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Foxfire honors longtime Village Clerk Janice Thomas

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Retiring after twenty-two years of dedicated service to the Village of Foxfire, Village Clerk Janice Thomas said she has loved every minute of it.

"I have put my heart and soul into this place," she said.

Born just a few miles south of the Village, Thomas said she came to the position at a career crossroads — trying to decide whether to go to work or go back to school. Foxfire gave her the opportunity to do both, she explained.

On Sunday, December 14, the Village Council and resi-

dents of Foxfire demonstrated just how much she has been appreciated by hosting a gala reception at Foxfire Country Club.

Mayor George Erickson proclaimed the date as Janice Thomas Day in Foxfire.

"We're better today because of you," he said. "You have helped the Village become one of North Carolina's finest small towns."

Thomas said she was overwhelmed by the reception. In addition to many residents, friends, and family, the event was well-attended by Town Clerks Nancy Mathews of Aberdeen, Geneva Wilson from Whispering Pines, Dee Hammond from Lau-

rinburg, Vicki Wilson from Lillington, Peggy and Tommy Boone from Kinston, Beth and Carlton Hammerich from Mint Hill, and Mary Lou and Rex Todd.

A past president of the North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks, Thomas said she has had the opportunity to meet people from all over the state at conferences and is also grateful for the experience of attending twelve international conferences during her tenure with the Village. She intends to stay active and plans to continue attending both clerk and tax collector state conferences.

(See "Thomas," p. 29)



Retiring Foxfire Village Clerk Janice Thomas & Mayor George Erickson enjoy a laugh during the celebration.

Commissioners will hear NCDOT on crossing project

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

A concerted effort by the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] to put the Seven Lakes-West End railroad crossing project back on track appears to have borne fruit.

North Carolina Department of Transportation [NCDOT] officials have been invited to a Thursday, January 15 Work Session of the Moore County Board of Commissioners to provide a briefing on and answer questions about the railway corridor safety project.

The project would upgrade

the Lakeway Drive crossing at the front entrance to Seven Lakes West, as well as the crossing at NC Highway 73 and NC Highway 211 near West End Fire and Rescue, while closing crossings at Mode Road and Edgewood Terrace.

After learning in early December that the support of the Board of Commissioners was critical to state approval for the crossing project, the SLWLA Board of Directors mailed a letter on December 10 to the Association's entire membership asking them to contact both NCDOT and the five Moore County Com-

missioners to express support for the project.

"You are their constituents and voters/tax payers in Moore County," the letter, signed by President Mary Anne Fewkes, said.

"[NCDOT's] proposal will not be implemented unless the public expresses sufficient support of it to override the concerns expressed to the County Commissioners by those who may be adversely affected. Please help us make our case!"

NCDOT Project Engineer Nancy Horne told *The Times* on

(See "Crossing," p. 28)

Survey seeks member input

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

The New Year will bring a new opportunity for residents and landowners of Seven Lakes North and South to participate in long range community planning. A survey questionnaire, developed by the Board of Directors, will arrive by mail the week of January 5.

Randy Zielsdorf, President of

the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] and chair of the Community Planning Committee, said resident landowners, non-resident lot owners, and renters are all encouraged to participate.

The questionnaires will be sequentially numbered to prevent duplication and results will not constitute a binding vote, but

(See "Survey," p. 29)

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Postal Customers donate 3,000 lbs to Food Pantry

Three area post offices collected more than 3,000 pounds of food for the Food Pantry at West End United Methodist Church in a drive organized by West End Postmaster Harold Jones.

After learning from Dr. Won Namkoong, Pastor at WEUMC, that the pantry was running short of food, Jones enlisted the help of his fellow postmasters, Jayne Cagle in Eagle Springs and

Nancy Boroughs at Jackson Springs. Drop boxes were placed at the post offices and at the mail houses in Seven Lakes, and rural customers were asked to donate through their carriers.

The result was 3,370 pounds of food collected for the pantry. West End customers donated 1,850 pounds; Jackson Springs, 850, and Eagle Springs, 607.

The West End Food Pantry is open every other Wednesday and provides each needy family with a box of assorted foodstuffs — two boxes if it's a big family.

"We're not trying to feed people for two weeks with that," Frank Feggeler, Food Bank coordinator, told *The Times*, "It's just a supplement."

Over the past couple of months, the Food Bank has served nearly 250 families each time it has been open — 269 were served during the Thanksgiving distribution.

The organization was found-

ed in 1992 with the support of the United Methodist Men and the Salvation Army. It is now a major mission of the West End congregation and receives regular support from Roseland United Methodist Church and the Seven Lakes Kiwanis, among others.

The Food Pantry has traditionally purchased much of the food it distributes from the Sandhills Food Bank, which is in turn part of the regional Food Bank of Eastern and Central North Carolina. The cost of food purchased from this source is only eighteen cents per pound, but the Food Banks have increasingly had trouble keeping their warehouses stocked — leaving Feggeler and the other Food Pantry workers scrambling to find food to distribute.

Feggeler is a close reader of grocery store sales circulars and buys in bulk whenever he finds a great deal on staple items.

"The people at [Seven Lakes]"

(See "Pantry," p. 27)



West End Postmaster Harold Jones and Tasha Northcutt inspect some of the 1,850 pounds of food collected during the recent food drive that Jones organized after learning of shortages at the West End United Methodist Church's Food Pantry.

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First it was geese, now beavers, what's next?

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Standing upright but suffering from deep notches in the trunk, Dave Jolliffe's apple tree was clearly under attack — from beavers, he'd soon learn.

"It's been fascinating to learn more about beavers but it made me angry that they took that pretty tree," said Jolliffe.

Gnawing a little bit more each night, it took only days for the furry

critters to fell the twelve-year old tree. Residents of Seven Lakes West since 1995, Dave and his wife Joan said this is their first experience with beavers in Lake Auman.

Primarily nocturnal animals, beavers subsist chiefly on bark, twigs, and the roots of water plants, and are related to the squirrel family. They do not hibernate, instead storing sticks and logs underwater to feed on dur-

ing the winter. Reaching seventy-five to ninety pounds, beavers can be somewhat intimidating because they are generally not afraid of people.

When frightened, they will forcefully slap the water with their broad tail, warning other beavers in the area, before submerging for a lengthy period. Slow on land, beavers are very good swimmers and can stay underwater for up to fifteen minutes.

Both destroyers and creators, beavers are considered a keystone species because they create wetlands that are used by other animals. Besides humans, biologists agree, no other creature does more to shape its landscape.

According to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, the beaver was trapped nearly to extinction in many sections of the United States including North Carolina. In the 1930s and 1940s, several states began restocking programs. Twenty-nine beavers were released in 1939 on what is now known as the Sandhills Game Land.

Jolliffe contacted Weymouth Woods to discuss his felled apple tree and was told that beavers are now over-populated in the Sandhills and are seeking out new habitats. They suggest that lakefront residents protect their ornamentals and fruit trees, located near the water, by girdling the tree with hardware cloth or similar wire mesh extending two to three

feet above the ground or high water level. Black or aluminum roof coating painted on tree trunks may also reduce gnawing damage by beavers.

"I just hope by telling our story we can make other people aware and help save their trees," said Jolliffe.

So far, none of his neighbor's trees have been damaged and the beavers have not returned to harvest his crape myrtles.

"I was told you can't shoot them and even if you did, there would be two more [beavers] right away," joked Jolliffe. "However, we have always enjoyed the wildlife here — seeing the deer, geese, and the ducks. But there's obviously been a lot more going on that we didn't see!"



Eager beaver — Joan & Dave Jolliffe examine the apple tree beavers felled on their Lake Auman lawn.

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Village planning board reviews PUD rules

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Laying groundwork for a review of the Stonehill Pines Master Plan, the Foxfire Planning Board met on Monday, December 15 and reviewed the Foxfire Village Planned Unit Development [PUD] Ordinance. Drafted in 1997, the ordinance was revised last Summer by lawyer Michael Brough, and adopted by the Village Council.

The updated version is shorter, simpler, and more workable than what preceded it. Applicants may submit a request to rezone for a PUD conditional zoning district on tracts at least fifty acres in size. The PUD zoning process is intended to provide the Village an opportunity to approve large-scale, well-planned communities, to be developed under standards that allow design flexibility while still protecting and promoting the health, safety, and welfare of the Village and its extraterritorial planning jurisdiction.

Craig Ramey, chair of the Planning and Zoning Board, said the ordinance is not intended to limit the discretion of the Village Council to deny an application if it determines that the proposed rezoning is not in the public interest. Also, approval of a PUD district merely establishes the zoning for the property. Development of the property may require additional permits such as subdivision approval under the subdivision ordinance.

In addition to any other fees generally required under the ordinance, a PUD district rezoning applicant must reimburse the Village for the full amount of costs incurred by the Village to hire planning, legal, engineering, or other professional consultants to assist the Village in reviewing and evaluating the application.

With regards to Stonehill Pines, Ramey said the developer has been meeting and working with the Village-backed Quality Assurance Team, led by Tom Collins.

Other business

Ramey also reviewed, during the December 15 meeting, additions and revisions recommended for the Zoning Ordinance. Faced with several legal questions, the Board approved meeting with

Brough for a special Work Session in mid-January.

Discussion items will include concerns over density and future growth challenges — particularly when rural lots are brought

within Village corporate limits. Ramey said he wants clarification on setback distances, livestock and farm animal regulations, unpaved rural roads, and whether the existing ten-acre

equine zoning ordinance should be revised.

Brough will also be asked to weigh in on a suggestion to rezone Foxfire's two golf courses and two parks as Recreational Districts to prevent major residential development.

"If approved, a Recreational District does not mean that a property owner could not request

a variance in the future," said Ramey.

However, such districts, according to Ramey, will be useful in preserving valuable community assets.

The Foxfire Planning Board next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, January 21 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

SLLA Board upholds Judicial Committee fines

A Judicial Committee decision to fine a boater and revoke his boating privileges until May 2009 was upheld by the full Board of Directors of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] in a closed meeting held on Thursday, December 18, at 3:00 pm.

SLLA President Randy Zielsdorf provided *The Times* with information about the Board's decision.

The Judicial Committee found the boater guilty of violating three separate rules, including the general speed limit,

the lower speed limit near shore, and operating a boat under the influence of impairing substances.

Zielsdorf said the Board overruled the Judicial Committee on the third item because of a lack of conclusive evidence.

Violations on the other counts were upheld — as was the fine and the suspension of boating privileges.

This was the first time in memory that a decision of the Judicial Committee has been appealed to the full board, Zielsdorf told *The Times*.

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Chemistry from Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, TN and a Ph.D. in Computational Chemistry from The University of Memphis, TN. In addition, Dr. Klinckman has authored dozens of publications in peer-reviewed journals.

Dr. Klinckman will leverage his extensive experience in laboratory operations and automation in assisting ATL's clients with their LIMS implementations. His work as an Implementation Engineer will focus on assisting in the installation and configuration of Sample Mas-

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Thomas Klinckman

end-users in the specification and creation of functional requirements and providing overall implementation support.

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SLLA Board offers new option for online input

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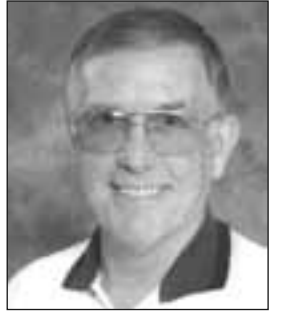
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Blogs offer a world of information online

by Jerry Constantino
Seven Lakes West

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Want to see what I mean? Put the *New York Times* in your computer's address line www.nytimes.com and when it has finished loading on your computer, look down the narrow column on the left until you see the word 'Blogs.' Then click on it and 'voila!' you have a complete list of the *New York Times* blogs. If you want a good laugh blog, go back to that *New York Times* front page and, just below where you clicked on 'blogs,' click on 'Cartoons/Humor' Among other things, you will be able to read all of the late talk show monologs from the night before.

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The easy path to all blogs is through Google. In Google, just type in what you want to read about followed by the word 'blogs.' Humor blogs, medical blogs, army blogs, scrabble blogs, Duke [NC State, Bradley, etc.] blogs, sewing blogs. You get the idea.

Some blogs are just individual personal experiences or thoughts...like reading someone's not so secret diary. There are password protected family blogs where any member anywhere can post [write] thoughts

or comments – a great way for families to stay close, club blogs, business blogs, shopping blogs. There are blogs to suit any interest. Find out yourself if blogs interest you.

If you want to see the best blogs from last year, go to 2007.bloggies.com on your computer. It is always fun to see the winners.

You can visit a blog just like you visit any other site on the inter-

net. If you use the same rules for blogs that you use for any internet place you visit, it is easy and safe. And when you find a blog that is of interest, bookmark it so you can come back again and again.

If you want to become a blogger... maybe to write your story, talk about what you know, set up a family blog, or share experiences, it is easy. Through Google, and other sources, you could

have your own web log in three easy steps and you only need a modest amount of computer savvy and the determination to do it. Happy blogging.

A call to all Seven Lakes bloggers: If you blog, let *The Times* know about it. Send us your blog address and tell us what your blog is about. If there are a

healthy number of Seven Lakes bloggers, we will print a list for all to see and use.

[Editor's Note: Westsider Jerry Constantino submitted this story. His blog, itsnutsoutthere.blogspot.com is filled with humor, his writings, and tidbits of things that interest him and hopefully, you.]

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Please look for this column in future issues. Thank you.

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Lancaster is MCS Volunteer of the Month

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

West End Elementary School volunteer Dora Lancaster was recently honored as Volunteer of the Month by the Moore County Board of Education.

A fifth grade teacher at the school for many years, Lancaster retired two years ago can't seem to stay away. Each Tuesday and Friday she volun-

teers her time.

"I know how to run all the machines," she joked. "Sometimes I work with the children and sometimes I do clerical work. Plus I still have one grandchild at West End, so I support the school from that standpoint as well."

Lancaster and her husband purchased their home in Seven Lakes North in 1978 and used it

as a second home for Summers and holidays while her husband was employed as an airline pilot in Saudi Arabia. After settling permanently in the states in 1996, Lancaster began teaching at West End.

She has three daughters; her eldest resides with her family in Seven Lakes West, and her middle daughter and family also live locally in Southern Pines.

"I'm still working on marrying off my third daughter," teased Lancaster of her youngest who works as the Facilities Manager at Boston College and is completing an MBA program.

Lancaster said she was pleased to be honored for her volunteer work and particularly enjoyed the awards ceremony as she had the privilege of teaching three of the five School Board

member's children.

"I knew the kids...it was nice to get to see the parents."



Dora Lancaster



WEE Amanda Jones shows off a picture that was presented to legendary NC artist Bob Timberlake.

WEE Artists make gift for Timberlake

A Winter picture by Amanda Jones, a student in Ms. Marsh's second grade class at West End Elementary, was presented to North Carolina artist Bob Timberlake by WEE art teacher Jill Hartsell. Fifth grader Sydnie Kavanaugh added sparkling glitter to Amanda's picture.

Amanda Jones is the daughter of Steve and Laurie Thelen of Seven Lakes.

Sydnie Kavanaugh is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Barry Kavanaugh of West End.

Hartsell went to see Timberlake in December at his gallery in Lexington and said he was

touched to receive such a beautiful piece of artwork from a student and sent the school a great Christmas thank you card.

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West End Art teacher wins national contest

by Sandi Burrell
Seven Lakes North

West End Elementary art teacher Jill Hartsell won a national contest for a banner she cre-

ated for the illusionist Criss Angel whose TV show "Mindfreak" can be seen on A & E.

Hartsell's entry was a nine foot high by twelve foot long

fabric banner with images of Criss Angel. Due to the sheer size of the project, Hartsell had to paint it outside.

The project took two weeks to

complete. Though Hartsell is a fan of the "Mindfreak" TV show, she rarely gets to see it because it is on too late at night.

The contest was called the "Believe Banner Contest" and there were twenty-four contest winners across the country. The website, crissangel.com, lists Hartsell as Jill H.

"It was fun to do and I'm shocked I won!" exclaimed Hartsell.

Winning banners will be displayed in the lobby of the Luxor Hotel in Las Vegas and in the show "Believe" featuring Criss Angel and Cirque de Soleil.



Jill Hartsell



Medieval Feast — West End resident Lynette Proulx, far right, teaches history at Sandhills Classical Christian School and capped off fourth graders' study of the Middle Ages with a Medieval Feast where they ate by candlelight and dressed in costume.

Artists wanted!

The Gallery at Seven Lakes will be accepting art pieces, in any medium, on Monday, January 19 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The theme for this Gallery sale is "Abodes." That could include anything from birds in their nests to mice in their holes.

There is no fee to display in the Gallery. The congregation of St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church maintains the Gallery as an outreach opportunity to area artists. The Gallery is located at 1145 Seven Lakes Drive and is open Wednesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm — watch for the open flag.



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West End Elem students win Home Builders poster contest

The Moore County Home Builders Association sponsored a poster contest for the upcoming 2009 Spring Home & Garden Expo. The Expo. will be held at the Pinehurst Fair Barn Feb. 27-March 1, 2009. The theme is "It's Easy to Be Green."

West End Elementary stu-

dents went green with this fun project and students Kayleigh Wachter in Ms. Phillips 3rd grade class and Sean Keyser in Ms. Russell's 1st grade class won the poster contest. Kayleigh's parents are Joe and Lori Wachter of Seven Lakes. Sean Keyser's parents are Alisa and Bruce

Keyser, also of Seven Lakes.

The students' artwork will be featured in print advertising and showcased at the Expo. Each student won \$100 savings bond, a classroom pizza party and their teachers who entered them get a class pack of supplies for their classroom.

AIG teacher Marjorie Clark and art teacher Jill Hartsell both asked their students to participate in the contest.

All students who participated will be on display at the Expo in the Spring. The winning entries will also have their artwork on the front of the Moore Counties Home Builders Association directory.



Sean Keyser



Kayleigh Wachter

Calling all Shaggers!

The Seven Lakes Shag Group will be having shag dance night starting Wednesday, January 14 at 7:00 pm, upstairs at the West Side Park Community Center. Admission is free.

Come on out and review the beginner steps, learn some new steps, maybe a line dance or two, and hopefully just have some fun. Beginners are welcome.

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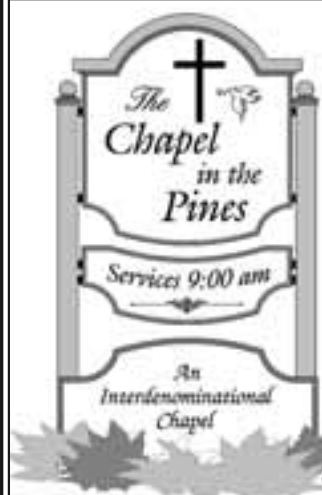
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Some gardening tips for the Holiday Season

Here it is mid-December, just before Christmas and a New Year. The Winter weather has arrived and everything is pretty much on schedule.

There is very little interest in outside gardening, although if you are interested in planting shrubs, trees and some perennials, now is the time to do it. Also if you plan to redo or renovate your garden, till or spade it up when the soil moisture is suitable. From now until Christmas is cleanup time for your landscapes, decorating the place, Christmas shopping, attending holiday parties, church and other activities.

Here are a few gardening suggestions or reminders that might be helpful.

- Oak tree leaves and pine straw needles have remained



Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

on trees longer this year, but beginning to rapidly fall. Many have asked what can be done

about this delayed shedding. One suggestion you might consider, gather them up in a little used area of your property, a place that is screened from view, and build a mulch or compost bed. These leaves if allowed to decay and decompose will form a valuable source of

organic matter fertilizer. To aid in the composting process add small amounts of super phos-

phate, wood ashes, limestone, dehydrated cow manure, coffee grounds, or any other dry organic weed free material. Another suggested method of disposal is to mow-mulch them into the existing lawn.

- The best care for a live cut Christmas tree, keep it fresh and turgid by filling the tree holder with water daily. This will help the tree from drying out. Many prefer an artificial tree, but be sure it is fire resistant and UL approved as a safety measure.

- Lights are popular during the Yuletide Season. Use only small, cool, low voltage bulbs and turn them off when you leave your home.

- Poinsettia are popular Christmas decor. They are grown under controlled greenhouse conditions and must be acclimated to home environment conditions. Poinsettias do well in bright

areas, but not in direct sunlight. Keep them away from drafts and never place them in overheated areas, or on top of a television. Poinsettias will last longer if you keep them in a room of at least 70 degrees or a little below. Do not over water. If the plant is wrapped in foil, remove it, or punch holes in the wrapper. Cover the holes, before watering for proper drainage and aeration. Contrary to popular belief Poinsettias are not poisonous, according to medical toxicologists, although some folks may experience skin irritations from the sap.

- Mistletoe, another decorative holiday plant is poisonous. Children and pets should not be allowed to come in contact with its berries and leaves.

- If eaten some holly and mistletoe berries could be toxic.

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Pinecrest

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such musicals as Disney's Beauty and the Beast, West Side Story, and A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. Faw completed his undergraduate at Appalachian State University, and is currently working on his Master's degree through the UNC Greensboro.

Chef Steven Knopfke will oversee twenty talented students as they prepare and serve dinner for the evening. Knopfke is originally from Long Island, NY. He graduated from NY Institute of Technology with degree in Hotel/Restaurant Management

and earned his Master's in Education from Buffalo State College. After teaching six years in New York, he moved to North Carolina. Knopfke is in his fourth year teaching Foods and Nutrition at Pinecrest.

Pinecrest junior Joey Rasmus will accompany the students on bass guitar, and senior Madison Fry will be the drummer. David Godsey of Extra Mile Audio is the sound designer for the evening. Mary McKeithan and Marci Haberstroh of Showboat Costuming in Southern Pines are designing the costumes. Eve Von Bleyle, Cyrus

Taylor, and Alex Bacon will be working behind the scenes for the evening.

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased from the Arts Council of Moore County at the Campbell House, 482 E Connecticut Ave in Southern Pines.

The Arts Council will be closed for the holidays, and reopen January 2. For questions or further information, contact director Adam Faw at afaw@mcs.k12.nc.us or call at 715-1931.

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Kiwanis ring those bells



by Frank Krohn
Seven Lakes Kiwanis

The Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club is one group, of many, that rang the bells for the Salvation Army during the pre-Christmas season.

The Club rang the bells on two Saturdays in December, and members were greatly impressed by the generosity of people in this day of belt-tightening for everyone.

At right, Jim Kilpatrick, one of Santa's bell-ringing elves in Seven Lakes.

Curry Dip

This dip is very good with vegetables, especially cauliflower.

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1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
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Curry Dip

1 cup mayonnaise [I use light]

Mix all ingredients and chill before serving.



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Gardening

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• Holiday or Christmas Cacti are another flowering plant popular during this time of year. These plants tolerate sun except during the hot Summer sunny weather when they need shade. Water them thoroughly when needed with luke warm water and let them dry out between

watering. Cacti should be kept away from extremely heated or warm areas.

• Safety is always a good practice to follow all the time; however it deserves special consideration during this time of the year when many family and friends visit, reunions, vacations, activities and functions

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In memory of . . .

Martha Ann Norton, 61, of West End, died Wednesday, December 10, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital. Mrs. Norton was born in Moore County, the daughter of the late Watson and Mary Margaret Rice Thomas.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Ralph Christian, and stepparents, Mary and Leon Christian.

She is survived by her husband, Bobby Norton; a son, Rodney Norton, of West End; a daughter, Shannon Ellis, of West End; two sisters, Waddell Harris and Ella Boroughs; three brothers, Bobby, Buddy, and Ben Thomas.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 13 at Boles Funeral Home in Seven Lakes. Memorials may be made to The American Cancer Society, 8300 Health Park, Ste. 10, Raleigh, NC 27615 or FirstHealth Hospice, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Annie Lee Williams Spinks, 93, formerly of Eagle Springs, died Thursday, December 11, at High Point Regional Hospital. Mrs. Spinks was a native of Moore County, a retired employee of J.P. Stevens in Aberdeen. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Luther C. Williams and Grady Spinks; a sister, Ellen Cockman, and brothers Elsie Brown and Dan Brown.

Survivors include her daughter Margaret Bass, of Archdale; brother, Nealie Brown, of Eagle Springs; sisters, Paulene LeGrand and Kathleen LeGrand, both of Eagle Springs; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 14, at Tabernacle United Methodist Church. The Rev. Mike Nelson, the Rev. Harold Shives and the Rev. John

D. Hussey officiated. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to Tabernacle United Methodist Church PO. Box 395 Robbins, NC 27325.

William Henry Zutt, of Seven Lakes and formerly of Goshen, Connecticut, died at his home on December 16. Mr. Zutt was born in Brooklyn, NY, the son of the late John J. Zutt and Grace Mason Zutt, and brother of the late John Richard Zutt. He attended Sewanhaka High school in Floral Park, NY.

He had careers in both the United States Army and the New York Telephone Company. He served in the Pacific Theatre during WWII, participating in both the Saipan and Iwo Jima campaigns, and resumed active service during both the Korean War and the Berlin Crisis, ultimately achieving the rank of Colonel prior to retirement. He worked for thirty years for New York Telephone Company. During retirement, Mr. Zutt did volunteer work at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst, and delivered meals in West End and Eagle Springs as well as in Robbins, through Moore County's Department of Aging. He was an active member of the Congregational Church of Christ in Goshen, CT, and the Chapel in the Pines in Seven Lakes. Mr. Zutt was preceded in death by his grandson Raymond Zutt of Scottsdale, AZ.

He is survived by his wife, M. Dolores "Laurie" Perregaux Zutt, sons William A. Zutt of Garrison, NY, and Robert H. Mason of Santa Fe, NM; by four stepchildren: Barbara L. Owens of St. Louis, MO, Kim D. Linton of Indianapolis, ID; Lee A. Morrison of Crystal River, FL; and Neil A.

Morrison of Seattle, WA; many grandchildren, step-grandchildren; great-grandchildren, and step-great-grandchildren. Services will be announced at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to Chapel in the Pines, 2125 Seven Lakes South, West End, NC 27376 or to the Book of Remembrance, Church of Christ Congregational PO Box 216 Goshen, CT.

Mental Illness Support Group

National Alliance on Mental Illness – Moore County [NAMI-MC] sponsors a local educational/support meeting on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm, and a support-only meeting is held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. All meetings are held at the FirstHealth Conference Center located on the corner of Page Road and Rte 211, Pinehurst. For information call 295-1053 or visit www.nami-moore-county.org

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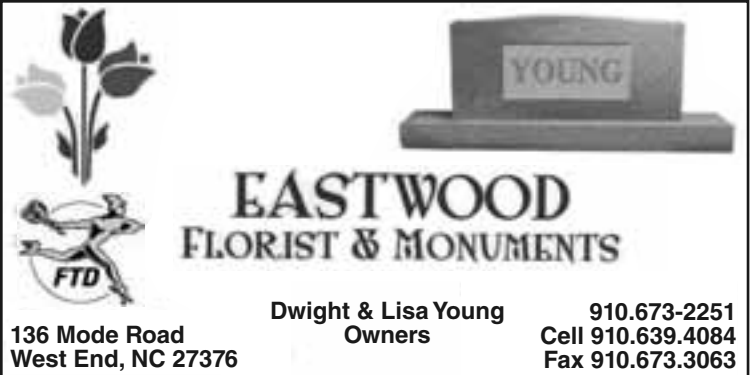
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- **Christmas Eve**
- **Bensalem Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** – 6 pm, Bensalem Presbyterian Church, Eagle Springs. Church off Hwy 705. Information, Pastor Wes Brandon at 691-2942.
- **Chapel in the Pines** – 7:00 pm, Christmas Eve Service with Reverend Don Welch.
- **WEPC Christmas Eve Service** – 7 pm, West End Presbyterian Church. Affiliated with the Presbyterian Church [USA], West End Presbyterian Church welcomes visitors and those seeking a church home. The church is located on Knox Lane, one block off of Highway 211, in West End.
- **WEMC Christmas Eve Service** – 8 pm, West End United Methodist Church. A Christmas Eve service with candle light, lessons, and carols. The community is invited to the special celebration service.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

- Christmas Day

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

- Kwanzaa Begins

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

- **Women of Seven Lakes Meeting** – 1 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Please start

your new year out with us. K a t h y Byron, a former pediatric nurse and child and adolescent psychiatric

nurse and a Master Gardener combined her profession and her passion to start FirstSchool Gardens, a program that teaches children about gardening, healthy eating, and outdoor exercise. Refreshments to follow.

- **Adult/Infant/Child CPR/AED Review** – 6 pm – 8:30 pm, Moore County American Red

Cross, Southern Pines. Pre-requisite required. Certification fee \$30. Registration, 692-8571.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

- **Standard First Aid + Adult CPR/AED** – 8 am – 2 pm, Moore County American Red Cross, Southern Pines. Certification fee \$60. Registration, 692-8571.
- **Pinecrest Players: A Night at the Copacabana** – 6:30 pm, Fair Barn, Pinehurst. Featuring the Pinecrest Culinary program, Copa is a six-course dinner theatre featuring music and characters from the 1940's and 1950's. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased from the Arts Council of Moore County at the Campbell House, 482 E Connecticut Ave in Southern Pines [closed for

holidays, reopen January 2]. Information, Adam Faw at afaw@mcs.k12.nc.us or 715-1931. Tickets are limited.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

- **Sandhills Photography Club Meeting** – 7 pm, Christ Fellowship Church, corner of Midland and Pee Dee Roads, Southern Pines. Newcomers are welcome. Information, www.sandhillsphtoclub.org.
- **Moore County Board of Education Meeting** – 7 pm, Schools Central Office, Carthage.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

- **Computer Club of Seven Lakes** – 3 pm, Game Room, Seven Lakes North. Jim Anderson will discuss optimizing Windows performance using Windows and Vista.
- **Foxfire Village Council Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Town Hall.

What's When Calendar

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 1**

- **New Year's Day**

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

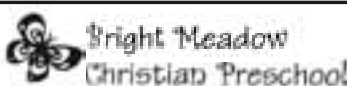
- **Moore County Board of Commissioners Meeting** – 4 pm, Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

- **Infant/Child CPR with AED** – 6 pm - 9:30 pm, Moore County American Red Cross, South-



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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

- **Shag Dance Night** – 7 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Sponsored by the Seven Lakes Shag Group, admission is free. Review the beginner steps, learn some new steps, maybe a line dance or two, and hopefully just have some fun. Beginners are welcome. Information, 673-8180.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Work Session** – 8:30 am, SLLA Conference Room.
- **Standard First Aid Review** – 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Moore County American Red Cross, Southern Pines. Prerequisite required. Certification fee \$25. Registration, 692-8571.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

- **Inauguration Day**
- **League of Women Voters** – 11:30 am, Table on The Green at Midland Country Club, 2205 Midland Road, Pinehurst. Dr. Lori Heim, President-Elect of the American Academy of Family Physicians will speak on

'The American Health Care Delivery System - What we can learn from the US Air Force.' The public is welcome. Cost is \$12.00, includes lunch. Reservations, Charlotte at 944-9611, by January 16.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

- **Professional Rescuer CPR /AED Review** – 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Moore County American Red Cross, Southern Pines. Equivalent to BLS for Healthcare Provider. Prerequisite required. Certification fee \$25. Registration, 692-8571.
- **Foxfire Village Planning Board** – 7 pm, Town Hall.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

- **Standard First Aid** – 6 pm – 9 pm, Moore County American Red Cross, Southern Pines. Certification fee \$35. Registration, 692-8571.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

- **Adult/Infant/Child CPR + AED** – 8 am – 1:30 pm, Moore County American Red Cross, Southern Pines. Certification fee \$55. Registration, 692-8571.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

- **O'Neal School Enrollment Open House** – 2 pm – 4 pm, Bradshaw Hall, The O'Neal School, Southern Pines. Tour the campus, meet faculty, and

learn more about The O'Neal School. Information, Alice Drop-pers at 692- 6920 ext 103, or adroppers@onealschool.org

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

- **Sandhills Natural History Society Meeting** – 7 pm, Weymouth Woods Auditorium, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd, Southern Pines. Presentation about the diverse aquatic life found within Sandhills streams, rivers, and watersheds with staff from the Fort Bragg Endangered Species Branch. Visitors are welcome! Information, 692-2167 or visit www.sandhill-snature.org

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

- **Dog & Cat First Aid** – 5 pm – 9 pm, Moore County American Red Cross, Southern Pines. Fee \$25. Registration, 692-8571.
- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Open Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

- **Adult/Infant/Child CPR /AED Review** – 6 pm - 8:30 pm,

Moore County American Red Cross, Southern Pines. Pre-requisite required. Certification fee \$30. Registration, 692-8571.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

- **Babysitter Training** – 9 am – 4 pm, Moore County American Red Cross, Southern Pines. For ages eleven to fifteen years. Fee \$30. Registration, 692-8571.

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Bensalem Church issues Relay challenge

by Holly Camplin
Bensalem Believers
Team Captain

The Bensalem Believers, a Relay For Life team supported by members of the Bensalem Presbyterian Church in Eagle Springs, raised over \$3,000 in the fight against cancer at last year's Relay For Life. They were the only team recognized from this end of the county.

This May 16-17, the Bensalem Believers challenge residents of Seven Lakes, Foxfire, and the surrounding communities to form teams and join them in Moore County Relay For Life at the Fairgrounds in Carthage. The twenty-four hour event symbolizes one day in the life of a person battling cancer.

Unfortunately, most people have been touched by cancer in some way. You may have lost a loved one to the disease, know someone who is a survivor or who is fighting it right now, or perhaps you yourself know what the fight against cancer is like... either way, statistics tell us that nearly one in three people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.

All funds raised through Relay For Life go to the American Cancer Society for research of better cancer treatments, detection, and prevention; as well as services that support cancer patients and their families. Your place of business, church, or school can get together and help us raise money for this worthy cause. Forming a team or joining a team is as easy as logging on to www.moorecountyclay.org and clicking on "sign up on a team". From there Teams can raise money in various ways. To support Bensalem Presbyterian's team through a dona-

tion go to <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/Bensalem>.

At the Relay event, teams camp out at the fairgrounds and take turns walking around a track for twenty-four hours. The day is filled with fun events the

whole family can enjoy and special programs are planned throughout the day to honor and remember those who have been touched by cancer.

Please consider taking part in this year's event. If you cannot

form a team, support one of the existing teams or come out on May 16-17 for the twenty-four hour walk. All funds raised by vendors at the event go to the American Cancer Society as well. Just your presence can encour-

age those with the disease to keep fighting, and it can reassure families that loved ones lost will not be forgotten.

To learn more about the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, visit www.relayforlife.org.

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FirstSchool Gardens is January topic for women

by Pat Weber

Women of Seven Lakes

Start the New Year with the Women of Seven Lakes and award-winning Master Gardener Kathy Byron on Thursday, January 8 at 1:00 pm at Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Visitors and guests are most welcome to join in learning more about FirstSchool Gardens.

A past chair for the FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital Auxiliary and the Moore County Communities in Schools [MCCIS] program, Byron used her professional skills as a former pediatric nurse and child and adolescent psychiatric nurse, combined with her passion for gardening to create the FirstSchool Gardens program.

This hands-on educational experience allows Moore County students the opportunity to learn about gardening, healthy eating, and outdoor exercise while applying real-life math and science skills, and lessons in recycling, teamwork, and responsibility.

Aberdeen Elementary School was the pilot location for the program with garden beds of various size and type constructed, including a water garden with fish and duckweed, an herb garden, and a vegetable garden. Byron worked side-by-side with the children and their teachers to plant and maintain these gardens and also invited members of the community to come in and teach the children about composting and how to build

scarecrows and birdhouses.

The project was so successful that FirstSchool Gardens were planned for Academy Heights Elementary, Pinehurst Elementary, Vass-Lakeview Elementary, and Pinecrest High for

the school's Life Skills program for exceptional education students, through funding by Blue Cross/Blue Shield Carolina Foundation, FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital Auxiliary, and Community in Schools North Carolina.

Community sponsors include Sandhills Community College, master gardener volunteers from the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service, FirstHealth Community Health Services, and Quality Built Homes.

Please join The Women of Seven Lakes on Thursday, January 8 to learn more about FirstSchool Gardens and to welcome Kathy Byron. A local philanthropic organization, the Women of Seven Lakes are proud to support many local charities.

In the final six months of 2008, gifts totaling nearly \$3,000 were contributed to the West End United Methodist Church Food Pantry, Friend to Friend, Robbins Elementary School Reading is Fundamental [RIF] program, the Seven Lakes and West End Fire Departments, Seven Lakes EMS, contributions to support the SLLA and SLWLA Children's Christmas Parties, Chapel in the Pines Christmas Fund, Montgomery/Moore Animal Rescue League, and Sandhills Animal Rescue League.



The Pinecrest Chamber Ensemble performed a well-received selection of popular and Christmas music for the Women of Seven Lakes in December. The Pinecrest Choral Program was recognized nationally in the 2008 Chicago Heritage Festival of Gold as first in the country.

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NCDOT representatives will be available in an informal setting to answer questions and receive comments about the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions also will be provided. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above mentioned hours. No formal presentation will be made.

NCDOT proposes to close the existing ACWR at-grade highway / rail crossing; Crossing No. 466 255K, at SR 1148 (Chappell Road). This proposed closure is part of an effort to reduce the number of redundant and/or unsafe rail-highway at-grade crossings statewide.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Ms. Nancy Horne, Rail Division, Engineering & Safety Branch, 1556 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1556, phone (919) 715-3686, or email nhorne@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Ms. Horne as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Purser briefs League on No Child Left Behind

by Dolores Carey

League of Women Voters

Dr. Susan Purser, the Superintendent of Moore County Public Schools, spoke to the League of Women Voters at their November meeting. Purser provided a progress report on funding received through last year's successful Education Bond, and also described the learning styles of today's students and compared teaching styles of the past versus current methods.

The Moore County Schools system has a ninety-one percent success rate under the No Child Left Behind [NCLB] goals, and average student SAT scores are above state and national levels. Moore County also out-

performed the state average on End of Grade tests. During a discussion of the No Child Left Behind program, Purser describes both its positive and negative outcomes.

NCLB is a federal program, enacted in 2001 with bipartisan support; and it requires that by 2013-2014 all students will be

successful on tests in math, reading, and science. She explained that each school is broken down into subgroups [of forty or more students] by race, disability, limited English proficiency, family income, etc.

One of the negatives of the NCLB is the requirement that all of the different subgroups

have to show Adequate Yearly Progress [AYP]; even if only one group misses the goal, the whole school is listed as a failure. The reliance on one yearly exam on only one day is another negative of the procedures of NCLB. Purser stated that the harmful consequence of such an important test is that the teachers, understandably, have excessive test preparation and curriculum reduction for the students. She said narrow curriculum, extreme test prep, and the judging of schools is harmful.

Purser stated that her core belief for good education is that learning is not just a mastery of content and being able to repeat facts, but learning is the ability to access, understand, and apply information that supports the culture and the future. The goal of Moore County School educators is to inspire excellence, not just minimum compliance. She closed by saying that she was not going to worry about Washington [standards] but to do what Moore County residents expect.

Health Care is League topic

Dr. Lori Heim, President-Elect of the American Academy of Family Physicians will be the featured speaker at the League of Women Voters of Moore County's January Luncheon. She will speak on 'The American Health Care Delivery System - What we can learn from the US Air Force.' The meeting will be held Tuesday, January 20 at 11:30 am at the Table on The Green, located at Midland Country Club, 2205 Midland Road in Pinehurst. The public is welcome. The cost is \$12.00 and includes lunch. For reservations, call Charlotte at 944-9611, by January 16.

Red Cross Health & Safety Classes

American Red Cross Health & Safety Class fees must be paid in advance. Class size is limited to a minimum of four or a maximum of ten participants. Fees are nonrefundable, but they may be applied to another course.

For more information or to register, call the Moore County Chapter at 692-8571.

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Standard First Aid + Adult CPR/AED — Saturday, January 10, 8 am — 2 pm. Certification fee \$60

Standard First Aid — Thursday, January 22, 6 pm — 9 pm. Certification fee \$35

Adult/Infant/Child CPR + AED — Saturday, January 24, 8 am — 1:30 pm. Certification fee \$55

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Local Hams participate in Skywarn Day

by Jim Johnson
Seven Lakes West

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For 364 days of the year, volunteer Amateur Radio operators, often called “hams,” affiliated with the NWS’ Skywarn program provide the National Weather Service with critical, visual confirmation of major weather events.

But one day a year, ARRL,

the national association for Amateur Radio, and the NWS join together in recognizing all the Skywarn volunteers and light up the radio waves just for the fun of it.

The annual Skywarn Recognition Day was held Saturday, December 6. Hams contacted National Weather Service stations throughout America.

But instead of passing tornado, snow, and ice warnings, the hams exchanged reception reports and greetings. Last year, contacts were made in all fifty states and forty countries during the twenty-four-hour event.

Amateur radio messages are able to get through to NWS offices quickly even if the phones

and internet are out due to the weather. When minutes count, especially in a tornado, radio is the fastest and most certain way to get emergency messages in to the NWS offices. The value of these reports is considerable.

Skywarn volunteers are trained by NWS staff to spot and report conditions that the weather service needs to know.

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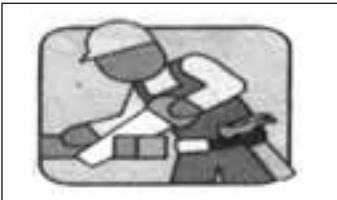
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Small Business Center is Kiwanis topic

by Frank Krohn

Seven Lakes Kiwanis

December 16 was the last meeting of 2008 for the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club, and it was a dual-purpose meeting.

Two new members were welcomed to the Club and the speaker gave an interesting talk.

Pat Weber, a very active lady in the community, and "Preacher Won," the current minister at the West End Methodist Church, were both officially accepted as new members.

President Jenkins performed the proper indoctrinations.

The featured speaker was Marilyn Neely from the Small Business Center at Sandhills Community College.

The Small Business Center offers advice, counseling, referrals, etc. for any entrepreneur who is engaged in a small business or is planning to start one.

The Center offers a seven-hour certificate course which covers virtually all the things that are necessary to begin and

maintain a business. Included are such topics as "How to make a business plan," and instruction on computer technology, government regulations, banking, taxes, and other subjects important to running a successful business.

The Center has proven to be a valuable counselor to many people who are now operating successful businesses.

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

noon.

Everyone is welcome.

May everyone have a joyous Christmas and a wonderful 2009.



Lloyd Everett, Program Coordinator, with Marilyn Neely of the Small Business Center

Moore Humane Pet Photos



Moore Humane Society volunteers Heidi Laughman, Bill Russell, Elizabeth Siebenhar, and (bottom row Janet Dustin) hosted Pet Photos with Santa Claus at the Aberdeen PetSmart on December 6 and 7.

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Computer Club learns about digital TV

by Melva Johnston

Seven Lakes Computer Club

After February 17, 2009, all over-the-air television programming will be broadcast in digital format only. Eric Collins, Director of Government Affairs for Time Warner Cable, spoke to the Seven Lakes Computer Club on Tuesday, December 9 and

explained the anticipated change.

If you have one or more televisions that receive free over-the-air televisions programming [with a roof-top antenna or "rabbit ears" on the TV] the type of TV you own is very important. A digital television, that is a TV with an internal digital tuner, will allow you to continue to

watch free over-the air programming after February 17.

However, if you have an analog television, you will need a digital-to-analog converter box to continue to watch broadcast television on that set. Every U.S. household is eligible to receive up to two coupons, worth \$40 each, toward the purchase of

eligible digital-to-analog converter boxes. You may request coupons by calling 1-888-388-2009 or 1-977-530-2534 or visit www.ntia.doc.gov/dtvcoupons

Cable and satellite TV subscribers with analog TVs hooked up to their cable or satellite service should not be affected by the cut-off date for full-power

analog broadcasting. Also digital cable and high definition programming on cable are not the same. Check with your cable or satellite provider to find out what kinds of programming you can receive, and what equipment you need to receive it. For more information, visit www.dtv.gov

Woodmen offer \$10,000 technology grant

One lucky school or organization in the U.S. will win \$10,000 worth of technology equipment in April 2009 from Modern Woodmen of America. Modern Woodmen, an organization that offers fraternal financial services and supports community causes,

will choose the winner at random from entrants who register online at modern-woodmen.org.

"Schools today often don't have the budget to provide cutting-edge technology, although technology education is so important," said Modern Woodmen

Representative, Mike Bernard, a West End resident.

Bernard offers six Youth Educational Programs to local schools, youth groups and homeschoolers, with materials on topics that include safety and life skills, ecology, civics, exercise and nutrition, and public speaking. The Technology Giveaway is another way Modern Woodmen aims to help communities by helping kids.

"Research shows that more than sixty percent of jobs today require technological competency," said Bernard. "Modern Woodmen's Technology Give-

away will give one group of kids the opportunity to work with and learn from new technology in their own community."

To register for the giveaway, entrants must be associated with one of Modern Woodmen's Youth Educational Programs. The complete rules and online entry form can be found at modern-woodmen.org. The entry

deadline is March 31, 2009.

Founded in 1883 as a fraternal benefit society, Modern Woodmen of America celebrates 125 years of serving members and their communities. The organization offers financial services and fraternal member benefits to individuals and families throughout the United States.

New Year's Eve Benefit

Toast to good health in 2009 with the House Call Band on Wednesday, December 31 from 7:30 pm to 12:30 pm at Days Inn Hotel in Southern Pines. Tickets on sale now for \$25, includes hors d'oeuvres and champagne toast. Black tie optional. All proceeds benefit the Moore Free Care Clinic. For more information, contact Hillary at 725-01014.

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Explainer

More accidents?

One of our readers dropped by the Bookshop this week and asked an excellent question: Why doesn't *The Times* report on traffic accidents in the neighborhood?

That's a great question, so I thought I'd share the answer with our readership as a whole.

We don't cover most accidents for a simple reason: most traffic accidents are of questionable news value and are difficult to report in a timely manner.

Let's start by looking at what makes accidents hard to cover as news.

In North Carolina, the investigation of traffic accidents is the job of the State Highway Patrol [SHP], as opposed to the Sheriff. The SHP has thus far not seen fit to develop any readily accessible reporting mechanism on the accidents that occur in a particular area. The only practical way to find out what accidents they have investigated would be to pay a regular personal visit to the SHP office in Aberdeen and ask to check their recently-filed accident reports and sort through them to find the accidents of interest. At present, an in-person visit is the only way to extract information from the SHP; they choose not to supply information by phone, fax, email, or internet.

Even a regular visit to SHP would be a hit-or-miss proposition, since the timeframe for the filing of accident reports is a bit unpredictable. SHP has a few more than 1,800 Troopers covering 78,000 miles of road around the clock. They often work unusual shifts.

It is very common for a reporter to hear about an accident, contact the SHP office, and find out the report hasn't been filed and the Trooper won't be on duty again for three or four days. That

means no opportunity to obtain a report or speak with the officer who investigated the accident for a number of days.

Depending on when the accident happens during the two week *Seven Lakes Times* production cycle, we may not be able to obtain information in time to include it the upcoming issue. So, if we pursue the story, we may eventually publish it three or four weeks after it happens.

That brings us to news value. A story about a traffic accident that happened on Seven Lakes Drive three weeks ago is not, in the mind of our editor, news. It's more like "olds."

There are daily — and even some weekly — newspapers that make something of a art out of timely coverage of traffic accidents. They do this by keeping a police scanner turned on in the newsroom or on the belt of a reporter or photographer who is charged with listening for accident reports and racing to the scene to interview the Trooper on site.

This sort of dedication to accident coverage is beyond the resources of *The Times*, and, in fact, fewer and fewer newspapers are choosing to make the investment in this sort of coverage.

Like us, they have decided that, while almost everyone is curious about traffic accidents, in fact, our readers are better served if we focus our resources on covering the deliberations and decisions of local government and the landowners associations, providing interesting features on local personalities, and letting folks know about local events.

Our thanks to the reader who asked about this; if you have a question about *Times* coverage, give us a shout.

— Greg Hankins, Editor

Bufflehead!

Some mornings she's smooth as glass: other times as turbulent and moody as the Atlantic — Lake Echo seems to have as many personalities as my cat. But I believe her best days are spent sheltering a migrating troop of bufflehead ducks.

Named for their enormous noggins, these endearing little creatures arrive each December under cover of night.

Tiny by duck standards, they are all the more adorable because of their head-to-butt ratio. If your chin started just north of your belly button, you'd be proportional to these little guys.

Cruising slowly across the dam, I watch carefully and like so many floating Jack-in-the-Box toys, the buffleheads amuse me by popping up from feeding jaunts in Echo's safe depths.

However it does kind of make me wonder what else might be hiding beneath those murky waves?

I've read enough Stephen King novels to conjure all sorts of

imaginary creatures — and learned enough about the warm water dwelling 'brain-eating amoeba' of the American West to know that fiction is never as terrifying as reality.

But what really is in our water? Plenty of geese and fish, you say.

Fair enough, though I haven't



Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

forgotten about that twenty inch long, eel-like beast pulled from Auman a year or so ago. All teeth and tail — I fervently pray that prehistoric relic was an only child!

Though considering the gnawed tree stump I saw this week, that Auman eel was probably keeping company with yet another creature of great tooth and tail . . .the beaver.

Heads or tails — it seems we have plenty of both in our waters. I guess it's no wonder those bobble-headed, buffleheads come calling each Winter.

Welcome home, guys.

Wrong side of tracks?

Dear Editor:

Printed in the December 12 issue of *The Seven Lakes Times* was a quote from Chairman Colin McKenzie [Moore County Board of Commissioners] in reference to the railroad crossing at Seven Lakes West.

McKenzie said "they knew

they got on the wrong side of the tracks when they built their houses there."

What an inappropriate comment! Is he indicating that we, in Seven Lakes West, live on the wrong side of the tracks?

Jimmie E. Hurd
Seven Lakes West

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Mamel supports NCDOT Crossing project

Open Letter to NCDOT:

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to submit input regarding the proposed public crossing in Seven Lakes. As a nine-year resident of Seven Lakes West, I heartily endorse the proposal to upgrade and make public the railroad crossing in Seven Lakes.

I feel I can address the proposal with a reasonable degree of intelligence. During my three-year tenure as President of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association and Chair of its Board of Directors, I received many complaints related to the vehicle congestion caused by the outbound configuration of the crossing and also the potentially hazardous turns required to cross the track as a result of the immediate turns, both right and left, from Highway 211.

Fortunately, no resident of our community was injured during my term of office, and as a result, neither the Board nor the developer was involved in litigation. However, at that time, the Board also recognized that the developer accepted responsibility and liability for the safety and security of the residents/non-residents as a result of their original agreement to pay the necessary easement/access fee to the railroad. The developer continues to have this responsibility.

It is also interesting for me to note that at this date, the appointed county manager, in concert with the elected Commissioners of Moore County, have publicly abdicated their responsibility and stewardship for the safety and welfare of a population of Moore County, specifically, those residing in Seven Lakes West.

This lack of support has been indicated despite the fact that the County approved the Seven Lakes West subdivision in 1979, with full knowledge that when fully built out, there could be as many as 1700 or more households located there.

Given the documented mission or charter established for the governing bodies of North Carolina counties, it appears that the term "malfeasance" could/should be applied to their behavior as our appointed and elected representatives. Therefore, we sincerely need your help as you represent the State of NC, in

which we are also residents.

Further, it is unfortunate that the concept of mitigation should affect the decision to upgrade the crossing. It is understandable and acceptable when applied to reducing the size of wetlands, as their reduction directly impacts the environment. But when the safety and welfare of thousands of human beings, including school children on buses, are

compromised by a quid pro quo requirement which benefits a few, it is difficult to comprehend the reasoning behind that requirement. However, given the criteria noted on your website page entitled "Closing Crossings," I am encouraged by the fact that the proposed upgrading meets several of the criteria as listed under the sub-headings of 'Candidates for Closure' and "Pro-

ject Evaluation Process."

Although there are other entities outside the boundaries of the Seven Lakes community who also use the crossing, I have not addressed their plight as they most likely will plead their case to you with considerably more pertinent information than that available to me. I trust you will represent the residents of Seven Lakes West appropriately

and take whatever steps are necessary to insure the safety and welfare of those utilizing the Seven Lakes railroad crossing. If I can be of any assistance to you to successfully complete the proposed project, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,
William Mamel
Seven Lakes West

Thanks for great Coat Drive success

Dear Editor:

Seven Lakes Health and Fitness would like to thank all those who participated in our fifth annual Winter coat drive. Through your generosity we were able to provide coats for all the West End Elementary

and West Pine Middle School students who needed them — 70 in all. Thank you so much! And a very happy holiday to you and your family.

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Like hearts beating in the trees, below the surface in the pond, in bodies soaring gracefully in the azure sky, or in those making their way with purpose along the soil.

Why don't we have more awareness of these living things? Like a vivid-breasted robin gently swaying on a limb and delivering, with persist-

ence, a lovely song. It's as if he wants to prove that he's justified to be here on Earth.

No need for a beautiful flower to say "hi" to us as we pass by. The communication is already there: someone's beating heart open to the silent handshake of a colorful petal, and the realization that each is thankful to be alive.

Does the sun smile?

Is a frog's croak a thankfulness for life?

Must the swishing of a dog's tail mean more than simple contentment?

What are dogwood blossoms trying to tell us? That voiceless beauty is in our midst for a purpose? To remind us there is bountifulness in many forms of life? To soothe the frayed edges of our nervous systems? To provide ourselves with a change of pace in the relentless momentum of life?

Yes, that's it. A refreshing change. It can and does nurture the soul. It has something to do with Thanksgiving. Not just on a certain November day, but every day in our lives.

The message is simple: never take the gifts of life for granted. Honor them in all their forms.



Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

Forum Topic: Global Economy

Given the current condition of the international monetary system, an effort is underway to locate a presenter for the January meeting of the Seven Lakes Forum, who is able to address the relationship between the United States financial system and other international systems.

The next Forum will be held Thursday, January 15 at 4:30 pm, on the upper level of the West Side Park Community Center. All women and men from Seven Lakes, and their guests, are invited to attend. Details related to the topic and the presenter will be published later in December.

Coordinators Don Welch and Bill Mamel wish you a joyous holiday season and a pleasant and kindly New Year.

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Seven Lakes Garden Club needs new members

Dear Editor:

This month marks the end of my term as President of the Seven Lake Garden Club. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board members for all their work on behalf of the residents of Seven Lakes. It is through all of their efforts that the Garden Club has been able to provide educational speakers and beautiful plantings at all of

the Seven Lakes gates.

I would also like to share some numbers with you. There are approximately 1,400 households in the three Seven Lakes areas served by the Garden Club. Of those, eighty-one households have been receiving email updates from the Club as members. Of those eighty-one households, only forty-six were dues paying members in 2008.

Obviously this is a problem for the Club. Dues are needed to pay the speakers who come to

entertain and educate us about gardening in the Sandhills; for membership in the State Association and the local Council of Garden Clubs; and for plants, soil, and fertilizer for the gates at all Seven Lakes entrances. The dues for a household are a mere \$15 per year, payable in January each year.

Another problem is the need for new Garden Club Board members. By this time in previous years, we have brought in three new Board members to

replace the three who have finished their terms. However, this year we have been unable to fill the positions of Treasurer and Program Chair.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact President-elect Carmela Chase at 673-2635.

If we cannot remediate the

problems mentioned above, I fear we may see the demise of the Seven Lakes Garden Club in the very near future.

If you wish to see the Garden Club continue, please support their efforts with your dues and your participation.

Johanna Moran
Seven Lakes West

Pantry

(Continued from page 2)

Food Lion are great," Feggeler told *The Times*. "They'll tell me about specials that I might have missed. They know what I'm looking for."

In addition, five Food Pantry volunteers work in rotation to pay a call on Food Lion every day of the year but Christmas Day — when the store is closed — to collect meats and baked goods that have reached their expiration dates and that the store can no longer sell. These are transported back to the Food Pantry and immediately frozen. They can then be included in the mixed boxes of food for the next distribution day.

Feggeler told *The Times* that the food contributed through the Post Offices was welcome indeed. "That was a tremendous amount of food they donated," he said.

He said the Pantry welcomes ongoing donations of food or monetary contributions throughout the year — though he notes that monetary donations are "more efficient."

Because the Pantry is often able to buy food at lower cost than the average grocery store customers — whether through the Food Bank or just through smart shopping — Feggeler can stretch the food dollar just about as far as it can be stretched.

Donations may be directed to West End United Methodist Church at PO Box 276, West End, NC 27376 and designated for the Food Pantry.

Thanks from Santa's Helper

Dear Editor:

To the residents of the Seven Lakes community who donated to Toys For Tots, thank you for helping to make a needy child's Christmas a little brighter.

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Modern Woodmen plant trees

On Saturday, December 6, local Modern Woodmen of America members gave a lasting gift to the community. Members of the Pinehurst Modern Woodmen Camp gathered at Lourdes Saavedra's home to landscape her new Habitat house. Saavedra is one of 160 Habitat homeowners in the Sandhills region and the first to receive landscaping from Modern Woodmen.

The project was part of the

Plant A Tree Program, a nationwide program introduced by Modern Woodmen for its members in 2004.

"This program ties Modern Woodmen members to the roots of our organization," says Mike Bernard, leader of the Pinehurst Camp. The local Habitat affiliate is eligible for the program every other year. "The name Modern Woodmen honors the pioneer woodmen who cleared the forests to build homes and

secure futures for their families. Modern Woodmen offers financial services to help clear away members' financial burdens. And today planting trees is a gift for families, our community, and the environment," Bernard said.

"Modern Woodmen and Habitat working together make a wonderful and natural partnership," said Amanda Jakl, communications coordinator for Habitat for Humanity, "We're both

(See "Woodmen," p. 29)



Eileen Hamilton, Crist Hamilton, Mike Bernard, Christine Querry, Mary Lou Bernard, and Danny Querry

Crossing

(Continued from front page)

Monday that she had received 350 emails and letters so far on the project, which she said was well in excess of the typical response for a project of this kind.

Horne had also received a petition signed by Seven Lakes West Landowners supporting the project.

She could not provide an estimate of the number of correspondents for and against the plan, but noted that one individual from West End was planning to hand-carry letters opposing the project to Raleigh on Tuesday.

Horne told *The Times* that she had the January 15 Moore County Board of Commissioners Work Session on her calendar and Chairman Nick Picerno confirmed that the invitation had gone out on December 19.

"I want to be able to ask the source," Picerno told *The Times* on Monday.

"What's this project about? What are the facts? Why do we have to have these closings?"

"I have a whole list of questions. I know the other board members want to ask questions as well."

Picerno said he personally had received nearly one hundred emails concerning the crossing project.

"I want every commissioner to have a chance to ask questions, learn the facts and make a good decision from the facts."

Picerno said he was interested in learning about the volume of traffic that uses the various crossings involved.

Noting that public safety is always a paramount concern,

he said he had asked the county's Public Safety Director, Carlton Cole, to contact West End Fire and Rescue in order to understand that organization's position on the NCDOT proposal.

posal.

"We're going to look into it — look into the facts and take the proper course of action," Picerno said.




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Survey

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rather serve as a planning tool.

“The survey is to assist the Board with prioritizing spending,” said Zielsdorf, “However, it will be meaningless unless we get a good response from the community.”

The questionnaire is divided into three parts and several broad categories. Using a simple 1-2-3 rating scale, section one lists assets individually and asks respondents to rate by frequency of use and value of importance. Section two addresses the eight focus areas developed by the Community Planning Committee in their ten-year plan-

ning initiative. In contrast, the final section zeroes in on several specific short term decisions related to the gates, roadside mowing, the stables, and yard debris site.

“We are looking for consensus among residents of what costs they would be willing to cut. Individually they are a drop in the bucket; but, taken together, they could accumulate into a significant amount,” explained Zielsdorf. “The whole point of the survey is to look for room in the budget to insert for road paving funds.”

The Association has been building up reserve funds for big ticket items, like paving. Ziels-

dorf said he believes it will make better economic sense to pave all the roads at once using a down payment from the reserve and funding from a ten or twenty-year loan. Any savings realized through options suggested in the survey could be used to satisfy monthly debt payments.

“You pay a premium only paving a few miles at a time,” Zielsdorf explained. “Trying to do a little and pay as you go is like a dog chasing his tail — by the time you have enough to pave four miles, another section is already in bad shape.”

Zielsdorf continued, “For the survey, I didn’t want to have any sacred cows. We should not be afraid to ask the questions.”

Surplus Sale



Linwood Lee, Sr. and Tammy Hussey from the Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care accepted a donation of several bicycles that were not sold during the recent Seven Lakes Landowners Association surplus auction. The auction netted a total of nearly \$2,000.

Thomas

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Thomas said she’s also looking forward to traveling with friends — including a trip to Chile — working on crafts, doing some gardening, and spending more time with family.

Her daughter Debbie and husband, Brian Cockman, live in Robbins with their children Oak-

ley and Trinity. Following in her mother’s footsteps, Debbie served as the Town Clerk of Robbins for thirteen years before accepting her current position with Southern Software.

Thomas’ son Norman and his wife, Betsy, live in Aberdeen and have three daughters; Chelsea, Kendal, and Megan.

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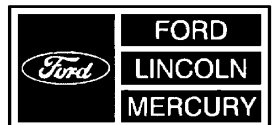
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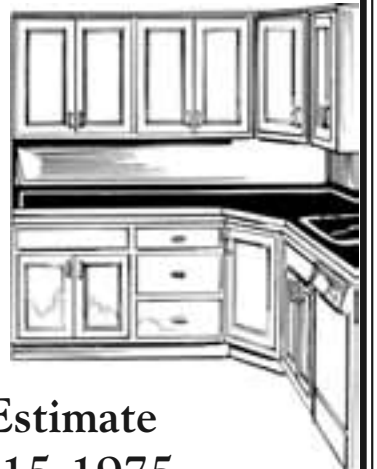
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