean a chance to watch your body flourish just like a child flourishes when treated with care and respect.

Don't compromise yourself. You are all you've got.

— Janis Joplin

Learn to nourish and nurture yourself into health!

I invite you to join us at my next workshop: Eat More, Weigh Less on September 29, 5:30-7:30 pm.

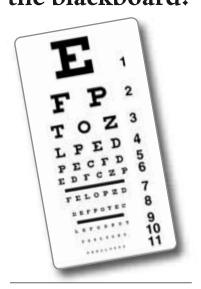
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OPINION

Loading up the kids for Summer's last gasp

8:52 am: Three suitcases, ment. backpacks stuffed with toys, some bikes, two joyous children, and one sleep-deprived mother hit the road for one last Summer adventure.

8:55 am: Contorting to retrieve a spilled juice box, I narrowly avoid catastrophe as I pinball my way out Seven Lakes gates and point the minivan towards the Atlantic Ocean.

9:03 am: Passing an idyllic rural homestead populated with goats and chickens, I reconsider my choice of residence.

9:04 am: Waving to the sunkissed farmer spreading fresh manure, I decide that life in the 'burbs ain't so bad.

9:15 am: Demonstrating uncanny diplomatic grace, I deftly negotiate a truce and my children agree which DVD movie they'll watch.

9:35 am: Losing interest in the movie, the kids resume kicking each other for entertain-

9:40 am: Hoping a sugar rush will alleviate my headache, I hand out bowls of dry breakfast cereal.

9:41 am: A sweetened honey puff is launched past my head.

9:41:0004 am: Threatening to return home, I suggest an alternative vacation plan of spending the week cleaning up bedrooms.

9:42 am: Peace prevails for ten sacred minutes.

9:52 am: One hour, mark. 9:54 am: "Are we there yet? How much longer?"

9:55 am: "Hours! Mommy, how many minutes are in hours?"

9:59 am: "I dropped all my cereal on the floor. Can I have some more?"

10:01 am: "Jack ate my cere-

10:02 am: "Waah, Mommy Jack hit me when I grabbed his

10:03 am: "Can we watch a

10:05 am: After another intense period of negotiation we settle on listening to a CD of "kids music."

10:10 am: "Can you play that song again?'

10:12 am: "Can you play that song again?'

10:14 am: "Can you play that song again?"

10:15 am: I decide that investing in two iPods, or at least liberating a few old Walkman's from storage is probably a wise parenting decision.

10:26 am: Pretending the car stereo is broken, I suggest we try a different CD to see if it works better.

10:28 am: The kids sniff out my plan to inject my music into the player and demand Hannah Montana.

10:31 am: I fantasize about ways to torture Billy Ray for creating this corporate pop rock drivel. I'll Achy Breaky your...Wait, hey that song she's singing is kind of catchy.

10:32 am: "Who would have thought that a girl like me could double as a superstar, yea, yea, oh, oh, oooh."

10:52 am: Two hours, mark.

lunch. Me too! Yeah, Mom, when

are we gonna eaaaat!"

at my tummy, see?"

gods.

10:59 am: "I'm hungry! I want

11:00 am: Assuring my children

that somewhere ahead there

must be a town of some sort, I

silently pray to the hamburger

11:03 am: "I'm so hungry!

11:04 am: "I see a gas sta-

Mom, I'm starving to death. Look

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tion. Mommy, let's eat there."

11:05 am: "Kids, we are not eating at a place called Uncle Buck's Truck & Pluck. I'm sure we'll see

> something soon."

11:32 am:

Redemption dead ahead! Ah, nothing like the nutritious goodness grease and salt at the

drive-in window.

11:42 am: "I dropped my soda, Mommy. Wow, it's making really cool bubbles on the floor!"

11:52 am: Three hours, mark. 11:54 am: Arriving at the ocean, I contemplate throwing myself in. I settle for a cool drink and decide to throw the kids in instead.

Yes indeed: nothing like a trip to the beach to relax and unwind.

Olympics offer a taste of universal peace

Every time there's a World Olympics, I can see the tiny potential for a peaceful universe to emerge.

Does that sound silly? Just seeing those competitors from so many corners of the earth marching in the opening ceremonies in China, with sheer happiness caress their faces, you could sense their

feeling of togetherness, of shar-



Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

ing a common and exhilarating slice of their lives

> with their counterparts, all with beating hearts that you have to believe were spurring each and every athlete to look across the way and feel a commonality of uplifting spirit.

In my own heart,

this event always brings a yearning to magnify such a union many fold in many other ways throughout the world.

Yes, you could feel that there was more than just the quest for medals. More than showcasing your nationality.

It was the brief sowing of the seeds of friendship. A spark that millions of people witnessed, thanks to television, seemingly transforming us into a partnership with that opening flame that bespoke of a hope for closer understanding between governments as well as individual citizens of this vast world of ours.

We surely need much more of this kind of international brotherhood. No matter where human hearts are located, there is always potential where common interest is involved.

AKES IMES

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More openness needed

Dear Editor:

Thank you Greg Hankins and The Times.

The editorial in the August 8 issue entitled "Running around our thumbs" certainly showed the huge differences between the Westside board's and the North/Southside board's reporting of finances to the landown-

With Denny Galford's motion ury by paying dues.

a few months ago and then 'Yes votes from Bud Shaver, Don Truesdell, Gary Caulk, and Sally Kindsvatter, the SLLA board agreed to restrict our ability to have financial information readily available. Most landowner's first question was "What are they trying to hide?"

After all, it's our money! All of us contribute to the treas-

Why shouldn't we have financial records as open and easy to access as the Westside?

I hope the board will look at this policy and vote to change it and be more transparent and open in the future.

Thanks again to *The Times*. Steve Hudson Seven Lakes North GARDENING August 22, 2008 Seven Lakes Times

Time to start your Fall vegetable garden

Let's start off by discussing the weather situation since gardening is dependent upon it. Rainfall here in the Sandhills has again been variable; however most have received some relief from the drought. According to my rain gauge in Seven Lakes, four inches came down from August 1 through 15.

These showers have helped alleviate the shortage, although our lakes levels remain below normal. Weather experts tell us the entire state of North Carolina is still under a drought advisory. Plants around us; lawns, shrubs, trees, vegetable gardens appear lusher, greener, and flowers have become rejuvenated and blooming. Hopefully showers will continue aid and help lengthen our Summer garden season.

Several questions have been asked about lawn care and maintenance since it has been rather dry this year, and Summer grasses growth response has been slow.

If you haven't fertilized your Summer grasses of Bermuda, zoysia, or centipede recently, it's time for the second application. Use a slow-release lawn special for each lawn type or a lawn special weed and feed. You'll be surprised at the growth response. If your lawn appears hard, crusted and thatch buildup is a problem: aeration will help. In dry spots where grass stand is sparse, reseeding, sprigging,

or sod-plugging will be helpful to improve the land cover.

Fall vegetable gardening

If available, plant collards, cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, onions, and Chinese cabbage. Seeds that can be obtained are beet, cucumbers, cress, kale, kohlrabi, leaf lettuce, mustard [broadleaf and curled], radish, rape, turnip, onion [seeds or sets], and

will emerge and are ready to be eaten. This procedure can be replicated every month; thereby growing green onions year-round. Also onion sets and plants can be planted in the garden site.

The most popular Fall plants here in the Sandhills is the collard. This plant is very hardy, nutritious, and produces throughout the Winter. Insects which often affect the plants are harlequin bugs, aphids, and cabbage

loopers.

Cabbage plants grow well in our area as the nights cool in September. A variety I like is the stonehead, a rapid

growing plant with a firm hardhead that has a good shelf life. Like most cabbages, it is susceptible to the cabbage looper and aphids, although it shows some slight resistance. Spray early as the heads form with sevin. Chinese cabbage can be successfully grown if plants are available.

Broccoli plants should be set out in a sunny spot in your veg-

etable garden to keep plants growing rapidly. The plants will produce a main central head. Cut it when it becomes mature so that branch shoots will produce other edible heads. Inspect often for insect damage.

Brussels sprouts are one of my favorite vegetables. They grow rather rapidly and mature in about four to six weeks. More sprouts become available when the weather becomes cooler. Again, the cabbage looper is often the problem on the plant.

The turnip is one of my favorite crops grown from seed. It produces a tasty root and delicious green tops. Normally it is broadcast seeded. I often mix the seeds with one part seed to two parts clean, weed-free dry sand

to get better spacing and reduce plant thinning. Some mix the seeds with grits for the same purpose.

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The beet is a root crop enjoyed by many in pickles. The seeds are small and should be covered lightly with fine textured wellpulverized soil or potting soil to prevent crusting. It normally takes sixty to seventy days for maturity.

The radish is another root crop used in small amounts by some in salads or mixed with beet seeds or course seed to aid in getting the spacing right. It takes approximately thirty days after germination to maturity.

Leaf lettuce is a widely used and enjoyed in a salad or sand-

(See "Gardening," p. 28)



spinach. Two recommended sources where you may purchase these items are Aberdeen Supply in downtown Aberdeen, and Southern States Carthage Farm Supply in Carthage.

The onion is perhaps one of the most popular, widely used, versatile, and healthiest vegetables grown. Onions can be produced from seeds, sets, or plants. They require a light texture, fertile soil to properly develop. One satisfactory method I have found to grow onions is in a plant flat filled with a good grade potting soil and burying the sets in the medium about two inches apart. In thirty to thirty-five days, green onion scallions

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pathology, soil chemistry, entomology, and horticulture? Do you want to learn more about sustainable and organic gardening? Do you have some time available for volunteer work? If so, you should become an Extension Master Gardener.

Across North Carolina, 3,000 Master Gardeners annually provide 200,000 hours of community service and education projects, serving to about 1.5 million client contacts. Their volunteer effort is equivalent to over ninety-two full-time employees. Organized in Moore County since 1994, **Extension Master Gardeners** last year contributed 5,000 hours. This is the equivalent of 2.5 fulltime employees that enhance Extension's outreach to schools, 4H, and homeowners seeking lawn, landscape, and general

gardening information. The value of their effort to Moore County in direct dollars contributed and in-kind service was \$85,000 in calendar year 2007.

Extension Master Gardeners have established youth gardens in Southern Pines, Aberdeen, and Taylortown. This Spring and Summer, over 400 children are learning science, nutrition, and healthy living through First Garden in Aberdeen and Southern Pines, taught by Master Gardeners. Master Gardeners donate time to Sandhills Horticultural Gardens and the Weymouth Center, maintain drought tolerant demonstration gardens, make presentations to clubs, teach 4H classes, and serve on civic boards.

Master Gardeners receive a high level of training in all aspects of horticulture, including soil fertility, woody plants, fruit and vegetable gardening, home landscaping, lawn care, perennial and annual flowers, pruning, and other related disciplines. While those who have completed the program include many holding advanced degrees in horticulture-related fields and/or professional horticulturalists, amateurs, and professionals alike all profit greatly from this comprehensive overview of the vast field of horticulture. This is the only program where the full educational and research resources of the land-grant university are made available for training volunteers to better their homes and communities through horticulture.

The Moore County Extension office currently accepting applications for the training class for new Master Gardeners, which will be held on Tuesday and Thurs-

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Gardening

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wich. Seeding can begin now and continue every ten to fifteen days until frost. Maturity takes thirty to forty days. Slug damage might become a prob-

If you are a greens food lover, you might want to try a small bed or area with a conglomerate mixture of kale, kohlrabi, leaf lettuce, broadleaf and curled mustard, rape, spinach, and cress. Mix spinach or small amount of each seeds in an equal volume of clean, weed-free

sand; broadcast spread and lightly cover with soil.

Additional tips for Fall vegetable plantings

Most seeds of Fall vegetables are very small and it is doubly necessary to well prepare, finely pulverize the soil, free from trash and debris. Cover the seeds lightly by raking or scratching them in. Supply enough fertility, nutrients, and water to keep the plants steadily growing. It is highly important that crops are reasonably free from grass and weeds.

Insect control is essential this time of year because of season-long buildup. Safe insect chemical control measures is bacillus thuringiensis [BT] - a natural extracted bacteria. Two products sold containing BT are trade names Dipel and Thuricide, sevin, malathion, and insecticidal soap. If slugs become a problem, a slug bait product will be necessary. Read all labels for rates and instructions and follow directions accordingly.

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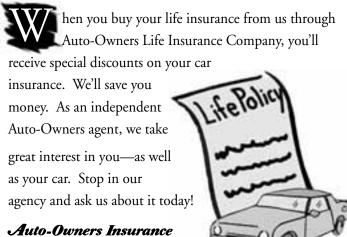




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Progress Energy makes presentation at Kiwanis

by Frank Krohn Seven Lakes Kiwanis

On August 12 the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club was treated to a presentation by three representatives from Progress Energy. Andy Hunnicutt, Community Relations Manager; Kim Craw-



Gary Andrews, Kim Crawford, and Andy Hunnicutt of Progress Energy

ford, Communications Specialist from the Harris Nuclear Plant; and Gary Andrews, Specialist, Research Energy and Efficiency, brought the group up to date in the world of electricity generation and transmission.

Progress Energy celebrated its 100th birthday in July of this year, and is still working hard to produce and transport electricity to its customers in the most efficient ways possible. Their "Balanced Solution" approach to the marketplace includes the following three pronged effort:

- Conserving Energy
- Innovative Technology and New Plants
- Renewables(Alternative Energy Sources)

Andrews commented on sev-

eral programs aimed at residential conservation of energy, including the offering of monetary incentives to customers who meet requirements established to conserve electrical energy.

Crawford addressed current means of power generation and what the future holds in this critical area of supplying power to all of America in the years to come, especially in view of the world-wide concern about the future of oil supplies.

Although she foresees coal fired generation plants to carry the load for the immediate future, the long term future will be in the hands of alternative energy sources, especially Nuclear Power. Progress Energy has applied for the construction of two

new nuclear plants. The approvals for these plants takes approximately three years to be obtained. The plants are planned for the Harris area, which can handle up to four nuclear facilities. There is only one there now. There is also an active ongoing program to address the challenge of what to do with spent fuel rods, including reconstitution, a process not yet in operation in the US.

This timely subject was of significant interest to the audience, and prompted many questions for the presenters.

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

Master gardener

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day afternoons at the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service office from 9:00 am to 12 noon from September 23 to November 18. The Extension office emphasizes sustainable and organic methods of gardening in the Sandhills. The training fee for class materials will be \$65 per student. Students completing the program are required to donate forty hours of volunteer time in horticulture education projects:

Twenty of these hours should

be contributed toward youth community gardening programs such as First Garden in Aberdeen, Taylortown, and Southern Pines. Those who wish to enroll in this class should fill out and return their application. Space is limited, and it is likely that not everyone will be accepted. Please call 947-3188 or stop by the office at 707 Pinehurst Avenue in Carthage to request an application.

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Crossing

(Continued from page 2) oper?" Fewkes asked. "Isn't the developer responsible?"

"The developer is not going to pay for it," Sales replied. "We can't do without that crossing." He noted that police, fire, and EMS depend on it for access to the West Side and that the health of the Seven Lakes community is

Board

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- compactor, and the same strategy is budgeted this year for the site near Seven Lakes. Brobst said customers appreciate and take advantage of the Sunday hours.
- Approved \$260,000 in funding for the third phase of the six-phase project to convert county water meters to radioread meters transfer data to an operator without lifting the lid on the meter box. Brobst said the new meters had been a great success, cutting down on hand entry of data and on errors in customer bills.
- Made several appointments, including: Randy Hussey and Kevin Fleece to the Criminal Justice Partnership Program Advisory Board, Becca Bradley to the Transportation Services Board, and Emi Allen and Jean Peters as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Human Resources Appeals Commit-
- Heard from Assistant County Manager Jeff Parrott that the county has initiated programs aimed at improving energy efficiency and safety in county operations.

Seamus Murphy sez:



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also linked to having the crossing remain open, in order to funnel potential customers into the business village.

"The railroad is not going to allow that to remain a private crossing with no bells or whistles, because, if someone gets killed there, they are going to be liable. But if it's brought up to twentieth century, then they can show no negligence."

"From conversations I have been involved in, the railroad is not going to let this go, if this doens't go through," Sales said. "And we are going to pay for it."

"That's why it is important to get this thing done. I don't want to see someone else lose their crossing. We didn't ask for that to be part of the package, that's the package that comes down from Washington."

"We will care about this when we have to put out a special assessment of \$200 per lot owner," he concluded.

Lutheran Church Revival

Catching the Spirit, Growing in Faith" is the theme for a three-day revival on Thursday, September 4 through Saturday, September 6.

The revival will be held on the front lawn of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, located at 1517 Luther Way in Southern Pines.

Each evening begins at 6:30 pm with singing, followed by worship at 7:00 pm featuring guest speakers, special music, and communion. In case of rain, services will be held in the church. The public is invited to attend.

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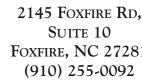
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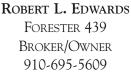


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Foxfire

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Response Team] leader Tommy McCaskill will sponsor an Adult CPR course. There is no charge for the class and those interested should contact McCaskill by September 10.

Woodland Circle Extension

Project Manager Tom Collins reported all permits were in hand for the Extension of Woodland Circle and a pre-bid meeting with contractors was scheduled for Thursday, August 28 at 10:00 am. All are welcome to attend and listen to the discussion. The project bid date deadline is tentatively scheduled for September 11.

The council approved an alternate construction route, using farmland owned by the Carter family, to access Woodland Circle during the road extension project.

"This will be a major project and no matter how hard or how many specifications, there will be problems. But we will do everything we can to assure the safety of people in the village," said Collins.

Finance

"With the help of bank loans, we're still in black," reported Councilman Wally Peckitt, with \$211,749 in the General Fund;

\$326,199 in Water Fund; and \$134,547 in reserve escrow in the bank. Peckittt said a \$60,000 loan to the Water Fund was reimbursed to the General Fund. and asked the council to approve a motion to use \$96,032 from the Water Fund to pay Woodland Circle extension fees. The money will be reimbursed once a bank CD matures.

Tax roll income was anticipated at \$390,000 but with no unpaid property taxes in Foxfire, the amount collected, \$406,364, was \$16,000 above budget. The council recognized Town Clerk Janice Thomas for her outstanding service.

Despite ongoing moderate drought conditions, Councilman Ed Lauer reported the village is doing well on water. Radium remediation efforts continue with two test well sites under discussion.

PARTF Grant Update

For the third consecutive year, Foxfire Village did not receive a North Carolina Parks and Trust Fund grant.

According to Mayor Erickson, twenty-three projects were awarded the full amount possible, \$500,000; and many were phase two or phase three projects. He suggested that a consideration for next year would be to submit two projects; resubmittal of the current plan which includes updating the community pool, and a phase two plan for Village Green Park.

Mayor's Report

Tommy McCaskill requested council support of fundraising efforts to provide a trailer and supplies for the CERT team. Once purchased, all equipment will be donated to Foxfire Village Police. The CERT teams reserved the right to use the materials during training exercises as long as they did not conflict with police activities. The motion passed with Peckitt opposing.

The council also approved Village participation in TARPO, the Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization, a cooperative group bringing together Chatham, Lee, Moore, and Orange coun-

Mayor Erickson explained that by working together, rural counties and municipalities can prioritize projects, such as transportation.

Annexation

Public Hearings have been scheduled for Tuesday, September 9 at 7:30 pm regarding three distinct areas under consideration for village annexation. If approved, the village would be required to provide police and fire protection, as well as water.

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Erickson explained that two areas lay along existing water lines, and the third, a section of the Grande Pines subdivision, will be the responsibility of the developer to install the infrastructure and individual landowners will be obligated to pay the hookup fee.

Peckitt expressed concern, "If push comes to shove we're going to have to put in the water [line]."

Lauer said the developer is aware of his obligation regarding

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New School

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Upchurch confirmed that the plan was to transfer 300 Pinehurst Elementary students to the new school, along with 125 students from West End Elementary School. Pinehurst Ele-

mentary has a current enrollment of 647 students. Upchurch explained that MCS would work with a consulting firm to make assignments that would reduce the distance children travel to school.

Lawsuit

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tiffs motion for a summary judgement that both the SLWLA and Accent had, as a matter of law,

Foxfire

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Public Comment

Chris Tropsler, an independent snow cone operator, introduced himself to the council and thanked them for allowing him to operate his business within village limits.

Tropsler drives a blue van frequently seen on Foxfire roads.

Residents in attendance recommended he slow down during his route.

"I hear you but don't have a chance to get out and wave," they joked. "We're old, you know!"

violated the Sedimentation and Pollution Control Act, which would entitle the Terrill's to dam-

SLWLA Attorney Drew Vanore told The Times that Rand found that Accent had indeed violated the Act, but that there were general issues of material fact as to whether the SLWLA had done

In other words, the Terrills will have to prove to a jury that SLWLA violated the Act in order to seek damages from the Association under that portion of their complaint; where Accent is concerned, the Plaintiffs will only need the jury to determine the amount of the damages that they should be awarded.

The Association has moved for a summary judgement that is the mirror image of the Terrill motion, asking the court to find as a matter of law that the SLWLA did not violate the Sedimentation and Pollution Control Act. A hearing on that motion is set for Monday, August 25.

MCS purchased 47 acres when it built West Pine Middle School, Upchurch told Comissioners, though the school complex occupies only 35 acres. The leftover twelve acres will be combined with the new land to create a site for the new elementary school. A portion of the new 13 acre property will be undeveloped - aside from nature trails — in order to meet state requirements limiting the amount of land that can be covered with impervious surface.

Commissioner Tim Lea moved approval of the purchase; alluding to Pinehurst's objections, he said, "This Board has more than they can say grace over, and the last thing we should do is try to tell the schools what they should and should not do."

He noted that previous Boards of Commissioners had wound up in litigation because of attempts to micromanage the schools.

Commissioner Larry Caddell said he had asked the County Attorney Misty Randall Leland to clarify the Commissioners' responsibility, because "I had always heard our responsibility was to fund it, not to get involved in where it would be located."

Leland confirmed that impression, telling the Commissioners that "The General Statutes and case law support only that the Board should approve the appropriations. The dealings that the Commissioners have with the School Board is approving money. The site selection, according to case law, shows that it should be the School Board that

decides."

That appeared to satisfy Caddell that the site selection was out of the Commissioners' hands. He asked Purser and Upchurch to in fact ensure that children moved to the new school are those who live closer to it than to their former schools.

Purser said she had considerable experience - notably in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School system - dealing with student assignment issues. She noted that she looked forward to working on "partnerships between the school system and the Village of Pinehurst."

Commissioners then unanimously approved the purchase of the land for the new elementary school.

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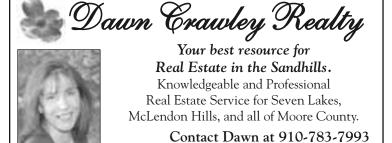


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Covenant change

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Silberhorn said the LRPC wanted to present the proposal to the Board in order to gather input before going to the trouble and expense of having it reviewed by outside counsel. If the Board ultimately agrees, the proposed change would be the subject of a ballot sent to Association members with next year's dues statements.

Board members doubtful

Expressing his opposition to the proposed change, Director Ray MacKay passed out a brief write-up that detailed the successful efforts by a group of Westsiders to prevent then-developer Don Billings from using a lakefront lot for a road that would cross a causeway to Pine Knoll Island in Lake Auman. The developer's plan was to build condos, a yacht club, and a restaurant on the island.

Association members, including MacKay, funded a sevenyear legal battle that ultimately forced the developer to abandon those plans.

"You just need to know there were a bunch of us in the community that fought very vigorously to uphold what you are now being asked to change," MacKay told the Board.

Director Mary Anne Fewkes noted that the same end could be achieved for a particular piece of property by means of a "ad hoc" covenant change that affected only that lot or lots. "It's just a little scary to me, not knowing what is going to happen five or ten years from now . . ." Fewkes said she was confident that the current Board of Directors would approach any such decision with the best interests of the community in mind, "but there have been past boards that I have not had that level of confidence

Director Karen Millligan echoed that concern: "We're all fine with it given that the nine people here all are responsible people—but do we want to give that authority to another group of nine in the future?"

"The question is, do we believe that a future Board is going to do the right thing or not?" Blaine Rowland said. "Do we believe that future Boards will be responsible?"

Hergenhahn said out that con-

cern was in part why the proposal called for a super-majority of the Board to make the change.

"You have to look at what has happened in past years — at what past boards have done," President Jim Haggard said. "If you look at history, each set of boards has done some reasonably intelligent things. There's no reason to believe that future boards will change that and suddenly start doing stupid things."

MacKay said there was still some uncovenanted land left in the community, including some set aside when areas were subdivided recently. Hergehahn noted that those parcels are located on the extreme edges of the community and are thus not suitable for some types of uses.

Fewkes said that she had looked at number of lakefront lots when she first moved to the community and found a big price differential between the lot close to the Johnson Point recreation area and others a bit further away. She elected to pay the higher price, she said, and would be very concerned if the Asso-

ciation wanted to convert one of the vacant lots near her to public use.

Despite the evident skepticism about the idea, the Board nevertheless agreed, with only Fewkes opposed, to have Legal Director Silberhorn and the LRPC take the proposed covenant change to outside counsel for review

Other Business

In other business during the Tuesday, August 12 Work Session, the SLWLA Board:

- Voted to hire Community Association Services, Inc. to manage Seven Lakes West [See page 1.]
- Agreed to continue to use of a part time temporary clerical person in the office indefinitely
- Voted to provisionally approve the revised Architectural Review Standards again, renewing the public comment period and setting up a possible final vote on the document in September.
- Voted to acquire a new pick-

up truck at a cost not to exceed \$22,000, for use by the Association for security patrols and other functions.

 Voted to hire an off-duty Sheriff's deputy for two hours per day, three days per week to run radar surveillance and ticket speeders. The cost is \$30 per hour, which includes the use of a Sheriff's Office vehicle and equipment.

Discussed a number of revisions to Chapter 3 of the SLWLA Rules & Regulations, which deal with the use of community roads. After tak-

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Management contract

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staff. Other Board members and members of the Human Resources Committee disputed that claim, arguing that any manager the Board hired to replace Robertson would cost more, given current market salaries for community managers. "That difference will be gone once you go out and hire a professional manager," Committee member Mick Herdrick

Robertson himself noted that, when he was hired on a contract basis as the Westside's man-

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ing input on the proposed changes, Legal Director Silberhorn said he would incorporate the suggestions and forward the document to a rules revision committee being headed up by Secretary Ed

- Determined that the Board would prefer to have the utility trailer that will be purchased by the Community **Emergency Response Team** [CERT] titled in the name of the Association rather than the county, though the ultimate decision is up to CERT's directors.
- Determined that the Architectural Review Committee has the authority to grant a variance to allow the installation of a ham radio antenna in Beacon Ridge.
- Authorized the purchase of database software to be used in the creation of an archive of Association legal docu-
- Approved Bill Berger as a member of the archive project and George Jenner as a member of a committee that will examine the possibility of making participation in the septic management plan mandatory for lots within the Lake Auman watershed.
- Decided against using barbed wire on the top of a boundary fence that will be erected behind West Side Park.
- Approved a \$19,000 contract with Dr. Dan Marks for his work overseeing the remedication of the Lake Auman

ager, he was already on full retirement after forty years of service in municipal government and did not have typical salary or benefits requirements.

MacKay said that, under the agreement with the management company, Board members would lose "direct control of per-

"We will have no say," MacKay argued. "We won't be able to tell [compliance officer] Lynn [Edwards], go check on this . . . We won't be able to direct the personnel. That is not the way we have operated in the past."

MacKay said, in addition, the use of a management company would give the Board less flexibility, less control over contractors, a weaker relationship with county and state officials, and a reduced ability to respond to emergencies.

But the changing size and demographics of the community — and the implication of that for how the Board operates, was

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clearly on the mind of other Directors. "At this point our community is made up so much of volunteers," Director Karen Milligan noted. "With the changing demographics we are not going to have people who are going to be able to volunteer full-time . . . We are changing. A lot of people just don't have the time."

"We are at 900-plus homes and need to begin moving toward (See "Management", p. 35)

Candidates wanted

The Nominating Committee for the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association is accepting names for the 2009 Board of Directors. Names of interested candidates should be submitted to the committee by October 1.

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landowners. He charged that the association is paying more in defense fees than the amounts being questioned through ongoing criticism and investigation of records by a few community

members.

Director Bud Shaver also expressed frustration.

"We're trying to do what's right and I'm annoyed about emails that I keep getting saying I'm trying to hide things. I have a problem with that!"

After much discussion, the board agreed to distribute a twopage profit and loss summary statement at each Open Meeting, but did not approve distribution of a fund balance state-

ment detailing all association holdings. Additional and more detailed statements will continue to be available at the office and through individual requests.

Drainage Policy

A heavy rainfall on July 23

and the resulting washout of many driveways prompted the SLLA board to revisit a drainage policy change made in February by the previous board.

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The intent of the February revision was to limit SLLA responsibility in correcting poorly draining undeveloped lots — the result of installing road curbing in the 1990's.

But the change left Community Manager Dalton Fulcher without any guidelines in handling complaints from residents about drainage problems.

Historically Fulcher has handled drainage issues, but the new policy means the Board must deal with each problem on a case-by-case basis.

Director Sally Kindsvatter said that many of the recent drainage issues were, in fact, a problem between two property owners and were not ARB or boardrelated concerns.

Director Shaver argued that ARB is limited in its decisions where drainage issues are concerned; when a lot perks it can be built upon, even if the lot

(See "SLLA," p. 36)

Management contract

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how we are going to manage 1200-plus homes," President Haggard agreed. "The current way we do business can't continue."

"You are concerned about losing control," he said to MacKay. "I don't see it as losing control whichever way you go, the manager better damn well respond to the Board or they won't be here any longer."

"The way the board operates now won't be the way the board operates in the future," Haggard said. "I hope this Board is going to remove itself from the day-today operations of the Association. We cannot continue to be the operational arm of the Association."

"I agree," MacKay replied "but any position we want is going to have a \$20,000 surcharge ... We need to move to a larger staff. Any time we do that we are going to pay a premium on it."

'You are not going to convince me that it is a good deal," MacKav said.

Legal Director Ed Silberhorn said that, should things not work out as hoped, the contract offers the Association very favorable exit terms. CAS must provide the Assocaition with a preliminary budget for the following fiscal year by September and a final budget by December 15. The Board then has the option to terminate the contract by January 31, but CAS would have to continue managing the community through the end of the fiscal year in April, "which would give us time to hire someone else," Silberhorn said. He noted that the Association also has a unilateral right to terminate the contract at any time with 120 days notice.

Ultimately, Ron Shepard moved approval of the contract; Mary Anne Fewkes seconded, and the motion passed with only MacKay and Rowland voting in opposition.

Robertson noted that he had met earlier in the week with CAS President Jon Stone and "The lady that would be the new manager. They have asked me to stay through the end of the vear to assist with the transition and I told them I would."

Contract Amended

The Board approved an addendum to the original contract in a special meeting on Tuesday August 19, after Vice President Mary Anne Fewkes discovered that the Association and CAS weren't exactly on the same page about when the new Community Manager would come on board.

Fewkes explained to her fellow Directors that she had discovered in a conversation with Joan Frost, the CAS staffer who will be

assigned to Seven Lakes West, that Frost was planning to begin her work in the community on January 1, 2009. But the contract with CAS had a start date of October 1, 2008.

Some additional conversations - and work by SLWLA Legal Director Ed Silberhorn produced a contract addendum that specifies that CAS will take over accounting and other "back room" functions by October 1, that the new Community Manager will begin work in the community full time as of January 1, and that the two parties will reach a mutually satisfactory agreement by August 29 that lays out a part time schedule for the new manager between October 1 and December 31.

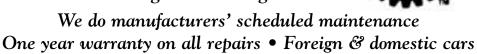
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(Continued from page 35) itself sits in a naturally low-lying area.

"There are houses literally built at the bottom of a hole, I mean we have a whole bunch of those!" he exclaimed.

He suggested the community should keep records of problem lots and of any decisions made on dealing with them.

Kindsvatter, Shaver, and Fulcher agreed to meet prior to the next Open Meeting and will draft a drainage policy that is distinct and separate from the ARB drainage and erosion policies that are already in place.

Conservation Easement

Director Gary Caulk reported

the cost of surveying associationheld properties under consideration for a conservation easement was estimated at \$5,000 or less. Specifically, surveying work would need to be done at the stables and Sequoia Point. A survey of the soccer fields was available dating to the sale of that property from Seven Lakes Country Club.

"This is really tying your property up and you need to think about what you're doing," cautioned Fulcher. He said he would not willing to advise the board either way but felt it his responsibility to express the permanence of such a decision.

Kindsvatter expressed concern over the high cost of the surveying work and that in the future, Seven Lakes might not want nor be able to afford maintaining the stables.

"I hate to bind future boards with that much land that they cannot use except as a park," said Kindsvatter.

Currently the Seven Lakes covenants allow the board to buy or sell any community property. A conservation easement would not restrict a property from being sold but would prevent it from being developed.

Galford said since the land is identified as a park, the association is already well-protected and a conservation easement would only place additional restrictions.

Director Don Truesdell noted that, unlike the old driving range,

the original plat identifies the stables areas as a park and that legally, covenants run with land.

Fulcher agreed and said that each member would have the right to oppose not the sale but the use of the land.

Caulk was unconvinced.

"Why don't we do the right thing, period." He continued, "You're saying they can't [sell for development] but it's already been done before. Do you want the land protected or not? All the property can be gotten rid of and we need to protect it."

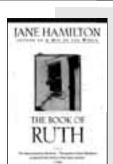
SLLA President Randy Zielsdorf supported Caulk's assertion. "I've heard horror stories of eminent domain and the excuse is always that it is good for the community but once land is sold, it's gone."

Zielsdorf recommended the board table any further discussion until SLLA attorney Hunter Stovall could address the board and community during an Open Meeting to discuss the easement and its ramifications.

Landscaping Bids

Director Sally Kindsvatter reported the Beautification Committee has received three bids for a monthly maintenance contract that would cover weeding, trimming, edging, fertilizing, and mulching seven common areas; mailhouses, gate entrances, and landscaping beds outside the

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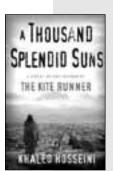


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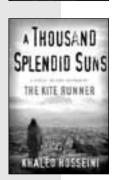
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pool, North Clubhouse, and association offices. She also said the committee has discussed hiring a landscape architect to draft a landscape improvement plan for Sequoia Point.

Treasurer Denny Galford said before a decision on landscaping bids should be made, he requested the board needs to meet and prioritize a long range capital budget.

"We're getting a lot of small projects that will mount up. We, as a board, need to look at what projects we have, a ballpark dollar figure, and a timetable of when to accomplish these things," said Galford. "If we feel we need to do these things and think we may need a dues increase to do it then we need to get that [information] out there. We've got roads, gates, irrigation systems, dams, equipment replacement, stables, the playground...it's a big task!"

Kindsvatter countered that if new shrubbery was going to be planted, Fall was the appropriate time.

"If we're going to have a Beautification Committee then we need to be able to do something. What's the point of having it if not?"

Zielsdorf recommended, and the board agreed, to schedule a Special Open Meeting in September to discuss long range capital needs and budget planning.

By-Laws

During the recent SLLA elections, a question arose regarding the voting rights for a parttime resident landowner. According to Fulcher, homeowners who are in residence for six or more months of the year have been considered eligible to vote in Board elections. All nonresident landowners are eligible to vote on the budget.

Truesdell suggested resident status should be determined by the landowner's driver's license address. North Carolina requires all new residents, except military personnel, register for a driver's license within ninety days.

The board also discussed whether owners of multiple lots should have more than one vote, depending on the number of homes owned.

Speaking for Director Don

Welch, who was absent the meeting, Zielsdorf questioned whether it was fair that a married couple were allotted only a single vote.

Kindsvatter agreed, "It's only fair that each person gets one vote. Why should a husband and wife have to come to an agreement?"

Shaver said he did not disagree but said the board was already entrenched with more important issues and cautioned Kindsvatter that she was "opening a can of worms."

Other Business

In other business:

 Kindsvatter presented her fourth, and final, draft of the ARB manual that was written for and will be distributed to builders and potential buyers. The guide includes all rules and regulations specific to building requirements.

- The board approved a policy on how to handle and process any suggestions or comments from members, including those routed through The Advocates group. When possible, suggestions will be followed up within a month by the appropriate director. Landowners may submit suggestions to either The Advocates or directly to SLLA board through forms and boxes maintained at the business office.
- Zielsdorf, Caulk, and Kindsvatter will meet with representatives of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] to discuss policies on gate access between communities and emergency use of office space.
- Truesdell said the Lakes & Dams Committee has defined eight objective violations that need more stringent enforcement. He also requested placing "No Diving" signs at community docks and drafting a similar rule.
- Caulk said the new board has placed a high demand on the SLLA staff and suggested an Employee Appreciation Day

- would be appropriate.
- Welch proposed a Community Clean-Up Day program to be scheduled each Fall. Staff and resident volunteers would be available for curbside collection of yard debris. The board agreed to vote on the idea during the September Open Meeting.
- The Judicial Committee is short one member and an alternate. Chair Dave Kinney submitted three names for nomination. The board recommended Jackie Kinney to serve but deferred the final decision back Kinney. A vote will be held during the August Open Meeting.

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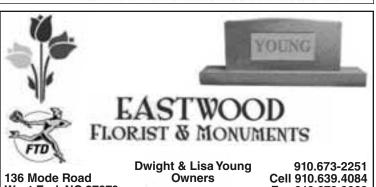
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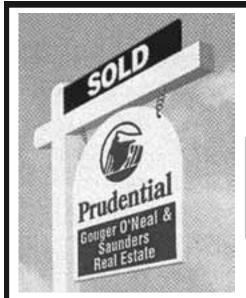
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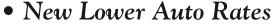


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