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## SLLA ponders voting rights

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Will non-resident members be allowed to vote in future elections and how is a resident defined

Part-time resident Ray Ulansey expressed grave concern over changes to voting rights. "I'm hearing disturbing things...is someone trying to steal my right to vote?" queried Ulansey. "This is taxation without representation. Anyone owning land should be an equal."

Director Sally

were two controversial questions on the table for discussion at the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Open Meeting on Wednesday, August 27.

Kindsvatter responded that the board agreed and had already made the decision to table the discussion for further review.

(See "SLLA," p. 33)

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## Haggard explains CAS advantages

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Hiring an outside management company will allow Association directors to pull back from being the primary implementers of Board policy, President Jim Haggard said in his opening remarks during the unusually brief August 26, monthly meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA].

Haggard said Community Association Services, Inc. [CAS]

will take over accounting and other administrative functions on October 1 and then work through a transition period that

### West Side Landowners Meeting 8/26

will have them providing all management functions by January 1, 2009.

"This is obviously a major

(See "Westside" p. 35)

## Still rocking after 32 years



**The Yellow Rocker Square Dancers** celebrated their 32nd Anniversary recently with a special dance. The group meets at the Olde West End Gym, pictured above are: Lucille Leaman, Jan Aruscavage, Don Fausz, Charlene Fausz, Bill Roberson, Phil Aruscavage, GERAL Roberson and Margaret Hightower. [See story on page 2.]

## Area A plan back on agenda

by Greg Hnkins  
Times Editor

The Area A Small Area Plan is back on the agenda of the Moore County Board of Commissioners, who will review a revised draft during a work session scheduled for September 18. If they like what they see, a public hearing and vote for approval could be held during the October 29 Commissioners meeting.

The Area A Plan lays out goals and strategies for guiding development in a 100-square mile

chunk of the county centered on West End and Seven Lakes. It was developed by an 18-member Steering Committee, appointed by the Commissioners, made up primarily of Area A residents and chaired by Seven Laker and Planning Board member Dave Kinney.

Copies of the current draft are available on the Moore County website and on *The Times'* website at [www.sevenlakestimes.net](http://www.sevenlakestimes.net).

Planning Director Joey Raczowski distributed copies to

the Commissioners during their Tuesday, September 2 meeting and reminded Commissioners that they had last seen the plan — in first draft form — in March. The Board sent questions they had about that document back to the Planning Staff and Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee met in May and approved changes to the draft plan, in many cases softening somewhat the language of the plan's recommendation. (See "Commissioners," p. 37)

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# Meet the Merchants is Tuesday, Sept. 16

The Seven Lakes Business Guild will host its Meet the Merchants night on September 16, starting at 5:30 pm.

The McKenzie Brothers Band will be on hand to entertain the crowd while they learn more about Seven Lakes and West End Businesses.

The annual event is held on the

Commons in the Seven Lakes Business Village. Local businesses set up booths with information about their products and services. Many also offer giveaways or the chance to register for prizes.

The idea is to give Seven Lakes a chance to get to know their local merchants — and to

give merchants a chance to say thank you to the community.

The Business Guild now counts more than sixty businesses among its members; those new to Seven Lakes might be surprised to discover that there are so many local businesses offering the products and services they need.

Meet the Merchants always includes plenty of refreshments and lots of activities for the younger set.

It's a great way to learn more about community businesses while enjoying an evening out with friends and family.

## Yellow Rockers celebrate

by Jan Aruscavage  
Yellow Rockers

The Yellow Rocker square dancers celebrated their 32nd Anniversary with a special dance featuring international caller, Jerry Story and cued ballroom by Jim Adcock.

There were 91 dancers in attendance including 60 from the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill and Greenville areas. The Yellow Rockers provided a delicious array of food — to keep up participants' energy for all the dancing.

The Yellow Rockers have

danced at the Olde West End Gym since it's renovation in 1976. One of the charter members, Virginia Cary McDonald, still dances with the group. Others of the ten original couples visit occasionally to make sure standards are kept up-to-snuff.

Each year the Yellow Rockers hold classes for new dancers beginning with two free nights of Open House. This year's Open

House nights will be September 4 and 11 at 7:00pm.

Square dancing is a multi-generational activity so families can participate. Children must be at least ten years old and must be accompanied by their parents. Partners are required.

For more information call Jan Aruscavage at 215-9313.

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# Update on DOT railroad crossing project

There has been a lot of conjecture, rumor and just bad information going around lately concerning the North Carolina Department of Transportation's [NCDOT] proposed Seven Lakes-West End railway corridor safety project. This review aims to set the record straight and bring Lakers up to date.

The plan, as presented by NCDOT in 2006, hasn't changed significantly. The scope of the project runs from Hoffman Road to our entrance crossing. It includes an upgraded public crossing at Hoffman Road with crossing arms, lights, better signage and a coordinated stop light at the intersection with Route 211.

[Editor's note: NCDOT Safety Consultant Danny Gilbert has informed The Times that the Hoffman Road crossing, which has already seen some upgrades, has been pulled from the Seven Lakes-West End Corridor project and will be handled separately as NC Highway 211 is upgraded.]

NCDOT has the same plans for the public crossing where Route 73 intersects Route 211 near the West End Fire Station. The installation of a traffic light there will enable a much easier left turn from 73 onto 211.

The upgrade of Seven Lakes West's private crossing to a public crossing will also include flashing lights, crossing arms and better signage. We have

also asked NCDOT to consider providing us with an additional outbound lane so that we will have a "right turn only" lane. (43 percent of the vehicles leaving Seven Lakes West turn right).

Board but I doubt that anyone on the Board, on Long Range Planning or, for that matter, any of our members desires someone to suffer for our benefit. But we didn't make up these rules.

I am told that if the application is turned down and there is no Federal funding, there will be no project. So where does that leave us? It has been suggested

that the powers of the state could be used to take the crossing by eminent domain, making it a public crossing. Unfortunately, that doesn't solve the problem of upgrading the crossing. We currently have 4000+ vehicles using that crossing

every day including (as of January) 16 school busses. This creates a significant liability for the railroad and that liability will only increase over the next few years as our community grows. That's the railroad's problem, right?

In 1999, the United State Supreme Court ruled (Shanklin vs. the Norfolk Southern) that the railroad wasn't negligent (and therefore not liable) for the death of Mr. Shanklin since the crossing where he died was state-of-the-art and the railroad couldn't do anything to make it safer (and therefore weren't negligent). From this ruling it is obvious that the railroad will make every effort to insure that their crossings, both public and private, are as up to date as possible to relieve themselves of liability in case of an accident.

If the NCDOT receives federal funding, the project will go forward and our crossing will become a public, safe crossing. If they do not and the project fails, it is always possible for the railroad to determine that the lease isn't in their best interests and close the crossing.

Will they do that? Frankly, I doubt it. It would cut us off from essential services (Fire and EMS) as well as from the community at large.

Rather, it is my belief that the Railroad will require those using this private crossing to bring it to standard if it is to remain open. That would mean that, over the next few years, the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association, Beacon Ridge Country Club, BB&T, the two real estate offices and the shopping center will

(See "Crossing," p. 4)

## West Side Stories

Bud Sales  
SLWLA Long-Range Planning



The cost of this project is estimated to be about \$800,000 — or at least that is the latest number we have heard and that was six or seven months ago. The money is to come from a federal fund and not from North Carolina and herein lies the problem.

Federal guidelines require a "cost/benefit ratio" from those applying for funding. Those with the highest ratio get the funding. We are told by NCDOT that those guidelines require the closing of two other public crossings in order to create a new public crossing. The two crossings under consideration are Mode Road adjacent to the empty Stanley plant and Edgewood Terrace, which is east of the Route 73 intersection. Obviously, those affected aren't pleased.

Now, I can't speak for our



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# Presbyterians welcome new youth pastor

Chip Pope has begun his duties as the new associate pastor of West End Presbyterian Church. He will be officially installed by the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina as the church's associate pastor in an installation service on Sunday afternoon, September 14, at 5:00 pm. A reception will follow in the church's Crawford Activities Center.

Pope's primary duties are staff leadership of the church's Christian Education and youth ministries, although he also will be

helping to lead worship, occasionally preach and assist in pastoral care as well.

"We are tremendously excited to have Chip with us," said Larry Lyon, the church's senior pastor. "His skills and experience match what we were looking for. But beyond that, Chip has a real pastoral presence. He is caring, committed and insightful. We are blessed to have him."

Pope recently graduated with a master's of divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. Before

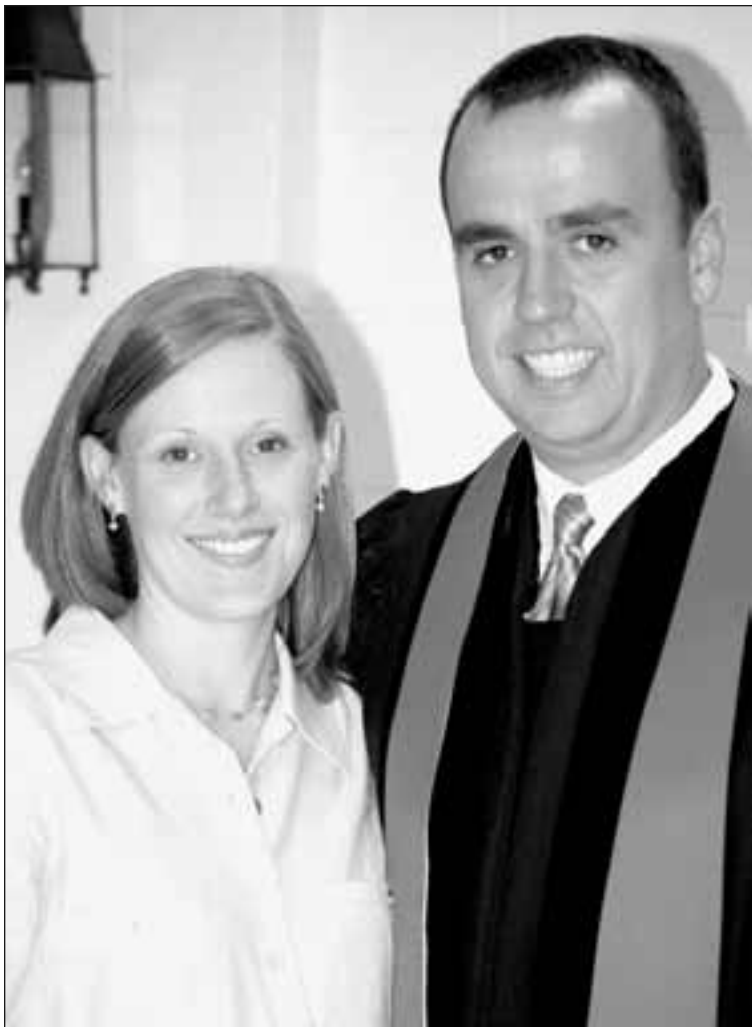
entering seminary, he worked for five years in youth and children's ministry on the staff of New Providence Presbyterian Church in Maryville, TN. He also served as a youth director at a Presbyterian church during his

seminary years.

A native of Florida, Pope received his undergraduate degree from Auburn University. He and his wife Elissa have two daughters, Celia, 2, and Lily, a newborn. The Pops live in

Seven Lakes North.

West End Presbyterian is a PC [USA] congregation and is located on Knox Lane in West End, a block off of Highway 211. Summer worship is at 10:00 am each Sunday.



Elissa and Chip Pope

## Crossing

(Continued from page 3)

have to come up with an estimated \$200,000 and contract for the upgrade of our crossing as well as continuing to pay the railroad for the lease of the crossing.

NCDOT will be holding a public hearing, possibly as early as next month (October), to allow those for and against the proposed project (including the closing of certain crossings).

It is imperative for our community that members of SLWLA show up in significant numbers to ask that the conversion of our crossing from an unsafe private crossing to a state-of-the-art public crossing be accomplished for our safety.

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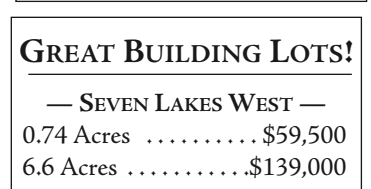
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# Kaembas find their calling in Indonesia

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Teachers at Charis National Academy, a Christian school located in Indonesia, the largest Muslim nation in the world, Kaylor and Donny Kaemba said their school is both flourishing and breaking down barriers in a country where others said it couldn't be done.

A daughter of Rev. and Mrs.

Larry Lyon of West End Presbyterian Church, Kaemba used her degree in elementary education to teach in South Carolina but said she felt a pull towards missions work. Connecting with Mustard Seed and Pioneers, partner organizations that operate schools, orphanages, and health clinics throughout Indonesia, she moved to East Java living there on and off for a sever-

al years before meeting her future husband, Donny.

Currently the youth pastor for Charis, Donny has a dual degree in education and theology. Married in 2006, they welcomed their first child, Clara, this year. Their school is accepted by the government, explained Kaemba because they offer free training to public school teachers in the area.

"We work cooperatively and they respect us for it. By training government teachers we are affecting a lot of schools in the city."

Charis is located in the city of Malang and is considered the flagship school. In addition to the school, she said Charis also recently initiated a teacher training center.

"We're training teachers and then sending them out to other islands," said Kaemba.

Indonesia is made up of approximately 17,000 islands; with around 6,000 inhabited. Most of the population, however, lives on the five main islands of which Java is the most developed.

Kaemba said that social class differences are a major issue in Indonesia, however, Charis students wear uniforms and pay tuition on a sliding scale.

"In Indonesia if you are born into a class then you stay in that social class," explained Kaemba. "It's different from the American dream of working your way up. You don't hear stories like Barack Obama in Indonesia. I like the chance I have to give those students the ability to dream — that they can be doctors or teachers."

She also explained that Indonesia is known as a corrupt nation where officials and police can be bribed. She said as an educator in a Christian school environment, she hopes to teach the characteristics of Christ.

"The school has children of mixed religions. Rich business men send their kids and don't care if they learn about Christ because it's more important that they get the best education,"

said Kaemba. "We pray these children will become the new leaders of Indonesia. This is a place full of natural resources and it could be a great nation if the leaders didn't take so much."

Kaemba said she is comfortable in Malang but expects they will be relocating to one of the smaller satellite schools soon. This will be a difficult transition as she and Donny have developed close relationships with five students who spend every afternoon at their home.

"Our main job is to work with students at risk. We help with homework and play games," said Kaemba. "For the five who came every day, we never told them to come but they just started showing up and they made that ministry for us."

(See "Kaemba," p. 32)



Donny & Kaylor Kaemba with daughter Clara



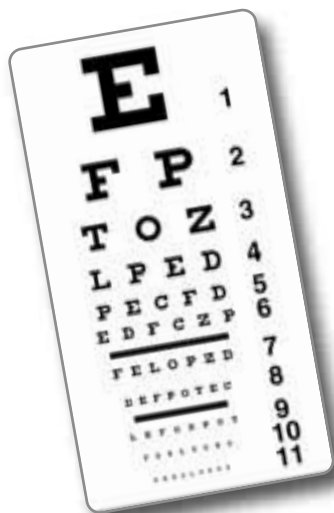
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# Healing Group folds hope into paper cranes

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

The crane is highly symbolic because it is believed to live for a thousand years. Given traditionally at weddings or to the ill, origami cranes have evolved into a symbol of healing, peace, and life. Legend holds that anyone who folds 1,000 cranes, or

has 1,000 folded for them, will have their wishes granted.

The Healing Group of St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church in Seven Lakes began their Crane Project to symbolize the prayers being said for several members of their congregation and others in the greater community. It's not the crane itself that

is of any value, but the diligence of perfecting the folds. Prayers are often said as one makes the

folds and can also be written on the crane itself, either before folding begins or after the crane

is completed – or both.

Group coordinator Dona Rouse, of Seven Lakes North, said she has folded and given away white origami cranes for years and now with the Healing Group, they also make colored cranes in five sizes which are given individually or in hanging mobiles.

When the Healing Group met their goal of 1,000 cranes, they decided to share these cranes with other members of the community who are also fighting cancer and illness. Their cranes are available at Hope Cottage, a unique shop located in Aberdeen which offers items of inspiration and interest for people undergoing cancer treatment.



**Dona Rouse** shows off paper cranes created by members of St. Mary Magdalene's Healing Group

## Nordies at Noon — Surviving cancer

*Nordie's at Noon* tells the story of four young professional women, under the age of thirty, diagnosed with breast cancer.

Once a month, they would gather at Nordstrom's Café for lunch. It was their special place to laugh, cry, and support each other.

On Tuesday, September 16, at the Country Club of North Carolina, join the Cancer CARE Fund to celebrate life and welcome Jennifer Johnson, mom, friend, author, educator, and inspiration for anyone living

with or surviving cancer. Johnson, the niece of Mary Whyne Perryman who has been an inspiration for all in this community, will share her story of breast cancer, friendship, and embracing life.

Luncheon and program registration at 11:30 am. Book signing will follow the program. *Nordie's at Noon* will be available for purchase for \$20 with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Cancer CARE Fund at Moore Regional Hospital Foundation. For more information, call 695-7510.

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# Family forms Memory Walk team for "Dutch"

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Westsider Erik Stromberg and his sister, Kristin Flechsig of Whispering Pines, will join with other family members to walk in the Alzheimer's Association's Memory Walk® this Fall in honor of their late father, Donald "Dutch" Stromberg, who died peacefully in June of Alzheimer's disease.

The Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk® is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer care, support, and research – and it calls on volunteers of all ages to become champions in the fight against Alzheimer's.

There are walks scheduled in more than 600 communities including a one-mile walk in Moore County, on Saturday, September 20, at Southern Pines Park. Walking as individuals or in teams, participants raise money to support scientific investigations into better treatments and a possible cure for Alzheimer's.

"My father's Alzheimer's diagnosis greatly affected and changed the lives of our family," said Flechsig. "Because I have seen firsthand the impact this disease has, I am participating in the walk."

"Dutch" Stromberg was a former cryptanalyst with the National Security Agency and cofounded several computer businesses including Golfnet, a Pinehurst-based company which provides golf handicap and tournament

management services. He served as President until 2006.

"Having had the opportunity to work alongside my father for thirteen years, I was witness to the progression of the disease from its early to late stages and

how it affected the day-to-day decisions and activities of the whole family," said Stromberg.

"The walk is important because for so many, diseases, such as Alzheimer's, go undiagnosed. This disease takes many forms,

from memory loss to dire physical issues. Raising funds may open doors where previously they were shut, and provide support and care sooner."

Registration for the Moore County Alzheimer's Association

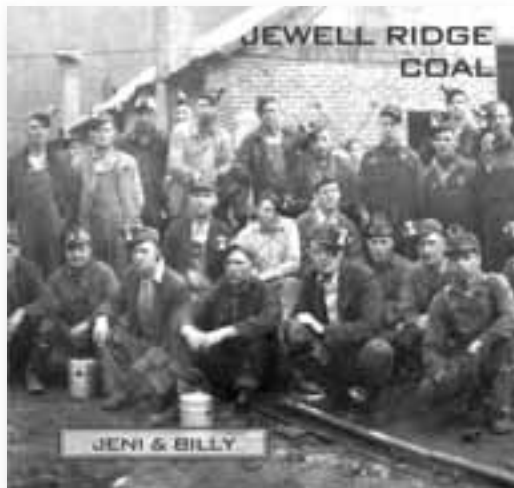
Memory Walk begins at 9:00 am on Saturday, September 20, with ribbon cutting at 10:00 am. Walkers and volunteers are wanted. For more info, call 695-0011 or visit [www.alz.org/memory-walk/overview.asp](http://www.alz.org/memory-walk/overview.asp)

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# Barcode trouble? Andy Lowe to the rescue!

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

It may take a village to raise a child and any number of folks to screw in a light bulb, but in the end it took only one competent engineer to resolve the ongoing barcode malfunction at Seven Lakes North and South gates.

Security Director Gary Caulk of the Seven Lakes Landowners

Association Board of Directors offered a special thanks to Anderson "Andy" Lowe for his professional expertise and selfless efforts during the General Meeting held on August 27.

"I contacted seven companies [to repair the gates] and Andy is the only person who was able to fix it," said Caulk.

Board President Randy Ziels-

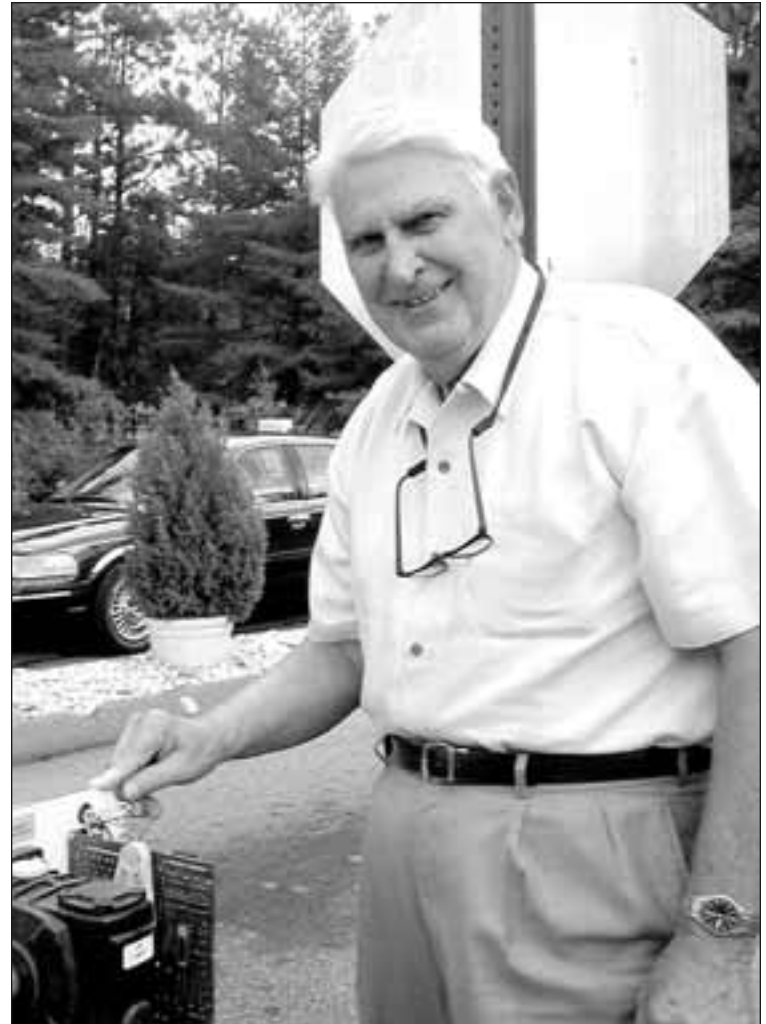
dorf also recognized Lowe and thanked him for volunteering his skills toward work that would have cost the Association thousands of dollars. Lowe received appreciative applause from the assembled crowd.

"I didn't do it for the publicity," Lowe joked. "I really just wanted to help out my community."

Lowe said fixing the gates entailed replacing a shorted diode on the control boards and rewiring the up and down switches in the gatehouse.

In addition to work on various subcommittees, he is currently a member of the Maintenance Committee. During his professional career, Lowe was an AT & T Representative to the Consultative Committee International Telephone and Telegraph [CCITT] in Geneva, Switzerland.

A graduate of Elon University, Lowe also completed Master's programs at Rensselaer Polytechnic in Troy, New York, and the Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania. Retired from AT & T in 1987, he and his wife, Jane, live in Seven Lakes North.



Andy Lowe

## The Boot Scoot Boogie at 7 Lakes Country Club

Have you ever watched line dancing and wish you knew how to do it? Well now is your chance to learn and everyone's invited! You do not have to be a member of the Seven Lakes Country Club to attend the Barn Dance Country Night on Saturday, September 20. The Countryside Kickers/ Fred & Ro Lord from Pasadena, Maryland, will teach "beginners" Barn Dancing Line Dancing intermixed with couple's and shag dancing. Festivities begin with cocktails at 5:30

pm, at 6:30 pm a fabulous country buffet of pork barbecue, country fried chicken, hush puppies, slaw, salad bar, Summer vegetable blend and a Chief's dessert, followed by dancing at 7:00 pm.

Member's pricing is \$26.00 inclusive and Non-Members \$31.00 inclusive. Call 673-1100 for reservations.

Hosts are Darlene & Bill Wiebking and JoAnn & Ray Hutchens. Put on your dancing boots or comfortable shoes and join in the fun.

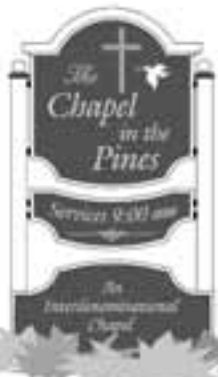
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11:30 am Luncheon

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(a judged quilt show with quilt boutique, silent auction, demonstrations, vendors, second hand treasures, raffles and door prizes)

3:30 pm Depart quilt show for Seven Lakes Country Club

Cost of the event: \$20.00 per person includes lunch, ticket to quilt show and carpool fee.

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# In memory of . . .

**Robert Earl Wands Jr.**, 84, of Foxfire Village, died Thursday, August 21, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital. He died from complications of Parkinson's disease.

Mr. Wands was born in Syracuse, NY, completed his civil engineering degree at Tri State University Angola, MI. He was a veteran in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, and worked on the Panama Canal project.

He moved to Greensboro in 1970 from New York and worked in commercial construction for various firms.

One of his most notable accomplishments was to oversee the first phase of Four Seasons Mall in Greensboro, as the project manager. He retired from L.P. Cox Construction of Sanford.

A private service will be held by the family.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Betsy" Wands; son, Joel A. Wands, of Carthage; stepson, Michael Metz, of Glen Burnie, MD; stepdaughter, Mar-

sha M. Jacobs, of Clarence, NY.

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

Boles Funeral Home of Pinehurst is in charge of arrangements.

**Virginia "Jenny" Mae Wilson**, 74, of Seven Lakes, died Saturday, August 23, at First Health Moore Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Wilson was born in the Duncan Community of Harnett County, NC, to the late Coy & Marvo Smith Stephenson. She retired after twenty-five years from Harris Teeter in Aberdeen. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Southern Pines.

She was preceded in death by her husband of forty-four years, Charles A. Wilson.

She is survived by her sons, Robert C. Wilson, and Michael C. Wilson and a daughter, Diane Wilson of Seven Lakes; two brothers, Julian Stephenson of Fuquay Varina, and Karl Stephenson of Raleigh; and three grand-

children.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, August 26 at Seven Lakes Cemetery. The Rev. Benny Edwards officiated.

Memorials may be made to The American Heart Association, 300 Silver Cedar Court. Chapel Hill, NC 27514, or the American Kidney Association, American Diabetes Association, or to the Seven Lakes E.M.S. 969 Seven Lakes North, Seven Lakes NC 27376.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes served the family.

**Mary Louise Young**, 83, of Brandermill Woods in Midlothian, VA, formerly of Seven Lakes, passed away on Sunday, August 24.

Funeral services were held Thursday, August 28, at Woodlake United Methodist Church, Midlothian, VA. Interment will be held later in Westfield, NY.

Mrs. Young was a native of Bethlehem, PA, and received her undergraduate degree in mathematics and chemistry from

Mount Holyoke College and earned her master's degree in physics from Yale University. She worked as a researcher for Dupont and later as a math teacher at Ethel Walker School in Simsbury, CN.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert D. Young.


Survivors include her daughters, Carol Elizabeth Umansky, Nancy Elaine Jacy; sons, William Alan Young, Thomas Andrew Young, and David Ward Young;

and eight grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Mary Louise Young to the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Disease [NIAMS], Financial Management Branch, Bldg. 31, Rm 4C21, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20889-2350.

Chesterfield Chapel of the Bennett Funeral Home assisted the family.

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# In memory of . . .

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**Robert Stanley Crew**, 80, of Southern Pines, and formerly of Seven Lakes, died Monday, August 25, at Kingswood Nursing Center in Aberdeen.

The family will hold a private celebration of his life at a later date.

Born in Zanesville, OH, to the late Horace Fleming Crew and Ada Glick Crew, Mr. Crew was a veteran and served with the United States Naval Reserve.

He was a graduate of Ohio State University. He worked for North America Aviation and for Dow Chemical as a sales engineer in Cleveland, OH, and Buffalo, NY. He moved to Rochester, NY to work with General Electric. He then moved to Raleigh to open Oneida Molded Plastics in Clayton as sales manager and in Sanford as manager with Johnson & Johnson Plastics. He was a member of Society of Plastic Engineers.

He was a member of West End Presbyterian Church, and formerly served as deacon. He was a former member of the Seven Lakes Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife of fifty-two years, Peggy Crew of Southern Pines; two daughters, Carroll Scarborough of Half Moon Bay, CA, and Dorothy Bennett of Fuquay-Varina; one son, Robert T. Crew of Raleigh;

and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to National Parkinson Foundation, 1501 NW Ninth Ave., Miami, FL 33136.

Boles Funeral Home and Crematory of Southern Pines assisted the family.

ed the family.

**Leo E. Muse**, 84, of West End, died Tuesday, August 26, at Pinelake Health Care in Carthage.

Born in Moore County to the

late Henry and Arsula Simmons Muse, Mr. Muse was a graduate of West End High School and retired from Stanley Furniture.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 28, at West End Baptist Church. Burial fol-

lowed at West End Cemetery.

He is survived by one brother, Robert Muse of West End; and a sister, Mary Saunders, of West End.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes handled arrangements.


## Seven Lakes Blood Drive is Sept. 17

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Seven Lakes on Wednesday, September 17, 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the North Clubhouse.

Every donor is needed and might win a big free gas prize.

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# 7 Lakes Country Club reaches out to Juniors

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Clinics, camps, and tournaments, oh my! Through these and other fun athletic opportunities, the Seven Lakes Country Club is working hard to reach out to area junior players.

"The demographics of the community are changing and we are responding," explained Mike Spayd, General Manager. "We're very happy and enthusiastic to promote juniors golf and tennis. These are our future members and we want to offer something to increase the value for the entire family."

Starting in September, the West End Junior Golf Program will offer a monthly clinic for junior golfers between the ages of six and sixteen. Coordinated by Golf Pro Gene Roberts, the \$10 entry fee includes a twenty-minute golf clinic with a short demonstration by a PGA instruc-

tor and rules/etiquette lesson for the day, as well as a round of golf.

Sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance and Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, each clinic will conclude with refreshments and awards. Juniors under the age of twelve are required to have a parent caddy for them during play and age divisions are six to nine, ten to twelve, and thirteen to sixteen for boys and girls.

Upcoming Junior Golf Program dates are Sunday, September 21, at 3 pm; Sunday, October 19, at 3 pm; Sunday, November 16, at 2:30 pm; and Sunday, December 14, at 2:00 pm. Juniors are encouraged to check-in at least fifteen minutes before the clinic and the registration deadline is 10:00 am the day before each event. The program is open to all juniors, you do not need to be a member to attend. For more information,

call the Seven Lakes Country Club Golf Shop at 673-1092.

Juniors are also offered a discount on golf lessons. A four-pack of thirty minute lessons cost \$100. Roberts, who also coaches the New Century Middle School golf team is assisted by Mark Perreault. Clubs to borrow and purchase are available.

Each year several tournaments are held at Seven Lakes Country Club including the juniors 2008 Spring Eastern U.S. Golf Association Tour Championship.

"Over 100 players participated in the two-day event and were the first group to try out the new Seven Lakes Country Club driving range," said Spayd. "They

loved it."

Not to be outdone, the Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Facility is also committed to encouraging and facilitating juniors.

"The demand is huge. Our Summer tennis camps sold themselves and were excellent," said Barb Horan.

She recognized Tennis Pro Bruce Adams, Pete Staaf, and David Terry, for their superb work coaching the Seven Lakes juniors tennis team. All have made their school teams and are now competing in tournaments including the upcoming First Bank Futures Fall Classic. A USTA sanctioned event to be held at the Tennis Facility on September 26-28, the three-day tournament

features sixty-four competitors in eight flights. Joining First Bank are local sponsors; Moore County Tennis Association, Food Lion, Copper Sales, Troy Lumber, United Transport Services, Tracy Carpets, Seven Lakes Tennis Pro Shop, Bill Reaves Construction, Dr. Jennifer Massey, Carolina Car Care, The Property Center, Lee Moore Insurance, and Whelan Realty.

Additional juniors tennis programs this Fall include a new six-week afterschool program. Beginning Thursday, September 4, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, beginners to advanced juniors may work on their skills. For information or to register, call

(See "Juniors," p. 13)



**Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Pro Bruce Adams with Chris Nurnberg, Sami Matthews, Evan Sherwood, and Marc Schaefer.**

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# Eagle Springs Methodists celebrate 135 years

On Sunday, September 14, Eagle Springs United Methodist Church will celebrate its 135th Homecoming with a special service and picnic dinner. Eagle Springs United Methodist Church took its name from Eagle Springs which was a spring located about three hundred yards west of the church. The spring was called Eagle Springs because an eagle built her nest in a very large pine tree near the spring.

In 1873, five preachers preached in their home before the church building was started. They were Rev. Tom Joiner, Mr. Gibbs, J.B. Hampton, F.L. Clark, and Mr. Tucker. In 1874, A. H. Peeples began preaching in the church grove while the building was under construction. Mr. and Mrs. John Graham donated the church site and cemetery.

One of the main leaders in the building campaign was a woman called "Aunt Polly," who went from home to home in the thinly settled community and asked for subscribers to contribute to help pay for the first building. The first church building was a small one-room boxed construction of hand sewed and sawed lumber. Aunt Polly died in 1894 and was the first to be buried in the cemetery of the church. She was first buried where the current church building now stands. Later her grave was moved to its present resting place southeast of the church. It was because of Aunt Polly's commitment to her Lord and devotion to her church that the necessary funds were raised to built this special building.

As the area of Eagle Springs grew, so did the church. The second building, which is the current center of worship, was built in 1907-1908. Several of

these builders are still living. They are J.E. Bailey, Robert Blake, and Andrew Blake.

On Sunday, September 14, the Homecoming Worship service will begin at 11:00 am with Co-Pastors Myron Dice and Barbara Dice acting as the worship leaders. The Marcus United Methodist Church Choir will provide special music. Dinner on the grounds will follow at 12:15 pm.

Everyone is encouraged to

bring their favorite picnic dish. All former members and new members to the community are invited to attend this special gathering. Regular Sunday worship begins at 10:00 am each Sunday. The Sandhills Circuit youth meet at 6:00 pm each Wednesday evening at Marcus United Methodist Church. Eagle Springs is a part of the Sandhills Circuit, which includes Pleasant Hill and Marcus United Methodist Churches.

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# Owens and Bright exchange vows at chapel

Kelly Ann Owens and Justin Edward Bright were married at the Chapel in the Pines at Seven Lakes on Saturday, July 26.

Kelly is the daughter of Mark and Sandy Owens of Pittsboro, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Hutton of Greensboro, and the late Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Owens of Seven Lakes, formerly of Greensboro.

Kelly earned her BS Degree in Human Food, Nutrition, and

Exercise from Virginia Tech, and Master's Degree in Clinical Nutrition from the University of Alabama-Birmingham. She is the Clinical Dietician at a long-term care/rehabilitation facility in Birmingham, Alabama.

Justin is the son of Mike and Kim Bright of Mount Airy, Maryland, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Arthur of Williamsburg, Virginia, and Mrs. Ann Bright and the late Mr. Tommy

Bright, of Silver Spring, Maryland.

He earned a BS Degree from Wingate University in Wingate, North Carolina. Justin is a middle school math teacher and baseball coach in Chelsea, Alabama.

The ceremony was officiated by Mr. George Arthur, grandfather of the groom. Kelly was given in marriage by her father. Abbie Arthur of Newport News, Virginia, was flower girl.

The Maid of Honor was Emily Kirsch, of Roaring Springs, PA. Bridesmaids were Lindsay Straughn of Pittsboro, Heather Jackson of Pittsburg, PA, Angela Riddle of Sterling, VA, and Kacie Deats of Bath, NY.

Mike Bright was Justin's Best Man. Groomsmen were J.T. Bright and James Bright, brothers of the groom, Kevin Owens, brother of the bride, and Ben Fleming of West Palm Beach, Florida.

The Bright's hosted a rehearsal dinner and party at the Owens family home in Seven Lakes.

After a wedding trip, the couple lives in Birmingham, Alabama, with their rescue canine, Libby.



*Kelly Ann Owens and Justin Edward Bright were wed on July 26 at Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines.*

## Women celebrate 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 in Pinehurst, will be the guest speaker for a luncheon held in the Seven Lakes Country Club. 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 at 11:00 am, lunch at 11:30 am, depart for Guild Quilt Show 12:30 pm, and depart for Seven Lakes Country Club at 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.

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# Prancing Horse gets new home, direction

For two decades the Prancing Horse Center for Therapeutic Riding has provided a needed service to Moore County and surrounding areas. Through its therapeutic riding programs, children and adults with physical or emotional disabilities interact with horses:

- to find within themselves the confidence and willingness to grow,
- to bond with a majestic animal in a willing partnership, and
- to experience the joy and personal satisfaction of freedom found.

In July of 2008, Nancy Piscopo of McLendon Hills became president of Prancing Horse. "Our mission is to provide a safe place in which individuals with special needs can grow and develop," Piscopo said, "to give them a chance to succeed, through the magic of horses, beyond the seeming limits of their disabilities."

Therapeutic riding facilities exist throughout the United States and are a recognized therapy for those individuals with special needs. Through this therapy they acquire a sense of personal space and physical balance as well as self discipline and physical strength. Prancing Horse

historically has served individual children and adults as well as groups from Moore County schools.

In late 2006, the founder of Prancing Horse retired and a task force was formed to find a new home. This search went on through 2007 and culminated in the spring of 2008, when Prancing Horse moving from its former home in Vass to its new home in Raeford. The new facility is centrally located between Southern Pines and Fayetteville at the Carolina Horse Farm, three miles from the Carolina Horse Park. The farm is on 75 acres and has a 55 stall barn. Additional on-site capability exists to support Prancing Horse administration as well as space for meetings and fund raising events. This farm is currently leased and the owner has been extremely helpful in not only providing a very generous lease, but has made donations to Prancing Horse and has paid part of the expenses towards the refurbishing of the facility.

"We have found that many wonderful people, both in Moore County and, now, in the area the Ft. Bragg-Fayetteville area, are willing to donate funds or volunteer their time," Piscopo

said. "Reaching out to this expanded community for support is our primary focus over the next six months."

2009 will see Prancing Horse moving in a new direction and offering a new service. The Board is currently working towards developing a new program designed specifically for returning military personnel with disabilities. This includes increasing public awareness of Prancing Horse through Ft. Bragg internal publications.

"We are moving purposefully towards initiating the new military program," Piscopo said, "learning along the way from the experience of others like NARHA [North American Riding for the Handicapped Association] who have successfully implemented their program, Horses for Heroes."

Prancing Horse currently has openings on its board and is also looking for a small group of volunteers with specific experience in bookkeeping, fundraising, and event coordination.

"We are in the process of building a strong team of intelligent, caring, individuals ready to

embrace a big idea — and yet willing to do the day to day work that gives us a chance to make that idea a reality," Piscopo said.

If you are interested in donating or volunteering contact Nancy Piscopo at (910) 638-4744 or via email: [piscopo@embarq-mail.com](mailto:piscopo@embarq-mail.com).

Prancing Horse, Inc. is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) registered in North Carolina and is funded through donations, grants and riding programs. There are two fundraising events now underway that will help Prancing Horse move into 2009 on a sound financial footing.

One is the well known annual Horse Farm Tour to be held in Southern Pines on October 19, and the other is a 50/50 raffle with a potential prize of \$10,000. The drawing will be held in mid-October.

Details on both events can be found on the Prancing Horse website at [www.prancinghorse-center.org](http://www.prancinghorse-center.org).

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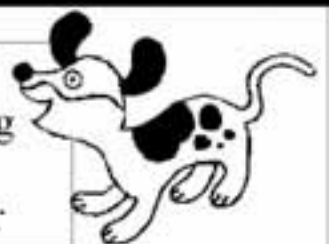
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# Bright Meadow adds Brain Gym, drops prices

What is "Brain Gym Educational Kinesiology?"

It's a great way to help kids learn — and the newest offering from Bright Meadow Christian Preschool & Kool Kids After School Care.

Kool Kids has also reduced its weekly rate for after school care

by one-third to help families get through the current economic downturn.

Bright Meadow and Kool Kids teachers have been Brain-Gym-trained to lead children in enjoyable movements that aid in making all types of learning easier, especially academics.

Brain Gym can "switch on" the brain-integration mechanisms necessary for complete whole-brain learning.

Specific movements affect brain function in certain learning situations and target certain learning & behavioral areas (i.e., concentration, reading, math, speech, writing, spelling, listening & reading comprehension, memory, coordination, balance, spacial awareness, vision, energy, dyslexia, social behavior, organization & much more), and can help kids move through learning blocks.

Director Shirley Ptak has seen the positive results of Brain Gym first hand with her son's handwriting and reading level, which increased significantly after instruction.

Ptak said, "I believe that with the advancement of technology and more electronic toys than we had years ago, learning can be affected. Brain Gym can help replace the natural movements we all had years ago climbing trees and rolling in the leaves."

"Brain Gym may aid in preventing learning challenges and disabilities," she noted, "especially when incorporated at a young age. Children need to move, and Brain Gym helped my son focus, sit, comprehend, and learn."

"Our goal is to use Brain Gym exercises in the classroom to enhance the developmental levels of our students at Bright Meadow, and to benefit children's homework time at Kool Kids After School Care."

"Brain Gym works," Ptak said, "and has been researched for 30 years. Kids' grades improve, and they learn the movements

to help themselves."

In addition to helping kids learn, Kool Kids is helping parents save, by reducing their rates for after-school care.

"Many families have told us of hardships they face, like job losses, slow work, & decreases in sales, on top of gas prices," said Director Ptak.

"Our heart has always been to

serve families, and parents have been so grateful for the savings when we quote our new rate of \$30 per week and \$15 for teacher work days for enrolled students. I have four children of my own, and know it is a blessing to save money these days in the cost of raising children." Ptak added.

For more information, contact Ptak at 673-6789.



**Brain Gym uses movement to stimulate the brain.**



**Bright Meadow PreSchool Director Shirley Ptak, along with teachers Carrie Tapley and Jennifer Thompson, welcome new teacher Ashley St. Onge, who will work with two-year olds and in the Kool Kids after school program.**

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Have you been asked the question yet? If you are in your 50's or over you probably have had someone ask, "Are you retired?" Just the sound of the word, "retire" may make you cringe and do a double take.

In Nancy Schlossberg's book, *Retire Smart Retire Happy: Finding Your True Path in Life*, (American Psychological Association, 2004) she points out that in a study of retired CEO's "most of them shuddered each time the word, retirement, was applied to them." Some even refused to use the "R word."

What is it about the word, "retirement" that can cause these strong reactions? Turning to Webster's dictionary definition, the word, "retire" is defined as to withdraw, as from action; to retreat; to withdraw from one's position or occupation; to conclude one's occupation or profession; or to recede. So, that's it! Many don't want to withdraw from life! Instead retirees love life and want to stay involved in ALL of life!

In fact, Schlossberg notes that some retirees are redefining retirement. When asked about retirement, some respond that they are not retired but are in transition. She continues to explain that "In an Elderhostel course called "Creative Retirement," participants suggested words that better reflected their experiences: renaissance, discovery, and rebalancing."

Another word to describe this phase of life is "repurpose." You may be thinking, "I have heard that word before but never in

this context. Yes, you may have heard that word from HGTV. As decorators look at rooms not only from an aesthetic perspective but from functionality, they redesign rooms and consider multiplicity of functions. For example, living rooms or dining rooms often have a new or additional role of libraries or offices. So, just as homes still need the square footage, we still have our gifts and talents. But, with no more children to send to college or layers of loans, we need to "repurpose" and possibly establish new goals.

Successful repurposing is a process marked by periods of some false starts but a commitment to sticking with this process of redefining your own personal goals. In fact, some have described this process as "hard work." If you perform an electronic search and key in the phrase "retirement planning" your search is likely to yield sites targeting financial planning. Few sites and few books deal with the

deep-seated underlying psychological aspects of this big transition.

You may wonder, "Where do I start?" Furthermore, you may concede that you are unsure if you even have time for such a noble endeavor. It's a fact that retirees and semi-retirees are some of the busiest people on the planet. But, if you awaken each day with a "hollow feeling" or a feeling of aloneness . . . accept the fact you need to spend time on this transition. See yourself as a "seeker" on a mission and this mission is YOU. Identify ways to let go of some activities in order to make time for this needed self-exploration.

A seminar, "From Retiring to Repurposing," is being offered by Dr. Nadene Peterson and Dorothy Werkmeister on Saturday, October 4 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon at the office of Counseling Professionals, 1107 Seven lakes Drive in the Executive Center (next to Quality Care Pharmacy). Please call 910-673-3209 by

Wednesday, October 1 to reserve a seat. Seating is limited. Cost is \$20 per person. Refer to Dr. Peterson's web site at: [www.counselingprofessionalspc.com](http://www.counselingprofessionalspc.com).

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

- **Weymouth Woods: Caterpillar Hunt** – 3 pm, Weymouth Woods, Southern Pines. Join a ranger for a 1.5 mile long hike in search of caterpillars of all kinds. Learn about their life cycles and some of the neat adaptations that they have evolved to survive.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

- **Moore County Literacy Council Tutor Orientation** – 1 pm, Emmanuel Youth House, 385 E Indiana in Southern Pines. The Literacy Council offers twelve hour workshops for volunteer tutors. One hour Orientation required. Tutor Training from 1pm-4pm on September 15, 17, 22, 24. Donations accepted. Registrations by phone 692-5954 or e-mail, pammclc@nc.rr.com.
- **Sandhills Photography Club Meeting** – 7 pm, Christ Fellowship Church, corner of Midland and Pee Dee Roads, Southern Pines. Scott Hotaling of NC State, a self taught nature photographer specializing in wide angle, dramatic photography, will be the guest

speaker. Visitors are welcome to attend.

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

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Work Session** – 8 am, West Side Park

## What's When Calendar



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- **Moore County Long Term Care Symposium** – 8:30 am - 12 noon, Moore County Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 Hwy 15/501. The Community Advisory Committee and the Department of Aging are co-sponsoring "The Road to Culture Change." Registration requested, 215-0900.
- **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.

- **Behind the Scenes of the Big Election** – 7 pm – 8 pm, Moore County Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 Hwy 15/501. Glenda Clendenin, Moore County Elections Director, will

take you "inside" the maze and explain the process, offering details of how an election is run. Program repeats Wed, Sept 17, 2 pm – 3 pm. Information, 215-0900.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

- **Seven Lakes Fire Department Community Awareness Day** – 10 am to 2 pm, at SL Volunteer Fire Station. Demonstrations and displays from various organizations,

free refreshments, activities for children and adults including a "must-see" special fire demonstration between 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm. Bring your fire extinguisher for inspection. All area residents are invited to attend.

- **Men's & Women's Fellowship Weekend** – 11 am – 2 pm, Belford Baptist Church, Windblow Road, Jackson Springs. Featured speakers Minister Harold Pratt from Holy

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- **U.S. Marines Canine Section Military Working Dogs Demonstration** – 12 pm, Harness Track/Polo Field, Pinehurst. Sponsored by Moore County Kennel Club during the annual All Breed and Obedience Shows, the Marines and their charges will present a simulated bomb and drug sniffing demonstration. Gates open Saturday and Sunday, 8 am – 4 pm. Admission is free, \$5 parking.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- **Eagle Springs United Methodist Homecoming** – 11 am, Eagle Springs United Methodist Church. Worship service with Co-Pastors Myron Dice and Barbara Dice, the Marcus United Methodist Church Choir will provide special music. Dinner on the grounds will follow at 12:15 pm. All former members and new members to the community are invited to attend this special gathering.
- **Weymouth Woods: Wildlife Pantry** – 3 pm, Weymouth Woods, Southern Pines. Local examples of seeds, fruits, nuts, and other plant parts which are utilized by native wildlife will be examined during the program and

walk along some of the trails at Weymouth Woods.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- **Learning to Live through Nordie's at Noon** – 11:30 am, Country Club of North Carolina Ballroom. Celebrate life and welcome Jennifer Johnson, mother, author, educator, and inspiration for anyone living with or surviving cancer. *Nordie's at Noon* book signing follows program. Avail for \$20 purchase with portion benefiting Cancer CARE Fund of Moore Regional Hospital. Information, 695-7510.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- **Red Cross Blood Drive** – 1 pm – 6 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Every donor is needed and might win a big free gas prize. Please plan to join "regulars" Jim Brannan, Greg and Megan Dann, Christie Osborne, and Alan and Linda Geiger in the Gift of Life. Remember to bring your card or a Photo ID. Appointments, 673-4931.
- **Seven Lakes Forum** – 4:30 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Dewitt Petterson will present the topic entitled "Carbon Dioxide is Good for the Planet . . . Mankind is not the Cause." All men and women of Seven Lakes, and their invited guests, are welcome to attend.
- **Beginners Shag Lessons** – 6:30 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Sponsored by the Seven Lakes Shag Group, beginner Shag lessons will be offered free to anyone interested.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- **Seniors Tap Dance: Organizational Meeting** – 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm, Moore County Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 Hwy 15/501. Free weekly class begins Thursday, October 2, 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Come and learn to tap! Registration, 215-0900.
- **The Rufus Barringer Civil War Round Table** – 7 pm, Southern Pines Civic Club, corner of Ashe and Penn, Southern Pines. Author Horace Mewborn will discuss John Singleton Mosby. Information, 315-1213.

## 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, & silent auction. Show continues on Saturday.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- **Walking and Wagging Dog Walk-a-thon** – 9 am, Cannon Park, Pinehurst. Benefits Moore Humane Society, 3K dog walk, dog costume & talent contest, music, pick-a-prize auction,

adopt-a-thon, low cost rabies vaccines, micro-chipping, arts-n-crafts, face painting, & kids photos with their canines. Admission free; \$15 registration fee for 3K. First 100 receive T-shirt & goody bag. Pre-registration forms available [www.moorehumane.org](http://www.moorehumane.org) or at First Casualty Insurance Group at 190-A Turner Street, Yadkin Park in Southern Pines.

- **Moore County Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk** – 10 am, Southern Pines Park. Registration at 9 am, ribbon cutting at 10 am. All proceeds will support the Alzheimer's Association. Walkers and volunteers are wanted. Information, 695-0011.

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# Enchiladas for vegetarians (and other folks, too)

The other day, I was talking to a friend of mine who is a vegetarian. She asked why I didn't put in some vegetarian recipes. I told her to send me some, so she just sent me this one. It is a main dish and has all the necessary food groups in it.

All my thanks go to Jeane Fulmer. I haven't made it, but I will soon.

## Enchiladas OLE!

1 12 oz. pkg. extra firm tofu, drained well and cut into

small pieces

1 cup frozen whole kernel corn, thawed

1 16 oz. jar homestyle salsa, mild, med. or hot [not recommended]

1 1/4 cup low fat shredded mozzarella cheese, divided

1 4 oz. jar diced green chilis

3/4 cup sliced ripe olives, divided

5 Tbsp. fresh cilantro

8 8-inch soft flour tortillas [I use wheat for an extra nutritional punch]

2 10 oz. cans enchilada sauce

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Use a 13 x 9 baking pan and spray to prevent sticking. Combine tofu, corn, 1 cup salsa, 3/4 cup cheese, 1/2 cup olives, and 4 Tbsp. cilantro in large bowl.

Spoon mixture into tortillas, dividing evenly between them. Roll each up tightly and place with flap side down in baking dish.

Pour enchilada sauce over

bubbly and cheese is golden brown.

Serve with remaining salsa.

Serves 6 – 8.

Nice with a crisp salad and thinly sliced cucumbers in a sour

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all, sprinkle with remaining cheese, olives, and cilantro. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until

cream with dill weed dressing [especially if you use hot salsa].

# Moore Onstage will offer Andrews Sisters tribute

Moore OnStage has cast the perfect trio to portray the 1940's singing sensation "The Andrews Sisters."

Patty, LaVerne and Maxene will bring back the memories of all of the old standards that a good many of us remember such as "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree" and "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy."

Accompanied by none other than Steve Menendez, Patty, played by Rebecca Jones, ("Swing," "Buddy Holly Story" and most recently "Grand Old Flag") LaVerne, played by Shannon Dalton ("Swing," "Tintypes" and many shows at Temple Theater) and Maxene, played by newcomer to Moore OnStage, Cassandra Vallery (most recently seen in Cape Fear Regional Theater's production of "Company") will sing their way into your hearts and tell the story of their beginnings and some of the heartaches that went into the togetherness of performing and being closely watched in their personal lives by each other as well as their parents.

Although they got their start in the early 30's, they really peaked in the 40's when they found themselves in high demand, not only as radio personalities, but also in movies and touring with the USO show.

In 1954, Patty left the group to try her hand at a solo career, which was never as successful as when she was with her sisters. In the meantime, LaVerne and Maxene continued to be well received as a duo until Patty rejoined the group two years later.

Up against a new wave of tal-

ent such as Elvis, Buddy Holly and Chuck Berry, the Andrews Sisters never matched their previous success.

"Sisters of Swing" tells the story of the rise of the Andrews Sisters and the many characters that they meet along the way.

The show will be directed by Wendy Jones, a veteran performer from Temple Theater.

"Sisters of Swing" opens at the Sunrise Theater on Friday, September 19th with a wine reception hosted by Billy Erter from Hair Biz @ the Cottage and continues through the weekend, starting up again on Thursday, September 25 at 7:30 pm and playing through September 28. Both Sunday performances are held at 2:00 pm.

Reservations are suggested and may be made by calling Moore OnStage at 910-692-7118. Mastercard and Visa are accepted.

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# Lakers rack up the ribbons in photo contest

Len Barnard of Seven Lakes South took first place in the recent Sandhills Photography Club Class A competition. His work, "Mr. Hopper," a sharply detailed vertical portrait of a large green grasshopper, was the best of eighteen entries while

Westsider Gisela Danielson's "Brighten My Day," a gorgeous orange Gerber daisy in beautiful light and focus, placed second.

Jim Davis, also of Seven Lakes West, received an honorable mention out of thirty-eight entries

in Class B for "Spread Your Wings," a spectacular shot of a swallowtail butterfly on an azalea blossom.

The judge for the competition was Susan Bailey of Raleigh, a member of the Board of Carolinas' Nature Photographers Association and a graphic designer and photographer whose specialty is macro shots of flowers.

Scott Hotaling of NC State will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Sandhills Photography Club on Monday, September 8, at 7:00 pm at Christ

Fellowship Church at the corner of Midland and Pee Dee Roads in Southern Pines.

Hotaling, who grew up in the southern Appalachian Mountains of western North Carolina, is a self-taught nature photographer, specializing in wide-angle, dramatic photogra-

phy of the natural landscape. During his presentation of selected landscapes, he will share practical information and technical details on the making of each photograph.

"A photograph is a way for me to connect someone to the beauty I find," said Hotaling. Examples

of his prize-winning work can be seen at [www.lightofthewild.com](http://www.lightofthewild.com).

All are welcome to attend these informative meetings. For more information about the Sandhills Photography Club and to view prize-winning photos, visit [www.sandhillsphtoclub.org](http://www.sandhillsphtoclub.org)

## Seven Lakes Fall Social

The women of Seven Lakes will sponsor the "Seven Lakes Community Fall Social," on Sunday, October 12 at 4:30 pm at the West Side Park Community Center. This event will combine the former Mixer Party and the Newcomer's Open House.

Tables will be set up for each Seven Lakes club, organization, or activity that has pre-registered to attend. If your club has not been contacted by letter and wishes to be represented, please notify either Maureen Malone at 673-2553 or Nancy Kling at 673-6095.

This event is an opportunity to socialize and at the same

time learn more about activities and volunteer opportunities available in the area. It is open to all Seven Lakers – newcomers, old timers, couples, and singles are all encouraged to attend.

Tickets are \$5 per person and include an array of delicious hors d'oeuvres. This event is a BYOB, but glasses and ice will be provided. Mixer Chair Ginny Long and her committee will be selling tickets at the Women of Seven Lakes general meeting on October 2.

Tickets will also be for sale at each mail house at times to be announced later. Get them early as they will go fast!



**Lakers Jim Davis, Gisela Danielson, and Len Barnard, members of the Sandhills Photography Club, entered prize-winning photos in the August club competition, "Flowers and Insects."**

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**The Outcome:**

The jury that heard the lawsuit felt no pity on the cart driver. The award of \$3.2 million greatly exceeded the driver's homeowners insurance liability of \$300,000.

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# Beacon Ridge wins Biz Guild President's Cup

The fourth annual Seven Lakes Business Guild Tournament was held on Saturday, August 23 at Beacon ridge Golf & Country Club. Fourteen teams vied for the honor of holding the coveted President's Cup for the coming year.

The 2007 champions from Beacon Ridge; Dean Allgeyer, Josh Dahnke, and Dick Skobo successfully defended their title and will retain the President's Cup for another year.

The host team recorded an early score of fifty-six that stood up as one team and then another fell short of matching their impressive round.

Two teams posted scores of fifty-eight and tied for second place. The team of Ryan Fox, Jeff Dotson, and Bobby Bounds representing Carolina Brokerage was later joined by the Gorenflo Law Firm team of Mike Gorenflo, Michael Dann, and John Williams.

The team from Seven Lakes Country Club, made up of Mike Spayd, Gene Roberts, and Scott Letsinger posted a score of sixty-one to claim fourth place while the team of Tyler Horney, Alan

Mimms, and Andrew Weiss from Lee-Moore Insurance was close behind with their sixty-three.

Teams representing Phoenix Fashions, Big Sky Construction, Harris Printing, First Bank, Jubilee Screen Printing, Swiss Tech Awnings, and Abbott Insurance also enjoyed the day and the competition.

In conjunction with the tournament the Business Guild was conducting a raffle for a Bushnell Tour V2 laser rangefinder. The drawing was held at the conclusion of the awards presentation. The lucky winner was Cody Roberts.

Proceeds of the raffle and the event itself go toward the Guild's efforts to improve the roadways in the Business Village.

If you were not able to participate in this year's event, please consider putting the tournament on your calendar for next year when it will move back to Seven Lakes Country Club where the rest of the field will be determined to prevent the defending champions from dominating for a third year in a row.

## Little guy; big, big bass



Nick Randolph & his lunker largemouth

Six-year-old Nick Randolph of Carlsbad, California, recently made a trip to Seven Lakes to celebrate the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of his great uncle and aunt, Ron and Dita McGaughey.

He told everyone before he left that he was going to his Uncle Ron and Aunt Dita's house to catch a big fish.

Well, that's exactly what he did! With his cousin Brad's help with the landing net, Nick caught a seven-pound bass.

This was Nick's first trip to Seven Lakes and his first time fishing. Some guys fish all their life and never catch a bass that large. Nick asked his dad to release the fish and he would return next year to catch him again.

Great-Uncle Ron and Great-Aunt Dita look forward to Nick's next visit.

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# Sandhills Sting win Middle Creek Challenge

The Sandhills Sting won the Middle Creek Challenge championship, held in Cary.

The Sting is an eleven and under [11U] travel baseball team from West End.

They did not lose a game all season and came home with first place.

Pictured at right are players Jay Thomas, Carson Maples, Z. Martinez, Kyle Corbett, Z. Dinkins, Jack Carpenter, Clay Richardson, Z. Atkins, Stephan Stephens, and Ayinde McKnight with coaches Tim Carpenter, Tim Maples, Danny Thomas, Steve Dinkins, and Jan Richardson.



## Senior Center Fall programs

The Moore County Senior Enrichment Center, located two miles north of the Pinehurst traffic circle on Hwy 15/501, will be offering the following programs this month:

Moore County Long Term Care Symposium on Tuesday, September 9, 8:30 am - 12 noon. The Community Advisory Committee and the Department of Aging are co-sponsoring "The Road to Culture Change." Registration is requested, call 215-0900.

Behind the Scenes of the Big Election on Thursday, September 11, 7 pm - 8 pm, also on Wednesday, September 17, 2 pm - 3 pm. Glenda Clendenin, Moore County Elections Director, will take you "inside" the maze and explain the process, offering details of how an election is run. Come and be amazed by the facts and figures!



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## Editorial

# Hearing the public

Sometimes it's easier to run a county, with a \$50 million annual budget, or a town, with a \$5 million annual budget, than to run a landowners association, with a \$1 million budget.

Why? Because, in North Carolina, local governments — counties and towns — derive all their power from state government, and the General Assembly tells local leaders what they can and can't do and how to do it.

So, when it comes time to approve some new animal control ordinance, borrow money to build schools, or discuss the county manager's performance, the Moore County Board of Commissioners almost never has to ask itself whether to hold a public hearing, call for a vote of the citizens, or discuss the matter in closed session. All of that is laid out in great detail in the North Carolina General Statutes.

Landowners association boards, on the other hand, have no such detailed, handy guide to the decision-making process. Most have only a poorly-written set of covenants and bylaws that the original developer cribbed from some other community at a time when he was more interested in selling lots than creating an effective government. Lucky communities have had at least the bylaws updated later on by conscientious members of the community. Neighborhoods that are luckier still operate under the provisions of the NC Planned Community Act, which provides additional guidelines.

But even that guidance is paltry indeed compared to the guidance the state offers counties and towns. So landowners association boards often make up the decision-making process on the fly. And the script they invent often varies markedly from one decision to another.

Two recent decisions by the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board offer a good example: the decision on how to repair the Lake Auman Dam and the decision to hire Community Association Services, Inc. to manage the community.

Before we say more about those decisions, it's worth mentioning that the Westside has an outstanding bylaw on the books that ensures thorough public airing of changes to the bylaws or rules and regulations. Amendments to those documents must be approved by the Board in a work session, published thirty days prior to a regular end-of-month SLWLA meeting for public comment, and given final approval by a vote of the Board in a subsequent work session.

If followed to the letter, that bylaw means Westside landowners have at least a month-and-a-half to comment on proposed changes to the bylaws and rules. It's a good rule — one that the Seven Lakes Landowners Association would do well to copy.

However, it's a rule that applies only to changes to the rules and the bylaws. It doesn't come into play when other big, important decisions are made. . .

. . . which brings us back to the dam and the hiring of a management company.

Those were big, important, and, in some quarters, controversial, decisions. They were bigger, more important, and, probably, more controversial than pretty much any recent decision that comes to mind. Yet they didn't get the sort of formal public airing that precedes a simple rules change.

They were reported, of course, to the degree information was available, as the Board moved toward a decision, in *The Times*, in the SLWLA newsletter, and in general meeting reports. And Board members no doubt got plenty of feedback from those who were paying attention.

But the full parameters of the dam remediation and of the deal with CAS, Inc. were made available to landowners only at the work session in which the Board made its decision on both issues. There was no initial approval, followed by a public comment period, followed by a final decision, as would have been done with an amendment to the bylaws or rules and regulations. There was no public hearing.

That's too bad. In our experience watching community leaders make decisions (and we have done a good bit of that) there's nothing that quite so thoroughly clears the air and gives constituents the comfortable feeling that their elected representatives are listening to them as a good, old-fashioned, well-run public hearing.

When weighty matters are to be decided, people need the opportunity to hear in some detail the rationale for the decision and to weigh in with their questions, concerns, and opinions. And they need the opportunity to do this before the decision is made.

That does not mean, we hasten to add, that weighty matters need to be decided by public referendum. The elected Board, not the average landowner, has been charged with the responsibility to study carefully and make key decisions. Nor are straw polls or surveys very often an effective way of gathering informed input from the community.

What does work is for elected representatives to present the relevant information, in sufficient detail; allow the public time to study and reflect on it; hold an orderly public hearing (not a public debate) to gather input; and then, and only then, make their decision.

Public hearings are a useful — even essential — tool of effective governance. Both landowners associations in Seven Lakes would do well to learn to use them.

## Hear a faint jingling?

It can't really be September already, can it?

How can my days just creep along while months fly by. I mean, it was only last week that I finally had my Easter photographs developed and now I'm looking at Halloween costumes!

at least someone reminding me that "this may be another historic hurricane season," and if that fails, I'll listen for the daily countdown to the election.

But this constant assault of hurry up and wait makes me feel like that elusive white rabbit,

"I'm late, I'm late! For a very important date!" Though I'm going in so many directions at once, I can't figure out



## Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

And I'm guessing I'd better hurry and make a selection because a friend in retail said she's already put up her Christmas displays.

It's September, people: and just a blink into it at that! No wonder my life falls out of balance.

Maybe I'll ditch the twelve-month calendar and just streamline it down to our two main points of temporal reference; Christmas is Coming! and Hurry In for After-Christmas Sales!

You know I'm right. It's only a matter of days before even the friendly neighborhood grocery store starts carrying ornaments and stocking stuffers. Talk about let's do the Time Warp again.

At least we folks in the news business are forced to report on life a day at a time — or in this age of sound bytes, one clip at a time. Each morning, I count on

exactly what it is I'm late for. It doesn't help that I'm one of those people who can't wear a watch.

Well, I guess, technically, I could, it's just within a month or so they all stop working. I know it's not hormone-related, and batteries aren't the problem. I figure it must have something to do with magnetism or my energy flow: call it bad qi.

If the principles of Feng Shui work for a house, I wonder if it can be applied to a person as well? Its goal is to create an environment, a perfect place in time and space. Maybe I just keep standing on the wrong patch of dirt or should try wearing my watch on my right rather than left wrist?

Luckily my bad qi does not extend to my cell phone providing me with at least a vague sense of timeliness. Of course

(See "Laura," p. 27)

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# Proposed covenant change is a bad idea

Dear Editor:

I was very surprised, via an article in the last issue of *The Times*, that the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Long-Range Planning Committee is proposing a covenant change that would allow the Association to convert a residential lot to public use with a two-thirds Board approval. I was even more surprised that the Board would elect to take this step further and ask outside counsel to review the proposal. I can't imagine a single resident [or lot owner] would be in favor of such a change!

Like so many others in this community, we purchased our lot and built our home knowing the exact composition of our area neighborhood. We have sever-

al vacant lots near and around us which we believed would eventually have residential homes on them, built in accordance with the "Restrictive Covenants" established twenty-five years ago. Is there now the possibility that any [or all] of these lots could be converted to a small park, a playground, a mail house, a boat or trailer storage area, another yard waste collection point, a boat launch, or other non-residential use?

What right does the Association have to now "convert" lots that were clearly represented as "exclusively for residential purposes" to ones for public use?

The implications of this proposal are far-reaching – to current owners as well as future

residents. I have to believe that when the board voted to take this to outside counsel they did not envision the huge negative impact the news of this initiative would have on property values. How can market value be maintained when the property in question could well be next door to a public facility, yet to be identified by the LRPC? It is hard to imagine a single prospective buyer of a home [or lot] with nearby vacant lots who, after reading *The Times* article of August 22, would not reconsider his/her position. Why chance it?

I understand that the proposed conversion of a residential lot into a common facility cannot take effect without a two-thirds Board approval. In addition, it

requires a formal notification process – to the owners of all lots within 300 feet – and a public hearing.

I take no comfort in these requirements.

What weight will these voices carry when it is the Board and not the affected homeowners would will have the right to vote for what is built and where? Homeowners numbering in the hundreds have made their feelings on different issues known to both current and past Boards in general sessions, through annual votes and/or by petitions, but to no avail... What will a handful of residents hope to

accomplish? What guarantees do we have that future Boards will adhere to any promises by a sitting Board?

Restrictive Covenants are just that — restrictive. They should only be changed to make them more restrictive and thereby protect the rights of individual homeowners. I urge all residents of SLWLA to write or email their Board members [seven-lakeswest.org and click on Board Roster] and request that they stop this initiative in its tracks. This proposal is clearly a recipe for disaster.

Mercedes Herdrich  
Seven Lakes West

## A common thread

Dear Editor:

A thread runs through the North and South sides of Seven Lakes. This thread has been stretching for over twenty years. This thread is supposed to be the thread that holds everything together, makes recommendations and decisions – both good and bad.

The problem is that over time this thread has stretched, bent, twisted itself into knots, and looped back around itself.

Some of this twisting and turning is the thread's fault, and the

rest of the fault lies with many other threads that have gone beyond what they should have done and added more knots to the original thread.

Seven Lakes North and South stands at a crossroads – Our community is changing, but some things are staying the same.

The solution to the problem is not for the many threads to become stronger and keep tying

the single thread into more knots. This has been tried to many times in the past and it will not work.

To do what is needed the original thread needs to be cut!

The many threads can quit acting like the threads in charge, and a new stronger thread can be woven into the fabric of Seven Lakes to take us into the future.

Michael Florence  
Seven Lakes North

## Laura

(Continued from page 26)

this means rooting through my purse in a very unprofessional manner so I can determine exactly how late I am: which anymore is very late indeed.

So in case you see me running pell-mell down the aisle past the Christmas lights, frozen yogurt, and Halloween candy, know that I too feel your pain.

It can't really be September, can it?!

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the red in Merlot, and the intensity of the expression of love in the portrait of a lady?

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*tionary Form* lists more than twenty-five nouns that characterize the word "beauty," as well as seventy adjectives that describe forms of it.

Beauty is something that can move you, stir you, fill you with

wonder and appreciation.

Is it the cascading water plunging unimpeded down the side of a mountain?

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rainbow?

Or, finally, the blooming of that rose bud in your yard?

Or the beautiful thought that was behind your friend's phone call when you were ill?

Yes, we should be thankful for all the forms of beauty that exist, helping to at least soften some of the vicissitudes that may come our way.



## Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

# Sorry for the confusion

Dear Editor:

Seven Lakes Health And Fitness Center wants all the parents and swimmers who recently signed up for the Sandhills Sandsharks Swim Program to know that, at the time Seven Lakes Landowners Recreation held sign-ups, we had not reached agreement on the times that our pool could be made available for use by the Sandsharks.

Two of the time blocks requested by the Sandsharks would have required moving or can-

celing an existing program — something we made clear from the beginning was not possible.

Although we were not responsible for announcing the program prematurely, we are sorry for any confusion or inconven-

ience that announcement may have caused.

We had high hopes for a swim program, and we plan to revisit this idea in the near future.

Wayne & Marjorie Nurnberg  
Seven Lakes Health & Fitness Center

## Seven Lakes Forum: CO<sub>2</sub>

The Forum begins the new season on Wednesday, September 17, at 4:30 pm, on the upper level of the West Side Park Community Center, with Dewitt Petterson, a Seven Lakes resident and frequent attendee at the sessions.

He will present the topic entitled "Carbon Dioxide is Good for the Planet...Mankind is not the Cause."

Petterson's position does not agree with those factors which, according to Al Gore, are causing global warming. Be prepared for a lively discussion on this controversial issue which has implications for all human beings.

All women and men from Seven Lakes, and their guests, are invited to attend.

For further information, please contact Don Welch at 673-6701 or Bill Mamel at 673-8970.

The next Forum is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, at 4:30 pm, with the topic "The Predicament of Mankind."

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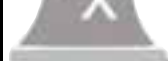
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# 'A-Fib' surgery helps decrease stroke risk

Nearly eleven percent of middle-aged people in the U.S. suffered a stroke without knowing it and atrial fibrillation more than doubled the risk for these so-called "silent strokes," according to a study published recently in the journal *Stroke*.

Nationwide, an estimated fifteen to twenty percent of all strokes – with and without symptoms – are associated with atrial fibrillation, the most common form of irregular heartbeat. Bruce Solomon, D.O., of Pinehurst Neurology thinks that is pretty accurate because fifteen to twenty percent of his stroke patients have a history of atrial fibrillation.

Atrial fibrillation [a-fib] is the rapid, irregular contracting of the atria, the upper chambers of the heart. This chaotic quivering prevents the lower chambers, the ventricles, from filling completely with blood. Blood stagnates in the atria, sometimes resulting in clots that can cause stroke.

"If a clot is in the left atrium and it breaks off, it can go to the brain, and that is what causes a stroke," said Andy Kiser, M.D., a cardiothoracic surgeon at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

While a-fib is not a direct cause of strokes, it can be a major contributing factor. Depending on their age, a-fib patients are two to seven times more likely to have a stroke than are people with regular heartbeats.

"If no one had atrial fibrillation, there would be significantly fewer people with strokes," Solomon said.

According to Dr. Solomon, most people who are diagnosed with a-fib are given blood-thinning medications, such as Coumadin, to reduce the risk of stroke and other serious problems that can result from clotting. But blood thinners are not safe for people who have certain medical conditions or who are about to have surgery. And most people would rather not have to be on blood thinners for the rest of their lives because of side effects that can include too-low blood pressure or unusual bleeding or bruising.

Physicians have several options for either curing a-fib or keeping it reasonably well controlled. They can prescribe med-

ications to slow the rapid heart rate associated with a-fib, and they sometimes use electric shock to try to jolt the heart back into normal rhythm.

Various methods have been developed to block the stray electrical impulses that cause the heart to beat erratically and to guide this electricity back onto the correct pathways through the heart. Maze-like patterns of scar tissue, which is a barrier to

electrical conduction, are created by cutting or cauterizing the heart muscle.

The newest version of the maze procedure, which Dr. Kiser developed in collaboration with other surgeons, is called the Ex-Maze. It creates a more extensive pattern of scar tissue and controls the heart's electrical impulses more effectively.

The Ex-Maze is still so new that Moore Regional is one of only a

few places in the country where it is being performed. Because of that, cardiologists in other states are sending some of their patients to Moore Regional, where Kiser and his colleagues have created the FirstHealth Arrhythmia Center.

The Arrhythmia Center's nurse coordinator handles much of that, working with cardiologists to get their patients prepared for the operation and then fol-

lowing up to make sure that the outcomes are as expected.

The Ex-Maze can be done at the same time as another type of heart procedure, such as open-heart surgery, or as a minimally invasive procedure.

For more information on the FirstHealth Arrhythmia Center or the Ex-Maze procedure for atrial fibrillation, visit [www.firsthealth.org](http://www.firsthealth.org).

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# Kennel Club All Breed show is coming up

It's September and time for the Moore County Kennel Clubs Annual All-Breed Dog Shows, Obedience & Rally Trials. Sponsored by the Village of Pinehurst Parks and Recreation, show dogs from all over the nation, their handlers, owners, and esteemed AKC judges will gather at the Pinehurst Harness Track and Polo Field for this annual prestigious two-day dog show on Saturday and Sunday, September 13 – 14.

The gates open at 8:00 am and Best in Show is generally around 4:00 pm. There is no admission charge, and a \$5.00 parking fee gets you into the show grounds for all the action.

Show Chairman Jane Forsyth said the Kennel Club is looking forward to at least a large contingent of the 130 different breeds to show in the two days. With Best of Show and Highest In Trial being awarded each day this promises to be an interesting event.

Competition will begin among the seven different Breed Groups [Sporting, Toy, Working, Herding, Non-Sporting, Terrier, and Hound]. The winner of each of group goes on to compete for Best In Show and one dog is awarded the coveted Blue Ribbon.

Obedience Chair Donald Roback will begin the Obedience Competition and ever-popular Rally Trials early. These activities give a dog and his handler [most often his owner] the chance to show their worth and abilities. The award for near perfect performances in Obedience is High in Trial or High Combined and First in Rally Trials.

On Saturday, at noon in the center ring there will be a special demonstration. The Camp Lejeune Canine Section Military Working Dogs and their hard working diligent young Marine handlers will be on hand to show the job of MWD. The Marines work with their canines in every theatre of action throughout the world and it is a great privilege to have them here in Pine-

hurst. The coordinator of this event, Maryann Phillips, urges everyone to support our brave young military men and women and their remarkable canines by coming out to see them on Saturday.

There are bleachers at some of the rings, but it is suggested that you bring your own lawn chair for your comfort. There will be booths selling pet supplies, dog and human goodies, and a variety of other interesting booths plus several food spots for the humans.

The Moore County Citizens' Pet Responsibility Committee will be on the grounds each day in support of Responsible Pet Ownership Day. There will also be someone on hand to conduct tours throughout the show explaining the ins and outs of the dog show world.

Moore County Kennel Club is sponsoring a Microchip Clinic at the greatly reduced rate of \$20.00. They encourage all to get their pet's micro chipped. It is

another way that the club urges the public to support responsible pet ownership.

The clinic will be held at Barn 10 located right off the actual show grounds. Microchips provide pet owners with a more permanent way to I.D. their pets. If you would like your pets [dogs and cats] identified, bring them to the clinic and have them micro chipped in a minute. The Clinic is open both days, 11:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Another responsible act is getting pets their Rabies shots, and Moore County Animal Control Center will be offering a Rabies Clinic for the fee of \$5.00. They will be on site on Saturday only from 10:00 am to 1:00pm.

For questions regarding either Clinic call Nona Burrell 295-3909.

For more detailed information on the shows, please call Show Chair, Jane Forsyth at 295-2515 or Asst. Chair Janet Dalton at 692-9341.

## Westside Board Candidates wanted

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Please contact one of the following people to submit your name or the name of someone

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# Military working dogs will strut their stuff

Moore County Kennel Club is proudly hosting the Marines and their amazing canines of the Camp Lejeune Canine Section Military Working Dogs on Saturday, September 13 at 12:00 noon in the center ring of the show, where they will stage a special demonstration.

This presentation will be held during the annual All Breed and Obedience Shows held at the Harness Track /Polo Field in Pinehurst. The Marines and their charges will present a simulated bomb and drug sniffing demonstration showing just what their dogs are trained to do. They will be on hand to talk to the spectators and the club hopes the general public will take advantage of their visit. These troops do not often have the chance to interface with the public and this is a unique opportunity to do just that.

Board member Bob Forsyth was once a dog handler in the Marines during World War II and both Forsyth and the Marines have a special relationship. As a result of these visits the club has gotten to know more about these hard working young Marines and their talented working dogs. For several years the club has been donating items, to enhance the lives of the working dogs, to both Camp Lejeune and Fort Bragg MWD sections. This year they are honored to have the Camp Lejeune contingent visit the show, explained Maryann Phillips, club MWD representative.

The work of these teams of young men and women and their charges are basically under the radar as far as the generally public is concerned. The MWD and handlers are commonly known throughout the

military community for definitely enhancing the ability of the Marines to perform their duties in the hostile world that they encounter daily. The teams who will be demonstrating on Saturday are all veterans of the Middle East Theater of Operations, serving faithfully at home and abroad.

"It is hoped that we will get a big turnout to watch these amazing duos and more importantly to show our support for these hard working military men and women," said Phillips.

For more information about this special event, contact Maryann Phillips at 295-5018.



One of last year's Best in Show winners — Ch. Brighton Minimoto, with Show Chair Jane Forsyth, Agent Christian Manelopoulos and Judge Helen Lee James.

## Extension office offers tour of area kitchens

The Moore County Extension and Community Association, Inc. will sponsor the 15th annual Kitchens...and Moore tour on Thursday, September 11, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

There will be six private homes on the tour. Although kitchens will be featured most of the rooms in each house will be shown.

Area chefs will prepare and serve favorite recipes at each home. The proceeds will go to youth groups such as Moore County 4-H Clubs, and Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc.

Tickets will be available at the Village Chapel Hall in Pinehurst, and at each house the day of the tour for \$20. Advance tickets for \$15 will be available at Phoenix Fashions in Seven Lakes; Faded Rose, 90 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst; Daphne's Hallmark, Pinecrest Plaza, Southern Pines; Gap Creek Candle Company, 116 NW Broad St. Southern Pines; or at the Cooperative Extension Office, 707 Pinehurst Ave., Box 1149, Carthage, NC 28327.

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# Singer-Songwriter duo at Coffee Scene Thursday

The small coal camp of Jewell Ridge in Southwest Virginia, and the mining families that call it home, are the heart of "Jewell Ridge Coal," the new release from Nashville-based singer-songwriters Jeni & Billy.

The spare yet tight acoustic arrangements are the CD's muscle and bone. And its soul is the new, yet ancient melodies and harmonies Jeni & Billy bring to the task of creating what they call "New Old Music."

Jeni & Billy will perform songs from "Jewell Ridge Coal" at the Coffee Scene and Bookshop by the Lakes in Seven Lakes Business Village on Thursday, September 11, at 7:00 pm. The concert is free to the public; everyone is welcome.

"Their music is like a great undiscovered Carter Family CD that was buried in a vault for 70 years — without the crackling and tape hiss," says Nashville-based songwriter Jim Reilley.

Grammy-winner Jim Lauderdale calls Jeni & Billy "the acoustic Buddy and Julie Miller."

The duo's original songs weave together threads from traditional country, Appalachian, old-time, blues, bluegrass, and folk music, creating a unique sound that is truly their own.

The new CD, "Jewell Ridge Coal," chronicles the changing fortunes of mining and miners in Southwest Virginia. Though the subject is regional, the songs present universal themes — earth and heaven, rich and poor, love and loss, work and rest."

Born in the coalfields of Southwest Virginia, Jeni Hankins comes by her mournful, lonesome voice honestly. Her singing has been compared to that of Sara Carter and Hazel Dickens.

A born storyteller, she has been a writer almost since she could put pen to paper, a vocation inherited from her journalist father and grandfather.

Billy Kemp and his guitar have been everywhere from the beer-halls of Germany to the stage of the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. A Baltimore native, he was introduced to the world of country music through the fateful movie house experience of seeing the movie "Bonnie & Clyde." He loved the music of Flatt and Scruggs so much he went back just to listen fourteen times.

He has shared stages on the bluegrass circuit with Jim and

Jesse and Jimmy Martin and performed solo at nationally known venues such as the Fox Theatre in Atlanta, the Lonestar Cafe in New York, the Kennedy Center and the Birchmere, opening for Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard, Kathy Mattea, and Joe Ely.

Together, Jeni & Billy will draw you into captivating narratives of heartache and hard living, of true life blues and unexpected grace. More information is available at [jeniandbilly.com](http://jeniandbilly.com); "Jewell Ridge Coal" is available for purchase at Bookshop by the Lakes in Seven Lakes Business Village or on the web at CDBaby.com and Amazon.com.

## Kaemba

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Working frequently from home, Kaemba said her house like most Javanese homes is small and made of concrete with high ceilings and openings in the wall for ventilation. Communities are gated, security guards are always around, and that neighbors watch each others houses closely.

"Everyone lives this way. It's safety: safety in numbers."

Kaemba also explained it is normal in Indonesia to drop by unannounced on friends but that guests never arrive empty-handed.

"Friends and neighbors were at our house all day for weeks after Clara was born!" laughed Kaemba.

As the only Caucasian in her neighborhood, she said she is used to standing out.

"Indonesians respect Western people because for the most part they come in and help. They are here doing good stuff," said Kaemba.

The Islamic call to prayer occurs faithfully five times a day but she said otherwise religious practice is relatively relaxed. Out of respect, most women wear long sleeves and lightweight shirts that fall below the hips. If they choose to cover their hair it's with a scarf.

"In Indonesia there is extreme poverty and extreme wealth and no sharing," said Kaemba. "Our goal is to develop leaders, not just Christian by name but by value, with the words of Christ. It's easy to say love your enemies, turn the other cheek, and give to the poor but it's hard to do."

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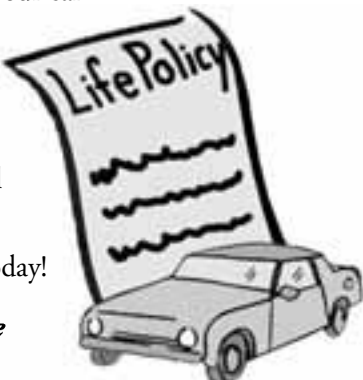


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# SLLA Meeting

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"Several issues have come up and options and this is something we don't want to jump into until it's been discussed in full," said Kindsvatter.

In fact, three items listed for action on the agenda were shelved for further discussion prior to the meeting, a decision that annoyed Northsider Ron Erskine.

"You send out an agenda on Monday morning that shows action items and I've heard some items will be deferred. If you are not taking an action on an item then you should state that on the agenda, put it down as discussion. And if you are taking a vote on By-laws the landowners should be privy to language of the change so they can make some intelligent comment to it."

Agreeing with Erskine's position, President Randy Zielsdorf said voting on any items of importance or By-laws would be posted on the website and that he would look into the feasibility of including more information on the agenda as well.

## Northside Park

Fireworks continued during the Public Comment period as Southsider Tammi Smith took the board to task over the recent decision to purchase a new patrol boat for security.

"You're embarrassed about the appearance of a boat? How many people see the boat? What about asking how the park looks? Everyone who ever comes in the community sees our playground – and look at it! One cruddy slide, an old piece from the 70's that kids get splinters on, a merry-go-round they love but probably has lead-paint, and some swings."

"This park is what is embarrassing!" she thundered.

Smith said she has contributed many hours fundraising and as a volunteer and was upset to hear that money brought in through Summer Day Camp and the swim team were being used for pool maintenance rather than to promote and improve recreation areas.

"The pool is there for the whole community not just the kids. It's not fair to charge all the maintenance against Summer camp money," said Smith.

"My kids are very active and

I'm right there with them and I am tired of the fact that nobody is admitting we have kids here. You need to start putting money back into the park," said Smith. "The park is a big impression when people come here. I want to see some equipment that is safe to play on – I want to see it properly maintained and I want it kept neat."

## Finance

A new two-page summary report will be provided at Open Meetings beginning in September, reported Treasurer Denny Galford, with a more detailed eight-page report available by request at the SLLA office.

"We could do a fund statement but the Board is not ready to do that," explained Galford.

He said the Finance Committee has completed a communi-

ty comparison of costs and were formalizing several policies suggested by the previous treasurer.

"What the committee needs is a capital budget for long range goals. They've never been prioritized and we've got all kinds of items – we must prioritize."

Responding publicly once again to *The Times* editorial on SLLA finances, Galford said, "To answer the question posed by *The Times*, 'We do.'"

"What we provide is information at the Open Meeting which is available to all members. We have tried to be forthright but with a lawsuit and allegations of criminal misconduct – we've been cautious," said Galford. "If a member ever has questions, please feel free to ask me. We are not trying to hide anything."

Galford's remarks were met

with applause.

## Community Standards

The Board designated Saturday, November 8 as Seven Lakes Community Clean-Up Day.

Director Don Welch described the project as "a concerted effort," aimed at firing up community spirit and pride. Coordinated by Sue Zeller, volunteers and truck owners will be needed to help collect curbside yard debris.

Welch said that he had streamlined the community inspection process and that community standard violations would be reported and notification sent promptly.

"Response was very good to recent letters and corrections were made," said Welch.

## Security

Director Gary Caulk reported the North and South gates have seen major renovations including new flooring and painting projects complete.

He offered a special thanks to resident Andy Lowe, a retired engineer, for repairing the bar-code gate system.

"I contacted seven companies and Andy is the only person who was able to fix it."

Fulcher reported that Lowe's work saved the Association thousands of dollars.

## Maintenance

"I've found out we have maintenance workers doing contract

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work for residents during their lunch hour – the ends as of today!” exclaimed Director Bud Shaver. “If people want them to do extra work it will be on week-ends or after 4:00 pm.”

The Maintenance Committee now includes two qualified highway civil engineers and Shaver reported he is pleased with progress made cleaning the maintenance areas.

Detailing his priorities, he said dams are number one and they will only be mowed twice a year to encourage root growth and reduce erosion problems. In order, other maintenance priorities are the North and South gates, Sequoia Point and beach areas, the church and entrance gates beautification efforts, the office, mail house, and pool common areas, and finally the main looping roads.

## Architectural review

Director Sally Kindsvatter reported a quiet month for the Architectural Review Board [ARB] with no new houses approved. Permits were approved for several roofs, siding, a fence, an addition, landscaping, and lot clearing.

A request for an extension was denied to a Southside construction project and two letters issuing fines were levied against contractors; one for going over the allotted construction period, the other for clear cutting without a permit.

ARB member Tony Bornhorst resigned because of work conflicts. Mike Cummins, a retired civil engineer and member of the Maintenance Committee was approved unanimously to fill the position.

“Cummins is a wonderful asset to ARB and to the whole board,”

said Kindsvatter. “One of his main activities was working with roads and drainage and he has already been put to good use!”

## Lakes & Dams

Director Don Truesdell reported Hobbs and Upchurch completed surveys required to complete the Emergency Actions Plans [EAC] on Seven Lakes’ high hazard dams.

He reported vandalism had occurred at Sequoia Point with juveniles breaking chains and moving picnic tables onto the dock to use for diving.

Responding to the report, Shaver said community parents need to be more aware of their children’s actions.

“These kids are creating a problem: Sequoia is a problem,” stated Shaver.

The Lakes & Dams Committee also identified seven objective rules they want to see more stringently enforced with warning letters. Fines and/or sanctions will be issued upon second offenses. Truesdell said a committee goal is to submit a long term budget of maintenance repairs for the dams.

## Recreation

Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane said a he compiled a list of all amenities and completed a recreation “Wish List” that will be reviewed by

Caulk, Galford, and Fulcher.

The Fall and Winter Recreation Bulletin is available and also posted on the website. Beane acknowledged the hard work of the Summer staff and said the pool will close for the season on Sunday, September 6.

## Beautification

Kindsvatter said her committee is continuing to research using outside contractors to maintain landscaped beds at Association common areas. She said she hoped to hire an outside contractor in November, to replant shrub beds at Sequoia Point.

Shaver said the Association remains short one fulltime maintenance person and that Summer temporary workers would not be available during the Fall planting season.

## Additional Items

Ninety-two percent of dues have already been collected, reported Community Manager Dalton Fulcher. He said that revenue was running \$10,000 more than last year at this time but that most expenditures were in line.

Still short one member, the Judicial Committee appointment was deferred.

Terry Riddle of the Seven Lakes West CERT [Community Emergency Response Team] will be invited to speak at the

October Open Meeting. The SLW-CERT is interested in incorporating as a non-profit group and is looking for additional volunteers for a N/S Team. Riddle also requested a \$1,000 annual donation from SLLA for equipment.

Southside resident Steve Smith asked the board for their support towards his request to pave his cul-de-sac.

“I’ve been asking for three years and Dalton has not come

through with promises,” said Smith. “We’ve had several incidents with heavy rains damaging our property and have had flat tires.”

Fulcher said Smith had met all the policies and procedures and the request for paving had been approved.

Shaver asked to be “kept in the loop” of communication between Fulcher and Smith until the project was complete.

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# Westside Meeting

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change to the way this association has been operating," Haggard noted, "and it is reasonable to expect some disagreement about that decision." In light of that, he offered some personal observations about the benefits that will come from hiring an outside management firm:

- "The Board will no longer, after CAS takes over, be involved in personnel management issues," Haggard said. Problems with employees will be problems for CAS, not the Board.
  - CAS has a staff attorney and CPA that the on-site manager will be able to call on for legal and financial questions, he said. Though that won't satisfy all the Association's needs for legal counsel, it will be of help to both management and the Board.
  - CAS will offer additional assistance in the contract bid and review process, Haggard said. He noted that Ray MacKay, who has extensive career experience in that area, will be leaving the Board. "I'm not sure where we find another Ray MacKay," Haggard said. "The next person may need some help."
  - Noting that the Association sometimes has a need for temporary staffing — for example, during the annual registration process — Haggard said CAS should be able to provide "qualified temporary assistance when we need it for a surge."
  - CAS will also offer "improved handling of Association funds," Haggard said. A lockbox arrangement will send landowner payments directly to a bank and speed up deposits. "I hope eventually you wouldn't have to come here [the Community Center] for registration," he added.
- The "common thread" in all those points, Haggard said is "taking activities away from Board members and putting them on the management company. I spend too much time on Association business now, and it is only going to get worse as the community gets bigger. My view is that this Board is too heavily involved in operational aspects of the association. We are the

implementers of policy."

Clearing up a misconception about CAS's fee, Haggard said he had seen a letter or email suggesting that the approximately \$200,000-plus value of the CAS contract reflected only a fee for services. In fact, the \$200,000-plus figure includes the management fee plus the salaries and benefits of all on-site employees, as well as employees at CAS headquarters in Pinehurst that can be utilized by the Association as needed.

"Had we gone out and hired an independent community manager," Haggard added, "the cost would have been in the same neighborhood. These costs are going to be roughly the same." During the public comment portion of the meeting Gus Danielson said he had heard from a close family friend who serves on the Board in another community managed by CAS that the company has done an excellent job serving that association. "The Board ought to be patted on the back for doing a great job selecting CAS," he added.

## Traffic enforcement

Manager Tony Robertson began his remarks by thanking those community members who had sent cards and flowers in sympathy for the recent death of his mother.

Robertson said a recent increase in speed limit enforcement by Moore County Sheriff's Deputies within the Westside gates had prompted a number of calls from landowners asking whether the officers had the authority to enforce traffic regulations on the Westside's private roads. He assured those in attendance at the Tuesday night meeting that, in fact, the North Carolina General Assembly had passed a bill in 2001, at the SLWLA's request, giving any state or county law enforcement officer the authority to enforce traffic laws on Westside streets.

Robertson read the text of Session Law 2001-132, which makes Chapter 20, Motor Vehicle Laws, of the North Carolina General Statutes applicable on the streets of Seven Lakes West.

The SLWLA Board voted last month to hire off-duty Sheriff's deputies for roughly six hours per week of traffic enforcement duties.

"Any law enforcement officer in their jurisdiction and any state law enforcement officer has authority to come into Seven Lakes West and do what they have to do on the streets of this community," Robertson said. "They will be doing it more and more and more . . . Radar is in use and will be in use more and more as each day passes."

## Terrill Suit

Legal Director Ed Silberhorn said the trial date on the Terrill lawsuit, which seeks damages from the Association because of the alleged runoff of silt into a Lake Auman cove, has been pushed back from September 15 to March 30, 2009. The suit was recently refiled by the Terrill's prompting the Association to

add additional third-party plaintiffs to a suit that aims at spreading the liability, if any is found.

The delay in the trial date is aimed at providing more time

for the new defendants to prepare their cases, Silberhorn said. The delay also gives the Association more time to prepare its

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case and increases the cost of the pursuing the suit for the plaintiffs. "The burn rate is pretty high on this case," Silberhorn noted referring to the plaintiffs' costs. The Association's legal fees are being covered by its insurance company.

## Covenant change

John Hoffman objected, during the public comment segment of the meeting, to a proposed covenant change that would allow the Association Board of Directors to convert an Association-owned lot from residential to public use. The change, proposed by the Long Range Planning Committee, got

a mixed review from directors during the Board's August Work Session, but they agreed to permit further legal review of the proposal. It would have to be approved by two-thirds of the membership in an election next May before taking effect.

"I want to make sure that this would get an open hearing in the broadest possible measures that we could use," Hoffman said during the public comment segment of the Association's August 26 meeting. "Certainly before we would go to the trouble to hold an election to change covenants that the board would be convinced that the measure would pass. I wouldn't want you to go to trouble of an election unless

you were reasonably sure it would pass."

"Imagine you own a lot, and that lot is going to go from an unoccupied, unbuildable position and be cleared for a park," Hoffman said. "I love kids, and I like going to the park. I bought a lot that wasn't close to those other things. I had a set of covenants that run with the land that say it would only be used for residential purposes. That's what I bought into."

"I would hope that no lot would ever change its character and change what I bought into," he added.

"If this covenant change goes through the Board and is approved," President Haggard

assured Hoffman, it wouldn't happen prior to the annual mailing in May. I can assure you it will be beat to death between then and now . . . there will be plenty of opportunities for public comment.

**Recreation.** Recreation Director Karen Milligan reviewed a number of upcoming recreation events, including yoga and tai chi classes set to begin in early September, Margaritaville at Johnson Point on September 12, free shag lessons, Cooking with Carmella, and the Seven Lakes Forum. Details are available on the SLWLA website.

**Dam remediation.** Environment Director Mary Anne Fewkes reported that the Dam Commit-

tee is still awaiting state approval of the remediation plan for the Lake Auman dam. In the meantime, they and engineer Dan Marks have begun to share some details of the plan with companies that might want to bid on the project, in hopes this will speed up the bid solicitation process once state approval is obtained. Fewkes said mowing and other cleanup of the dam will begin in a week or two to get ready for the remediation.

**Architectural review.** Director Ron Shepard said the revised Architectural Standards are available in the Community Center and on the SLWLA Website for review and comment by landown-

(See "Westside," p. 37)

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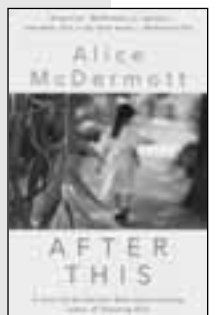
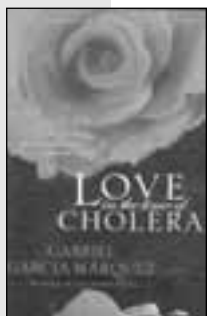
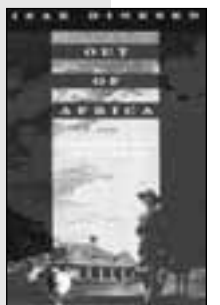
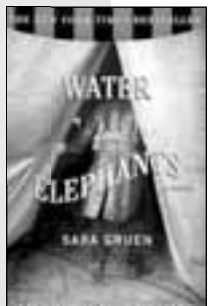
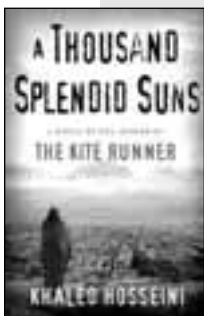
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dations. The group then hosted a final public meeting to gather input on the plan, after that forwarding it to the Planning Board. The Planning Board unanimously approved the new draft in July, Raczkowski said, setting it up for reconsideration by the Commissioners.

In addition to the revised Area A plan, the Planning Director provided Commissioners with a report that summarized answers to each of the questions and concerns they had expressed about the first draft back in March and April. He suggested that discussion during the September 18 Work Session would focus on these areas of concern.

The original plan offered an appendix that prioritized recommendations, Raczkowski said. But that prioritization is more appropriately done as the planning department plans its budget each year, he said. Instead, the specific recommendations have been placed in a matrix that shows which are Area A specific and which have countywide implications and also lists the county departments that would need to be involved in implementing each recommendation.

The Commissioners voted unanimously to take up the draft plan during the September 18 Work Session.

Feral cats and trapping

During the public comment period in the September 2 meeting the Commissioners heard from Lincoln Sadler, who object-

ed to provisions of a proposed new Animal Control Ordinance that will allow groups to trap feral cats, neuter them, and return them to the feral cat colony from which they were taken. The strategy is often called "TNR," for "trap, neuter, and return."

Sadler said cats are not a natural part of the Sandhills ecosystem and that TNR amounted to "trap, neuter, and re-abandon." He also objected to related restrictions on trapping in the ordi-

nance, which he said eroded his rights as a landowner and sportsman.

Sadler's comments foreshadowed what is shaping up to be a significant battle between those in favor of the TNR technique and those who believe feral cats should be trapped and euthanized.

Later in the meeting the commissioners voted to hold a public hearing on the proposed animal control ordinance during

their October 6 regular meeting.

Other Business

In other business during their unusually brief September 2 meeting, the Commissioners:

- Reappointed John C. Owen to the Board of the Moore County Airport Authority.
- Approved the county's Work First welfare administration plan for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.
- Called a Public Hearing for

September 19 on revision to the county's Scattered Site Housing Program.

- Proclaimed September 2008 as Citizens Voter Registration Awareness Month in Moore County.
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Westside

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ers. The Board is expected to vote on this final draft during its September 9 Work Session. The document will then be forwarded to the developer for comment.

Fire hydrants. The Ad Hoc Fire Hydrant Committee presented a map of Westside fire hydrant locations during the meeting. The map allows residents to check the distance from their home to the nearest hydrant, and is available for viewing in the Activity Room of the Community Center.

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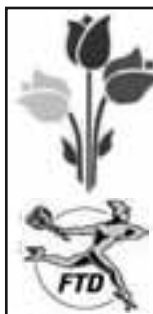
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