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"It's good to be home!" was the reaction from Kevin Justice, President & CEO of Stonehill Capital Group, welcoming the news that Stonehill Pines had won approval from the Foxfire Village Council. Justice is shown here with Rick Robinson, Stonehill's Chief Operating Officer.

Stonehill wins Foxfire approval

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

"It's good to be home!" said Kevin Justice, responding with delight to the unanimous decision by the Foxfire Village Council on Thursday, March 12, to grant annexation and Planned Unit Development [PUD] rezoning to Stonehill Pines – a nearly 1,500 acre phased project that will feature two world-class golf courses, a resort hotel and spa, over a thousand homes, and up to 90,000 square feet of retail, dining, and office space.

"Over course of the last two years this has been a labor of love and what an amazing project it is," said Justice, President and CEO of Stonehill Capital

Group, the Florida-based corporate developer. "We appreciate the support and appreciate the input from Foxfire. We just want to be a good neighbor."

Also during the meeting, the Council unanimously approved the development agreement between Foxfire Village and Stonehill. This document specifically describes the developer's obligations which include infrastructure improvements such as extension of a 12' water line from the Moore County Water System to Foxfire, and financial commitments including up to \$50,000 to cover Village costs if a connection to the water line is desired in the future, tiered pay-

(See "Stonehill," p. 33)

Westsiders elect Goodman, Hoffmann, Wimberly

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

John Goodman, John Hoffmann, and Adam Wimberly were elected to the Westside Board of Directors during the Sunday, March 15 Annual Meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA], filling seats vacated by retiring directors Mary Anne Fewkes, Ray MacKay, and Blaine Rowland.

Goodman edged out Hoffmann for the highest vote total, 482 vs. 478. Adam Wimberly collected 432 votes; Jim Johnson, 299.

The proposed Fiscal Year

2009-2010 budget passed overwhelmingly, with 507 voted in favor, 134 opposed, and 14 abstentions.

The nine-member SLWLA Board will gather to elect officers in a special meeting on Friday, March 20 at 9:00 am.

Fewer than four in ten voted

Of the 1823 Westside lots, 1705 were eligible for participation in the voting, Secretary Ed Tuton reported. The other 118 lots are owned by developers and do not have voting rights. Subtracting 43 landowners who are

(See "Westside," p. 31)



John Goodman



John Hoffmann



Adam Wimberly

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There's still time to enter the Chili Cook Off

by Kim McNeill Tew

Seven Lakes Business Guild

The aroma of chili will fill the air on Saturday, April 4, as the Seven Lakes Business Guild holds its Second Annual Chili

Cook-off and Street Fair, presented by Carolina Waste.

Armed with a culinary arsenal of family secrets, special recipes, and good old southern ingenuity, chili cooks will vie for cash, prizes and bragging rights. There is still plenty of room for that smokin' recipe you have tucked away but time is running out so

get your entries in soon.

There will be no shortage of fun as entertainment has been planned for the entire family. Local band Caught Up will take the stage at 11:00 am to kick off the event and live music will continue throughout the day from a variety of bands.

Clowns will have balloons and

face painting will also be available. Carthage Police Department will be on hand with Child ID kits and Pinehurst Police will give away gun locks and coloring books and have several police cars on display.

The new Sandhills Winery will have their wares for sampling and for purchase and chair massages will be offered by Seven Lakes Massage. Other vendors that will join us this year are Pastimes Antiques and Collectables, EcoQuest, Murray and Co., and Whelan Realty.

A limited number of official Chili Cook-off t-shirts will be sold during the event so get

there early to make sure you get yours. There is no admission fee but to sample the different chili recipes, you will need to purchase this year's souvenir chili mug for \$7 for unlimited sampling. If you only want to try a few, you may purchase tickets for \$.50 each for a 2 oz. taste.

For those who don't like chili, the Women of Seven Lakes will have hotdogs for sale and Project Linus will have a bake sale to satisfy your sweet tooth.

For more information or to enter your chili team, please contact Kim or Judy at JuBilee Screen Print at 673-4240.

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New Slalom Waterski Club

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If you answered yes, then we want to talk to you! We are working on organizing a "Slalom Course Ski Club" here in Seven Lakes. We have obtained permission to put a portable course out on Lake Sequoia on a limited and regulated basis. Now, we are trying to find interested parties.

A planning and information gathering meeting is scheduled for all interested individuals on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 pm in the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. For more information, Rodney or Tonya Godwin at 639-9123 or 639-9124.

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A soggy – but spirited – St. Paddy's Day



Little Miss Seven Lakes Queen Lindsay Douglass, flanked by Princesses Sarah Davidson & Ta'Kajia McLaurin.



Dewitt & Tinkie Petterson join in the fun.

The Seven Lakes St. Patrick's Day Parade was rained out but that didn't dampen spirits on Saturday, March 14.

Thanks to Deirdre Florence and Project Linus, hardy Irish-lovin,' green wearin' souls — both big and small — were able to enjoy games, hot dogs, and treats at the North Clubhouse.

Pat Weber, President of the Project Linus Sandhills/Moore County Chapter, reported proceeds at \$136, enough funds to cover the purchase of fleece supplies to use during Seven Lakes Summer Camp blanket-making activities.

Winners of the Little Miss Seven Lakes contest were Queen Lindsay Douglass, daughter of Jim and Laura Douglass; and her Princess Court of Ta'Kajia McLaurin, daughter of Samor-ii and Shavonne McLaurin; and Sarah Davidson, daughter of Scott and Vicki Davidson.

West End Presbyterian Youth Missions Yard Sale

A huge Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm, at West End Presbyterian Church's Crawford Center at 275 Knox Lane in West End.

Proceeds from the sale will support the church's youth missions programs.

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ABSTER

14 year old black, long-hair male weighing approximately 14 pounds. He does not wear a collar. His front paws are declawed. Abster is typically an indoor cat and was last seen Wednesday March 11th.

He lives at 110 Clay Circle, Seven Lakes West

Please contact the Gibbons at 910-673-5310 if you have any information regarding his whereabouts.

Board creates lockbox for dues increase

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Calling a Special Open Meeting immediately following the Thursday, March 12 Work Session, the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors made a final attempt to craft what they hope will be a binding Bylaw to secure the proposed dues increases into a distinct and separate account for road paving and dam remediation.

An amendment to Bylaw 4.10.1, which restricts the proposed \$50 dues increases in Fiscal Year 2010 and 2011, was approved unanimously. And a new related bylaw [Bylaw 11.1.1], which requires a majority membership vote to change or refute Bylaw 4.10.1, also passed unanimously.

After discussion a third motion, to amend Bylaw 6.6 which addresses deed restrictions placed on Association common areas including the stables, soccer field, Sequoia Point, and Northside Park, was deferred until completed paperwork is received from Moore County. The land in question is an old well site at Sequoia Point.

"We have a copy of the deed

itself. We just don't have the deed description," reported Community Manager Dalton Fulcher.

"They have removed the building but have not completed the legal process of deeding the property back. Under the original deed, after wells are abandoned for three years the land automatically reverts back to the Association."

Shaver objects to Hudson letter to the editor

During the Work Session, Director Bud Shaver objected to a letter to the editor by former SLLA Treasurer Steve Hudson published in the March 6 edition of *The Seven Lakes Times*.

"An article [sic] in *The Times* said I arbitrarily spent over \$100,000 without Board approval, but the real question is, am I within budget?"

Shaver said the combined maintenance budgets have year-to-date spending at 96.3 percent, and are under budget by \$13,000.

"Hudson's claims are invalid and I am disappointed in the publisher of *The Times*. He didn't bother to call and check the accuracy before publishing inaccurate news [sic] that I consid-

er rubbish."

Consulting contract

Also responding to what he characterized as unfavorable press regarding actions taken by the Board, Treasurer Denny Galford complimented his fellow directors "for making the correct decisions at the time."

"If all the facts were out there, people would understand what we did was a very appropriate action," Galford said.

"Our Community Manager has been here for twenty-three years and it is a shame that some feel it is appropriate to attack his character and dedication to community. I fully support the action this Board has taken."

Roadside Mowing

A recent survey of residents demonstrated that a majority would favor eliminating roadside mowing, for a cost savings of \$30,000. In previous discussion, Shaver requested that any decisions by the Board be tabled until the Maintenance Committee reviewed options.

"The cost savings is not large. Our recommendation is to selectively mow areas rather than eliminate," said Shaver.

Roadside mowing will be provided at no cost to residents requesting the service, or it can be eliminated for those who desire to maintain their own right-of-way. Shaver noted the Association mower, which has safety features, does not provide a quality cut. Laying pine straw will also be an acceptable

option for homeowner's, at their own expense.

"People want to maintain appearance is our belief," Shaver said.

Community Standards

Director Don Welch recommended the incoming Board should work towards an improved policy of tracking and policing how long recreational vehicles are parked in the community.

"There is a growing problem of trailers of all kinds coming in the gates. Right now, our regulations are virtually unenforceable."

Lakes & Dams

Speaking for Director Don Truesdell, who was absent, (See "SLLA," p. 33)

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This message is to alert all community members of the need to elect people to the Landowners Board who are experienced and well qualified to conduct the business of our community by working together to address our changing needs.

Our current Board has functioned extremely well this past year. At their first meeting in March 2008, all members unanimously agreed not to engage in extraneous public debate without Board approval. This policy has worked.

Our recommendations of candidates for election are as follows:

1. Elect Randy Zielsdorf and Denny Galford, who are running for reelection. They have provided leadership and sound financial planning.

2. We recommend Kent Droppers for his many years experience in selecting and hiring leaders in the business community. His background will be very valuable as the Board defines the role of the new Community Manager.

3. Both Bruce Keyser and Mike Pennington are younger, have children, and the input of either could be of value to the Board.

4. We **strongly recommend** the \$50 per year increase, to be used toward the total costs to preserve our dams and roads. **This fund is restricted only to those costs. This increase amounts to \$4.17 per month to address a real long term need. Lets start our reserve this year.**

These landowners have endorsed and paid for this message, Our signatures are on file.

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Mail delivery issue frustrates Westside Board

A somewhat frustrated Westside Board of Directors appeared to come close to abandoning the pursuit of curbside mail delivery during its last Work Session before the March 15 Annual Meeting, but ultimately deferred any decision until after a newly-constituted Board takes office.

Treasurer Kathy Kirst touched off the discussion of home mail delivery — which the Association has been pursuing for several years — by relating the content of three letters received by the Board in the past month.

The first was from US Postal Service [USPS] headquarters in Washington, DC: a response to a Freedom of Information Act request seeking a copy of any agreement between the US Postal Service and the community or its developer related to

the mode of mail delivery. The DC office had forward the request to the regional office in Greensboro.

The Greensboro office replied to the request by noting that mailhouse delivery was implemented over twenty-five years ago at the request of Seven Lakes developer Fred Lawrence. The required retention period for any documents relating to that request would have long since expired, Greensboro officials wrote, and so are unavailable.

Finally, the Association received a letter from US Senator Richard Burr, to whom it appealed after the electoral defeat of Senator Elizabeth Dole, whose office had been trying to help the community in its pursuit of home mail delivery.

"The question is: 'Do we want to go forward?'" Kirst told the Board. The FOIA request produced nothing, she said. "Do we want to go forward pursuing home delivery, or do we want to say we are going to build a new mailhouse or new mailhouses?"

Noting that the Long Range Planning Committee [LRP] has requested spending up to \$5,000 in order to obtain the advice of an attorney experienced in postal service matters, Kirst asked. "Do we want to go down that road?"

"We have to put a stake in the ground," she said. "We can't keep doing this Board after Board after Board. Sometime, we have to make a decision."

"Based on the financial condition of the Postal Service, this is not an argument we are going

to win," Director Mick Herdrich said. "We have been tilting at windmills for a while here." Herdrich asked whether, if an attorney said the Association has a legal case, the Board was prepared to spend \$10,000, \$40,000, or more to pursue it.

Legal Director Ed Silberhorn said that, based on recent experience in retaining counsel, he felt the cost of an attorney's opinion on the matter would likely be closer to \$10,000 than the \$5,000 he originally estimated. "If we

do go forward after obtaining the opinion," he added, "we are talking about beaucoup bucks."

There was some disagreement from Board members about whether the community had expressed a strong desire for home delivery. Brooke noted that seventy-one percent of members had supported a covenant change that would make home delivery possible, if the USPS would go along. But Director Karen Milligan said that she had

(See "SLWLA," p. 21)

Crossing project approved

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

North Carolina's Board of Transportation approved the Seven Lakes-West End rail crossing project during its Thursday, March 5 monthly meeting.

As approved, the project includes the closure of the crossings at Edgewood Terrace and Mode Road an upgrade of the Lakeway Drive crossing at the entrance to Seven Lakes West, and an upgrade at the NC Highway 73 crossing near West End Fire and Rescue.

The private Westside crossing was originally allowed by the Aberdeen Carolina & Western Railway under an agreement that did not envision the current 4,000-plus vehicles that cross the tracks to enter Seven Lakes West or do business with the merchants

NC Department of Transportation Railway Division Project Engineer Nancy Horne told *The Times* that the next step in the project "is for us to get the agreements in place with the railroad for the two closures and for the overall project and then to move forward into design."

Because federal money will be used as the primary funding source for the project, environmental evaluations will be required at each project site,

Horne said.

She told *The Times* that the four separate elements of the project — two crossings closings and two crossing upgrades — could be moved forward independently of the others.

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not dependent on progress at the others.

Horne had previously told *The Times* the entire project would likely take eighteen to twenty-four months to complete.

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Foxfire police make one arrest, more pending

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Crime doesn't pay in Foxfire Village under the watchful eye of Police Chief Mike Campbell, with an arrest for larceny and additional anticipated arrests for thefts from vehicles reported during the Village Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 10.

Councilwoman Page Coker said arrests were eminent in the case of eight vehicles that were recently broken into: all had been parked, unlocked in resident's driveways. The larceny arrest involved theft from the General Store that was captured on videotape, which facilitated locating and identifying the suspect.

Coker also reported that a leashed dog being walked at the Village Park had lunged at two women, causing one of them to fall and incur injury. The Police Department was notified and the case is being handled as a civil matter.

Village Speeding

The NC Department of Transportation, after reviewing a two-day traffic study of Richmond and Hoffman Roads, declined to

reduce the speed limit, as had been requested by the Village Council.

"The speed study did not identify an engineering basis to further reduce the speed limit," reported Mayor George Erickson, reading from the DOT report.

Finance

With \$44,143 in unpaid 2008 real estate taxes, Councilwoman Leslie Frusco said the Village will actively pursue delinquent property owners. Tax liens notices will be advertised in early April.

The General Fund was reported at \$335,000; which includes \$50,000 in restricted account funds received from Stonehill Pines for Foxfire Quality Assurance Team expenses, and \$39,000 in a Powell Bill which is a restricted fund for street maintenance. The Water Fund balance is \$310,000; which includes loan proceeds of \$300,000, and \$135,000 in escrow for the new well.

Woodland Circle Extension

The majority of affected property owners have declared their approval, reported Erickson,

allowing the Woodland Circle Extension project to move forward. Ten of fourteen property owners – representing a total of thirty-four affected properties – returned notarized statements. All fourteen owners, including those who did not respond or opposed, will be assessed the complete cost of the road extension project.

The April meeting of the Foxfire Village Council has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 7, and will include a Public Hearing on the Woodland Circle Extension project.

sion project.

Other Items

- The Foxfire Village website will be updated in the next few months and will include meeting minutes and an event calendar.
- Following up on a request to approve a Horse Trail on an undeveloped section of Village Green Park, Erickson reported the Village will install signs where the 200' trail begins and ends on public property. He said the signage

and an attorney approved document signed by the requestors would limit liability. The trail will be limited to horses, and may only be used by residents and guests of the Reynwood subdivision.

- Two new certificates of occupancy were issued last month, reported Zoning Administrator Mimi Ainsworth. Both were custom homes.
- West End Fire & Rescue is looking for more volunteers. If interested, please contact WEFR at 673-0905.

Would you invest \$175 to save \$10,000?

by Don Truesdell, Chair
SLLA Lakes & Dams
Committee

As you may recall we have published a series of articles in this newspaper concerning septic systems because every house in Seven Lakes has a septic system. We checked the Membership Registration Forms and found that forty-five percent of all houses have not had their septic tank inspected within the last ten years!

This is unacceptable.

The problem with ignoring your septic tank is that your septic system will not give you any advance warning before it fails. When it does fail the cost to repair it could run as high as \$10,000.

Typically a family of two should have their septic tank inspected and pumped every 5.9 years and a family of four every 2.6 years. Next month the Seven Lakes Landowners Association will be sending out the annual dues invoice as well as your Membership Registration Form. Please check your records to insure compliance with the recommended pumping cycle.

If you have any questions please call Dalton Fulcher at 673-4931. He has the data for the recommended time intervals based on the number of people living in your house. Remember a stitch in time could save nine!

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 <p>119 CALLIS CIRCLE Lakefront Lot 3402 Seven Lakes West \$399,000</p>	 <p>LOT 65 PH 4 ZIEGLER CT. Morganwood in Seven Lakes West \$162,500</p>	 <p>248 LONGLEAF DRIVE Golf Front In Beacon Ridge \$398,000</p>

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Commissioners debate tax, expense cuts

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Can Moore County cut property taxes three cents and still build a new jail, new public safety facility, and new administration building — all with raising taxes in a year or two.

Can the county cut expenses five percent across the Board without laying off Sheriff's deputies, furloughing DSS workers, and cutting essential services?

Those are the types of questions the Moore County Board of Commissioners asked its Government Efficiency Advisory Board after a lengthy session on budgeting priorities for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 during a Monday, March 16 meeting.

Commissioner Tim Lea has been pushing for an early decision by the Commissioners to cut property taxes by three cents, cut expenses fifteen percent, and cut the target fund balance to fifteen percent of the total budget. His fellow Commissioners have already agreed to cut the Advanced Life Support levy by a half cent and to lower the target fund balance from twenty-five to twenty percent.

The "fund balance" is the County's general-purpose savings account — the money it would use, for example, to make payroll if the state stopped sending Moore County its share of sales tax revenues. That possibility clearly has county officials and commissioners worried, as the state looks to weather a substantial revenue shortfall caused by the global recession.

Finance Officer Lisa Hughes told Commissioners that, even without a tax cut, economic conditions are expected to reduce county general fund revenues by more than \$4 million next year. Combine that with a three cent tax cut and the county would have \$7.5 million less to spend next year.

If commissioners cut taxes

three cents in FY2010 — and proceed with the \$47 million construction project, Hughes said, they will likely have to raise taxes a half cent in FY 2011 and 3.7 cents in FY2012. She based that projection on work done by

consultants Davenport and Company, which the county hires to do its financial forecasts.

Trying to gauge the impact of a tax reduction, Hughes looked at cutting out all salary increases and bonuses for county

employees. That generated savings of only \$1.3 million — well short of the projects \$7.5 million shortfall. She said the tax reduction would result in a tangible reduction in services offered to citizens, as well as cuts in

funding of education and non-profits. Trying to effect a five percent across the board reduction in expenses, as Lea suggested, would result in the elimination of positions in a number of departments. (See "Commissioners," p. 32)

To the Landowners of Seven Lakes North & South: The Ballots are in your hands---it's time to be heard!

After careful consideration and considerable debate, the Advocates highly recommend the following nominees:

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Steve Hudson

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Randall Zielsdorf

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- They spent yet another \$46,000 on three hastily purchased trucks to increase the fleet--- without public discussion!
- They employed a Maintenance Superintendent, excellent though he certainly is, to do our Community Manager's job---without public discussion!
- And, when behind closed doors, they pay little attention or heed to the words "Responsiveness", "Transparency" or, the residents "Right to Know"!
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Submitted by R. Erskine, paid for by The Advocates — a group of past Board Directors, Committee Members and other concerned landowners of Seven Lakes North & South

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Board approves permit for new middle school

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Forging ahead with a site plans for a new elementary school in West End, including a proposed new access road, Moore County Schools received both a conditional use permit and a public scolding by Moore County Planning Board Member Dave Kinney during the Thursday, March 5 meeting.

During discussion, the Board discovered that residences along Archie Road directly and permanently impacted by this project, were not invited to participate in the planning process.

Kinney responded to Bonnie

Corcoran, an Archie Road resident who opposed the location of the new access road and expressed disappointment that the community had not been consulted.

"With the size of this venture, I would recommend the schools see fit to have a community dialogue before too much ink is put on paper," Kinney said.

The new facility will be located on 25.42 acres behind and adjacent to West Pine Middle School. Unlike the existing school's entrance, which is immediately off Rt. 211 on Archie Road, the new campus' access road will connect at the resi-

dential portion of Archie Road – currently a narrow, rural lane of approximately seventeen houses.

John Hawthorne, MCS Executive Supervisor for Construction, stated options for the location of the winding access road were limited and noted the design will allow for 'stacking' of loading/unloading cars without backing onto Archie Road. Entering buses will also use the new access road, however, exiting buses will be routed to the West Pine campus.

After discussion, and with no other residents speaking in opposition to the plan, the Board

granted approval for the permit.

Other Items

In other business, the Planning Board:

- Approved a conditional use permit for an accessory building [manufactured home] to be placed on 31.5 acre tract on Speight Road in West End.
- Reviewed the Moore County Planning & Community Development 2009 Work Plan, which utilizes both the goals of the 1999 Land Use Plan and some aspects of the Small Area A Plan.

- Discussed a proposed ordinance for derelict properties. Tax liens will be placed on such properties if Moore County must go in and clean them up.

- Planning Director Joey Raczkowski reported \$100 million in grants approved in 2008-2009 by the NC Water Trust Fund were rescinded. Moore County's \$200,000 grant request, to assist with the Land Use Plan update, was put on hold until further notice.

Spring break cut by two days

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Moore County students on the traditional academic calendar will lose two days of their scheduled Spring Break vacation to make-up for snowy inclement weather days, announced Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser during the Board of Education meeting on Monday, March 9.

Spring Break begins on Good Friday, April 10 with school back in on Thursday and Friday, April 16-17. The newly adjusted calendar also restores the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday, May 25.

"The calendar law, which changed a few years ago, requires that student classes can not begin before August 25 and must conclude no later than

June 10," said Purser. "So we are locked in. The only way to make-up days is to go back and pick up days that students are not in session."

Teacher recognition

Twenty-three Moore County Schools employees, including West End Elementary Art Teacher Jill Hartsell, were recognized by the Board of Education for receiving a Master's or Doctoral degree in 2009.

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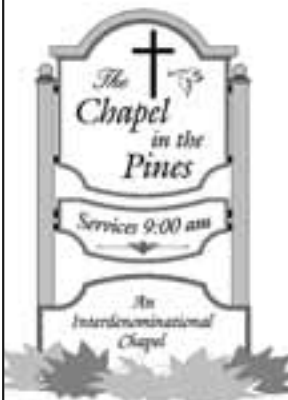
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Finny Sequoians get needle-y playground

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Ready, set, fish! Your odds of reeling in a big one next Summer have increased dramatically, explained Recreation Director Gary Caulk, with the addition of two new artificial reefs in Lake Sequoia.

"A reef won't increase the number of fish but it will bring them together – and give fishermen a better chance of catching one," said Caulk.

The Seven Lakes Landowners Association Maintenance Depart-

ment placed one garage-sized reef placed near the dock at Sequoia Point, and another placed near the boat launch. Using Christmas trees, which are both inexpensive and excellent recyclable material, each underwater structure was constructed using twenty to twenty-five trees, anchored by cinder blocks and marked with buoys.

According to the U.S. Forest Service, the branching patterns of Christmas trees offer something for fish of all shapes and sizes. Extending a reef from

near shore to deeper water ensures adequate refuge – with younger fish often in the shallow areas and larger fish cruising the edges and deeper areas.

Caulk said the trees will naturally deteriorate and need to be replenished in about five years. In the meantime, he hopes to place additional artificial reefs in each of the other community lakes next Winter.

"This is a great way to improve fishing and also recycle trees," said Caulk.



Discarded Christmas trees will make nice habitat for Lake Sequoia fish.

Bluegrass, Gospel, Chicken & BBQ at Methodist Auction

There will be something for everyone on Friday, March 20 at Doubs Chapel United Methodist Church. Join in for good food, toe-tapping music, and the chance to bid on and win some real treasures!

Rotisserie chicken and BBQ plates by Rick's Catering of Laurinburg will be available from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

All plates are \$7.50 and advanced purchase is recommended. Delivery is available for ten or more plates. For advance tickets for the meals, contact Scott Ritter at 947-1957 or 638-5517.

Between 3:00 pm and 6:30

pm, local musicians will provide the best in bluegrass gospel for your listening pleasure.

Auction at 7:00 pm will include tools, gift certificates for local restaurants, golf items and packages, pottery, Carhartt items, miscellaneous household items, and new and gently used merchandise. A raffle drawing for three special items will take place during the auction: 1st prize – Holland gas grill; 2nd prize – handmade wall mount Curio cabinet; 3rd prize – golf

items. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or \$20.00 for a pack of five and can be purchased in advance or at the event.

You do not have to be present to win. For advance purchase of raffle tickets, contact Alan Black 215-3672.

All events will take place at the church located at 1444 Doubs Chapel Church Road in West End. All proceeds from the meals & auction go to the Community Mission fund of the church.

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Time to think about Spring gardening

March is normally, here in the Sandhills, the month when the weather is variable . . . a few warm days and often some cold ones. This year is no exception.

There are indications that Spring is just around the corner. Some peach tree varieties are in bloom. Bradford pear flowers are beautiful, forsythia, daffodils, and camellia japonicas continue to bloom profusely. Dogwood buds have set in a semi-flowering stage and are ready to burst when March temperatures turn warm.

Hopefully a cold freeze will not cut short the fruit set to damage the peaches and other fruits.

Since Spring is almost here, it's a good time to start planning and planting your early garden. A thirty-year study, completed by the US Departments of Commerce and Agriculture, links frost dates for our area as late as March 20 to April 10. Having lived in the Sandhills more than thirty years, I do not remember killing frost after April 1.

This time of year questions are asked about putting out flower beds, hanging baskets, vegetable gardens, and other annuals, perennials, and ibizannuals. All should be planted when soil conditions, moisture, day length, air, and soil temperatures are just right.

Annuals are classified as hardy, half-hardy, and tender. The hardy ones can withstand light freezes, frost, and cool to cold soil. These are usually planted in the Sandhills during Fall, Winter, or early Spring. Examples are pansies, flowering cabbage, vegetable cole crops such as turnips, lettuce, collards, cabbage, green mixtures, onions, English or garden peas, etc.

Half-hardy annuals are best adapted when planted after the last frost but if an unexpected frost occurs, the plants will normally survive. Examples are petunias, beans, sweet corn, etc.

Tender annuals need warm weather and soil. They cannot be planted outdoors until the danger of frost has passed. Examples are impatiens, zinnias, tomatoes, peppers, egg plants, and squash.

Several inquiries have been made about the fertilization of zoysia and Bermuda lawn grass-

es, and if a weed and feed can be used. If one desires to use a weed and feed, use the material by the time dogwoods become in the full blooming stage. Another indication, is to use the weed and feed when the lawn starts to show signs of green.

The correct type and amount of plant food fertilizer to use should be a soil test analysis.

In the absence of a soil test, apply five to six pounds of a premium slow release 10-10-10 lawn fertilizer for each 1,000 square feet of lawn. Most weed and feed fertilizers contain chemicals for controlling broadleaf weeds and crabgrass. If one chooses a weed and feed treatment, follow the directions specifically. When used improperly, often poor results will occur.

Other March reminders:

During warm days, put your houseplants outdoors. Bring them inside at night when temperatures drop below 50 degrees.

Rose growers don't forget to prune your hybrid teas, floribundias, and old fashion plantings.

If you have put off planning new shrubs, ground covers, and perennials, do it ASAP. Remember to keep all plantings well-watered.

Now is the time to dig, divide, and replant clumps of chrysanthemums that are growing vigorously.

If you are tired of hand-weeding and digging, apply a post-emergence broadleaf weed con-

Weed Out, Tri Mac, Weed-B-Gone, and other phenoxy types. Read and follow all directions carefully.

Wash your flower pots, hanging baskets, window boxes, and other containers, you plan to reuse for plantings. Replace with new potting soil and limestone, if needed.

Vegetable garden plantings for March include asparagus crowns, beets, carrots, kale, kohlrabi, mustard, peas [edible pod and garden varieties], radish, spinach, Swiss chard, and turnip seeds. You may also plant broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, onion sets and seed, and Irish potato seed cuttings.

Some of the experienced gardeners in our area like to plant an early crop of sweet corn to

miss the emergence or early flight of the corn ear moth, which lays its eggs in the early silking of the corn. The eggs produce corn earworms which damages the ear. If dry weather prevails thereby delaying the corn germination, water the soil to promote a good stand.

Some "early birds" like to plant snap beans the last Friday of March; whereas most traditionalists like to wait until Good Friday.



Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

trol chemical on your lawn for dandelions, wild garlic, onions, henbit, chickweed, oxalis -- commonly known as wood sorrel, and other broadleaf weeds. Some of the trade names are

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Virginia Brewer Smith, 84, of Eagle Springs, died Tuesday, March 3, at Pinelake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

A native of Moore County, she was the daughter of the late Doctor Franklin and Jeanette Morgan Brewer. She worked for several years at Car-Fab and as a secretary at R. G. Smith Oil Company.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Russell G. Smith Sr.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband, Odell Hussey; a daughter, Lucille Goodson, of Charlotte; a son, R. G. Smith Jr., of Carthage; two brothers, Arthur Brewer and J. F. Brewer, both of Eagle Springs; four grandchildren; three step grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 8, at First Presbyterian Church in Carthage. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Masonic Home for Children, 600 College Street, Oxford, NC 27565.

Raelou Fallot, 77, of Seven Lakes, died Tuesday, March 3, at her residence.

Mrs. Fallot was born in Union City, NJ, the daughter of the late Sam and Mildred Goldfarb.

She worked as a secretary for the president of Askins Department Store. She retired to Seven Lakes thirteen years ago.

She is survived by her husband, Lucien P. Fallot; a son, Paul Fallot, of Maplewood, NJ; a daughter, Linda Drotman, of Seven Lakes; a granddaughter; one great grandchild.

A formal service will be held at a later date.

The family is being assisted by Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes.

Swannie Freeman Grant, 68, of Eagle Springs, died Tuesday, March 10, at Randolph Hospital

in Asheboro.

Mrs. Grant was a Moore County native and was a retired clerk.

She is survived by her daughters, Carol Hicks, of Ramseur, Kathy Grant, of Seagrove; sons, Craig Hicks, of Eagle Springs, Kelly Grant, of Aberdeen; sisters, Rebecca Davis, of Star, Edna Stewart, of Biscoe, Brenda Freeman, of High Falls, Libby Garner, of Carthage, Freida Upchurch, of Robbins; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 13, at Phillips Funeral Home chapel in Star.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, Montgomery County, 6000 Fairview Road, Suite 200, Charlotte, NC 28210.

William Benjamin Brisbane, 83, of Seven Lakes, died Tuesday, March 10, at his residence.

Mr. Brisbane was the son of the late James and Pearl Brisbane of Lima, NY. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

Mr. Brisbane and his wife retired to Seven Lakes in 1983. He was a member of the American Legion and Elks Club.

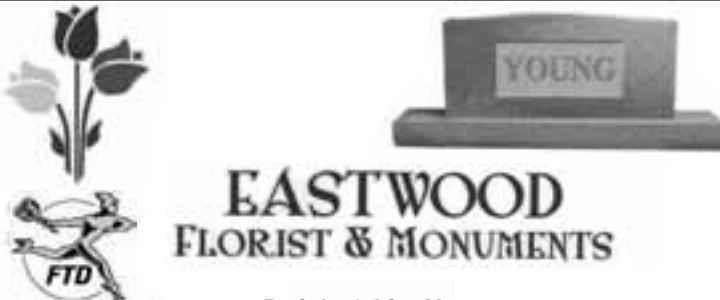
He was preceded in death by his wife of fifty-four years, Harriet E. Brisbane.

He is survived by daughters Natalie Garner, of Seven Lakes, and Robin M. Snyder, of San Antonio, TX; four grandchildren and two great.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 14, at Boles Funeral Home in Seven Lakes.

The Rev. David Hicks officiated. Burial followed in the Seven Lakes Cemetery.

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Seven Lakes CERT responds to 'tornado'

by James Johnson
Seven Lakes West

A second large class of Seven Lakes West Community Emergency Response Team [CERT] members joined the existing teams in a final exercise that was held at night on March 25.

The scenario was a simulated tornado strike at the Seven Lakes West Side Community Center, complete with multiple victims. Also participating were the Moore County Emergency Operations Team, the Seven Lakes Fire and EMS and the West End Fire and

Rescue.

Search, rescue, and medical treatment were performed on multiple "victims" with communications support between participating groups. An interesting twist was communicated to CERT half way thru the exer-

cise, which was the approach of an additional tornado strike five minutes away.

Multiple victims were moved to safe quarters pending the second strike, with one being dragged on a tarp to lower ground, since she could not be moved.

Following the exercise, there was an opportunity for a comprehensive review and analysis with pizza and soda provided. CERT thanks Sandi Carl for making the pizza arrangements and a very special thank you goes to Mike Cirillo at Seven Lakes Pizza Kitchen for supporting CERT, along with all

fourteen who volunteered as victims.

Scott Brooks, Manager of Pubic Safety for Moore County, advised CERT that the exercise was a great success and was impressed at the group's size and ability of the CERT members.

The objective of the CERT team is to provide the greatest good for the greatest number of victims after a disaster, while protecting themselves from becoming a victim, pending the arrival of first responders.

If you are interested in joining the CERT team at Seven Lakes West, contact Terry Riddle at 673-3776.



Seven Lakes West's Community Emergency Response Team [CERT]

Sandhills Pointing Breeds Club

The Sandhills Pointing Breeds Club meets at 10:00 am, the first Saturday of the month, at the Club's meeting house located at 3280 Jackson Springs Road in Jackson Springs.

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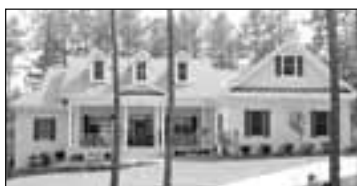


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This play is about Maria Callas

teaching, remembering, cajoling and dramatizing, not singing. She talks to the audience as well as the students, or "victims" as she calls them. She is funny, sad, happy, and inspirational. We all should have her tenacity and spirit. And yes, the play is in English!

Moore OnStage is so excited to be able to bring such a beautifully written masterpiece to the Sunrise stage with an incredibly talented cast that will keep you mesmerized from the first scene to the last. Lynda Clark, who will be portraying Maria Callas has acting credits from Shakespeare to Patsy Cline to TV and movies. She was most recently seen in Theatre in the Park's production of "Macbeth," playing Lady Macbeth herself.

Supporting Lynda will be Anne Butler, Ginny Buckner, and Patrick Wickham, professionals in their own rights. All three actors are musically trained and

continue to work in that arena, especially Patrick, who will be conducting a master class while visiting here from New York.

Rounding out the cast is Sarah Edwards who will be the accompanist throughout the class. Sarah currently is the interim director of music at Community Congregational Church and has been seen with Moore OnStage in "Big River" and has worked backstage on "42nd Street." Lauren Beecher, the stage manager of the show, also doubles as the stagehand that provides the props, etc, that La Divina requests.

This play is not only brilliantly written, but also enormously entertaining. Maria Callas is

funny and will talk to the audience as if it, too, is taking the master class. Learn with the students and become an aficionado of acting in song. "Master Class" runs Thursday, March 26 through Saturday at 7:30 pm and then Sunday, March 29 at 2:00 pm at the Sunrise Theatre.

For reservations, please call 692-7118. Tickets are \$20 and may be paid over the phone with MasterCard or Visa.

Do not miss this tremendous tour de force of acting and music. Thanks to Pine Gables Bed and Breakfast of Aberdeen for its generous sponsorship and home for the actors.

WEE Wall features Student Art Tiles



The main hallway of West End Elementary School features a new colorful wall filled with tiles of student artwork. Art Teacher Jill Hartsell laid the tiles and has plans to add a similar wall in the Fourth and Fifth grade building.

Last Fall, students at WEE created pieces of art which were sent to Square One Art. The company provided small magnets featuring their art and they could order other products as well. The money from this fundraiser was used to purchase the tiles for the school.

"The wall looks great," said Hartsill, inviting all to stop by the school and admire the students beautiful artwork.

Above, West End Elementary students show off their work: From left: Nalisha McPhatter, 4th grade; India McCaskill, 2nd grade; Jenna Stockwell, 3rd grade; Alex Linares and Tamara King, 5th grade.

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Still time to get tickets for 'Taste of Town'

On Monday, March 30, The Women of Seven Lakes will present their Fifth Annual "Taste of the Town" at the West Side Park Community Center from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Twenty-one restaurants will

feature their culinary specialties this year, including Beacon Ridge Golf & Country Club, Chili's, Corfu Taverna, Dog Nation Grill, Elliott's on Linden, Henry's Gelato, Little River Golf & Resort, Moore Delights Personal Chef

Services, Outback Steakhouse, Rhett's Personal Chef & Catering, Seven Lakes Country Club, Smithfield's Chicken-N-Barbecue, Table on the Green, Thai Basil, and That's a Deli. Desserts will be supplied by the

following bakeries and restaurants, Broad Street Bakery, Caterina's Bakery & Catering, Lula's, Panera Bread, Pik n Pig, and The Bakehouse.

In addition, the Women are very excited to announce that a special, and separate, Fine Wine Tasting hosted by Elliott's on Linden, will be held from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, prior to the event. Thaddeus Braun, wine manager of Elliott's on Linden, has selected some very nice wines to fit all wine enthusiasts' taste buds. Light hors d'oeuvres prepared by the Elliott's will be served with the wine selections.

During the Taste of the Town, raffles will be offered for gift certificates to twenty-one area restaurants. All participating

restaurants have generously donated their services and food so that proceeds will benefit the First Health Foundation Cancer Care Fund, and the West End United Methodist Church Food Pantry.

Tickets are \$20.00 each for the Taste of the Town event, and \$10.00 each for the Wine Tasting: To purchase either, call Sandi Carl at 673-7711, Carmela Chase at 673-2635, or Nancy Workman at 673-3899. You can also pick up tickets at the West Side Park Community Center office by calling 673-5314.

Members of the Women of Seven Lakes will also be selling tickets at the mail houses at Seven Lakes West, Seven Lakes North, and Seven Lakes South.

Plenty of tennis for the ladies at Seven Lakes CC

by Barb Horan
Seven Lakes Tennis

The Seven Lakes Country Club has eight "young" ladies gearing up to compete in the Southern Sectional Super Senior Championships in Mobile, Alabama in a few short weeks. These eight ladies are the current North Carolina State Champions, having won the States in Greensboro this past October. They will represent North Carolina and compete against nine other southern state champions in their division, Ladies 60's 3.0. Captain Barb Keiffer leads the team, with members Betty Milligan, Jan Staaf, Ally Vogel, Carol Dunbar, Carol Gorman, Ellie Lyons, and Barb Horan.

The SLCC Tennis Center is also fielding three ladies competitive teams in the local Pines Tennis Leagues. There is a newly formed ladies 2.5 team was originally began as a program called "Mom's Nite Out".....after several months of clinics and practice they are well on their way to compete against other local facilities. Two other teams will represent the SLCC Tennis Program, Ladies 3.0 and Ladies 3.5 teams.

There has been so much interest in the "Mom's Nite Out" program that another group is organizing. Mom's do not need to know how to play....we promise,

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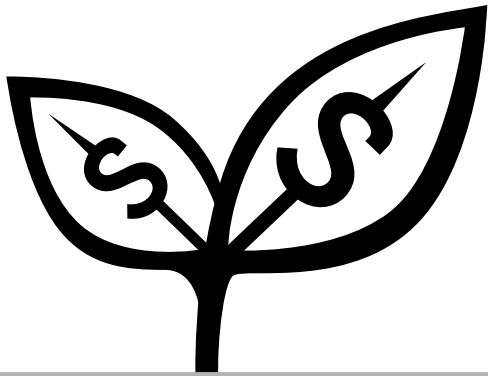
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- **Auction, Chicken and BBQ, and Gospel Music** – 11 am – 2 pm & 4 – 6:30 pm, Doubs Chapel United Methodist Church. Good food, toe-tapping music, and the chance to bid on and win some real treasures! Rotisserie chicken and BBQ plates by Rick's Catering of Laurinburg are \$7.50 and advanced purchase is recommended. Meal tickets, Scott Ritter 947-1957 or 638-5517. Raffle tickets, Alan Black 215-3672.
- **Pinecrest Players Crazy for You: The New Gershwin Musical** – 7pm, Pinecrest High School. An original production featuring dancing showgirls and lazy cowboys in 1930's Deadrock, Nevada, in a true tribute to the classic musicals of 1930's and 40's, complete with Gershwin favorites. Show continues Saturday, March 20 at 7pm and Sunday, March 21 at 2pm. Tickets \$12 general admission, and \$10 students under 12. Presale tickets are available at the Arts Council of Moore County at the Campbell House in Southern Pines. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

- **Moore County Amateur Radio Society: VEC Licensing Examination** – 10 am, Moore County Library, Carthage. The fee is \$12 [cash only]. Individuals wishing to take the test must have a valid driver's license or other valid government issued picture ID, a social security card, and a copy of the front and back of both documents on a single page. If candidate holds an amateur license issued by the

FCC, bring original and copy. Information, Charles Wackerman 947-2707.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

- **High Tea and High Fashion Show** – 2:30 pm, Pine Needles Lodge. Sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Organization [BPW] of



What's When Calendar

the Sandhills, the annual event benefits their scholarship program. Fashion show will feature "upscale resale," and how to dress for success in these tough economic times. Tickets \$25 per person. Information, Heather at 693-3792.

- **Seven Lakes Landowner's Association Annual Meeting** – 3 pm, West End Elementary School.

MONDAY, MARCH 23

- **Basic Spanish Class** – 7 pm – 8:30 pm, Seven Lakes North Game Room. Instructor Bill Yarish will conduct an eleven-week Basic Conversational Spanish Class. New participants are welcome. Classes continue through Monday, May 25. Fee is \$5 to cover copying expenses. Information, Bill at 687-0332.
- **Sandhills Natural History Society Meeting** – 7 pm, Weymouth Woods Auditorium, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd, Southern Pines. Sam Droege, biologist with USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center,

will give a presentation on his work in the SC Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge identifying and monitoring native bees. Visitors are welcome. Information, 692-2167.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

- **Moore County Chamber of Commerce: State of the Economy Luncheon** – 11:45 – 1:30 pm, Pinehurst Members Club. Featuring North Carolina Secretary of Commerce

Keith Crisco. This program, presented in partnership with Dixon Hughes, \$25 for Chamber members and \$50 for non-members. Pre-registration and payment is required. Late registrations or day of registrations will be \$35 for members and \$75 for non-members. Registration, call Lakota Copeland 692-3926.

- **Slalom Course Ski Club Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Do you like to slalom water-ski? Do you want to improve your skills? Have you ever wanted to run a slalom course? If you answered yes, then we want

to talk to you! Attend the planning meeting or contact Rodney & Tonya Godwin at 639-9123 or 639-9124.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

- **Lenten Lunch Series** – 11:30 am, West End United Methodist Church. Service includes a devotion, Communion, and a speaker, followed by a light lunch consisting of soup and sandwiches. The luncheon is free and the public is invited and welcome to attend. Information, 673-1371.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

- **GBC Open House & Ribbon Cutting** – 4 pm, Gorenflo Bierbaum & Campbell, PLLC, 105 Seven Lakes Court, Seven Lakes Business Village. All are welcome to attend a spe-

cial Open House and Ribbon Cutting event. Information, 673-1325.

- **Friends of Moore County Library System Inaugural Meeting** – 4 pm, Historic Courthouse, Carthage. Featured speaker Frannie Ashburn will talk about how friends provide a forum for supporting one of the most valuable resources in our society, the public library. Refreshments and door prizes. All are welcome.
- **Save Our Sandhills Meeting** – 7 pm, Southern Pines Civic Club, corner of Ashe St. and Pennsylvania Ave. Presentation of "An Ode To Longleaf," and discussion of what makes the Sandhills unique with botanist Bruce Sorrie. Also an update of the Urban Farm Tour [April 11] and Green

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- **Moore OnStage: Master Class** – 7:30 pm, Sunrise Theatre, Southern Pines. The 1996 Tony Award winning play about Maria Callas in the twilight of her career. Brilliantly written and enormously entertaining, the show runs through Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday, March 29 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$20. Information, call 692-7118.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

- **Bye Bye Birdie** – 7 pm, Pinehurst Elementary School. Poodle skirts and 50's dancing and fun presented by West Pine Middle School students. Tickets are available at West Pine or at the door [Pinehurst Elementary] for \$7. Event continues Saturday, March 28. Information, 673-1464.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

- **Vass Lions Club Pancake Breakfast** – 7:30 am – 11:30 am, Vass-Lakeview Elementary School. All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice, and water. Tickets are \$6 per person, available at the door. Baked goods, brooms, and crafts by Woodlake Crafters will be available for sale. Proceeds support Vass Lions Club community projects.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

- **Temple Theatre Benefit Golf Tournament** – 8:30 am, Quail Ridge Golf Course, Sanford. Information, 800-398-9709 or 919-776-6623.

MONDAY, MARCH 30

- **Women of Seven Lakes Fine Wine Tasting by Elliott's on Linden** – 4 pm – 5 pm, down-

stairs West Side Park Community Center. Tickets are \$10 to this special event, to be held immediately prior to the Taste of the Town. Tickets, Sandi Carl 673-7711.

- **Women of Seven Lakes 5th Annual Taste of the Town** – 5 pm – 7 pm, upstairs West Side Park Community Center. Featuring raffles and twenty-one participating restaurants. Wine, beer, and coffee are included. Proceeds will benefit the First Health Foundation Cancer Care Fund, and the West End United Methodist Church Food Pantry. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold at community mail houses or contact Sandi Carl 673-7711.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

- **Franklin Covey Workshop** – 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, Moore County Chamber of Commerce. Learn how to tap into your team's potential and to be a great leader. Program is \$149 for members and \$199.00 for non-members. Pre-registration and payment is required by March 24. Visit www.moore-countychamber.com
- **Moore County Choral Society Wine Gala** – 7 pm – 9 pm, The Fresh Market, Southern Pines. Tickets are \$25.00, and only 300 will be sold. All proceeds will benefit the Choral Society. For tickets or information, Sandra Parsons at 215-8063.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

- **Lenten Lunch Series** – 11:30 am, West End United Methodist Church. Service includes a devotion, Communion, and a speaker, followed by a light lunch con-

sisting of soup and sandwiches. The luncheon is free and the public is invited and welcome to attend. Information, 673-1371.

- **Organic Vegetable Gardening Workshop** – noon – 2 pm, Armory Park, Southern Pines. Part three of seminar, Extension Agents Taylor Williams and Paige Burns will cover disease and insect management in the garden. Information, 947-3188.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

- **Women of Seven Lakes Meeting** – 1 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Guest speaker will be Dr. Susan Purser, Superintendent of Moore County Public Schools. All are welcome.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

- **Heart of Carolina Jazz Orchestra presents Stanley Jordan** – 8 pm, Temple Theatre, Sanford. Tickets \$15; Youth \$10.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

- **Huge Yard Sale** – 8 am – 1 pm, West End Presbyterian Church, 275 Knox Lane, West End. Proceeds to benefit youth missions.
- **Jackson Springs Community Club Yard Sale** – 8 am – 1 pm, Community Club Build-

ing, 447 Mill Road, Jackson Springs. Something for everyone! Also biscuits & hotdogs, soft drinks & coffee. Face painting for children.

- **West End Methodist Men's Group: Special Presentation** – 9 am, Fellowship Hall, West End Methodist Church. Dr. Greg Griewe, a specialist in oncology, pediatrics, surgery, and incontinence, will discuss minimally invasive surgery techniques for treating prostate cancer. Public is invited. Info. 673-1371.
- **Chili Cook Off** – 11 am – 3 pm, corner of Trade & Grant Streets, Seven Lakes Business Village. Sponsored by the Seven Lakes Business

Guild. Street fair will feature local businesses, clubs, and organizations. Hot dogs and baked goods available. Information contact JuBilee Screen Print 673-4240.

- **SLWLA Easter Egg Hunt** – 1 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Refreshments and a visit by the Easter Bunny. Rain date Sun, April 5.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

- **Palm Sunday**
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West Pine students will present 'Bye Bye Birdie'

Students at West Pine Middle School have stepped back in time as they don poodle skirts and letterman sweaters in preparation for their production of Bye Bye Birdie.

Students will present their one hour version on Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28 at 7:00 pm, in the auditorium at Pinehurst

Elementary School.

Rehearsals are in high gear as students polish their '50's dance steps and discuss the fashion trends of the era. Ryan Wade [8th grade] will be portraying Conrad Birdie, an "Elvis-like" heartthrob who has been drafted into the Army---much to the heartbreak of teenage girls

across America. One lucky teenager, Kim MacAfee, portrayed by Heather Reed [7th grade], has been chosen to give Conrad Birdie his farewell kiss. This kiss is a publicity stunt cooked up by Albert Peterson and Rose Alvarez, portrayed by Graham Leonard and Hailey Crider, both 8th graders. Along for the

ride are Kim's BFF's: Ursula, Alice and Deborah Sue, portrayed by Lindsey Houseman, Madison Currier, and Gwenth Murphy; an unhappy Hugo, portrayed by Patrick Gallagher; and the rest of the MacAfee family portrayed by Elliot Leonard, Mary-Martin Duncan, and John Bradley. Not to be forgotten is the outrageous Mae Peterson, portrayed by Suzanne Soboeiro.

Mix in a collection of Sweetapple Teens and concerned par-

ents, and according to Marci Houseman, the director of the show, you have "a musical comedy that will appeal to all ages. Our cast is full of talented and energetic students who are ready to truly entertain."

Tickets for Bye Bye Birdie are on sale at the school for \$7. They will also be available at the door of Pinehurst Elementary just prior to both shows. For more information, contact West Pine at 673-1464.

Kids collect old phone books

by Sandi Burrell
Seven Lakes North

Keep Moore County Beautiful sponsored the Seventh Annual Moore County Telephone Directory Recycling contest. The contest was open to all Moore County Primary, Middle and

Elementary Schools and ran from October 27, to November 11, 2008. It is the goal of Keep Moore County Beautiful to save valuable space in the county landfill and to help teach children environmental awareness and stewardship.

Prizes were awarded based on the total number of directories collected in relation to the total number of students enrolled in each school. Schools are asked to use their prize money for a school beautification project. Listed below are the winners of this years contest:

Public Schools Category

1st Place – Academy Heights Elementary – Top Collector – Maddie Burrell,
2nd Place – Southern Pines Elementary – Top Collector – Katherine Tatum
3rd Place – Vass Lakeview Elementary – Top Collector – Jacob Davis
Overall Winning Student – Katherine Tatum

Private Schools Category

The O'Neal School - Top Collector – Harrison Whaley



Dale Buie, Principal of Academy Heights receives a check for \$300 from Joan Neal of Keep Moore County Beautiful and Faith Manning of The Southern Pines Pilot. Also present was Maddie Burrell, top collecting student for Academy Heights.

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SLWLA Work Session

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voted for the covenant change in order to give the community the option, even though she personally had little interest in home delivery.

Director Ray MacKay noted that an earlier survey on the subject had shown over sixty

percent wanted home delivery.

"In the two years I have been on the Board, we have wasted sufficient time on this issue," Secretary Ed Tuton said. "I haven't seen a survey by a construction expert saying the mailhouse is about to collapse. I haven't seen a traffic study of the

area around the mailhouse."

"Maybe we need some real and true estimates on what it will cost to build a large mailhouse," Milligan said. "I have yet to see where someone has actually bid it out."

"I got all that information three years ago," President Mary Anne

Fewkes said.

"I haven't seen it," Director Ron Shepard replied.

"This post office discussion has been the most profound waste of time that I have ever endured," Tuton said. "Let's get some numbers, make a decision, and get this thing behind us."

I would bet no document ever existed."

"That is what I want to get accomplished," Kirst said. "This will go from Board to Board to Board . . . The Board, for the community, has got to make a decision."

(See "SLWLA," p. 22)



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#6146 - \$59,500

WATER VIEW

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SLWLA Work Session

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Ultimately, the Board agreed to ask Long Range Planning to assemble the relevant financial estimates on the cost of a new mailhouse or mailhouses to present to the new Board so that a decision could be reached on the matter.

Dam remediation

Lake & Dam Director Herdrich reported that three companies had elected to bid on the remediation of the Lake Auman dam, out of nine from whom bids were solicited. The Dam Committee planned to review the bids and make a recommendation to the Board.

Once the Board has selected a contractor, Legal Director Ed Sliberhorn will work through the contract issues with the company selected.

President Fewkes said the Dam Committee hoped work could begin in April.

Other business

In other business during its work session, the SLWLA Board:

- Heard from Community Manager Joan Frost that work has begun to install new federally-mandated drains in the West Side Park Pool. Other projects underway include: hiring life-guards, setting up a roving security patrol, and adding mulch to the playground.

- Heard from Lake & Dam Director Mick Herdrich that there has be an eighteen percent

turnover in boat slip renters this year. As he began to call those on the waiting list to fill slip, Herdrich said, he found that about seven in ten folks on the waiting list decided they didn't want a slip after all. That reduced the size of the waiting list from 122 to 95. Herdrich said it may be worthwhile to go through the list to confirm that those on it are still interested in renting a slip.

- Heard from Security Director Blaine Rowland that the cameras at the back gate are still not working properly. When asked by Treasurer Kirst whether it was time to exercise the performance bond posted by the vendor, Legal Director Silberhorn suggested moving the conversation to executive session.

- Heard from Recreation Director Milligan that upcoming programs include the Easter Egg Hunt on April 4, Support Our Troops Craft Day on May 2, and the formal Dinner Dance, A Night in Paris, on May 16.

- Heard from Architectural Review Director Shepard that the ARC has developed a new application specifically for fences. CAS has initiated regular patrols by the compliance officer.

- Approved the members of the ARC, which include: Bob Williams, Ed Schempp, Gene Lentz, Jerry Lewin, Paul Nicholas, Pete Chase, Ray Sibiga, Ray MacKay, Jim Ballew, Jim Johnson, and Scott Duvall.

- Heard from Kirst and Frost that, through CAS efforts, the

Association had collected \$32,000 in delinquent dues since October.

- Approved the Nominating Committee for the coming year, to include: Ray MacKay, Michael Shapiro, Ed Cockman, Mary Price, Betty Milligan, & Ed Tuton, with Tuton serving as Chairman.

- Cast secret ballots in the director's election in order to determine how many ballots that named the Board as proxy would be voted. The results of the balloting were not announced at the meeting.

- Discussed the need to set up training sessions for members and staff once an Automated External Defibrillator is acquired for West Side Park.

- Voted to accept a bid from Pinehurst-based Sunshine Landscape and Maintenance to handle maintenance in the Pinnacle and Beacon Ridge Lakeview Homes neighborhoods. The eight bids received ranged from \$13,000 to \$110,000; Sunshine's bid was among the lowest. The Board then adopted the maintenance fee schedule for the two neighborhoods.

- After learning from Frost that the cost of the July 4 Fireworks display would be \$12,000 this summer, compared to \$10,000 last summer and \$8,000 the year before, the Board dis-

cussed whether the display should be scaled back or whether the idea of alternating year displays with the SLLA should be revived. After discussion the Board voted to continue the Fireworks display this year, with Rowland in opposition and Miligan abstaining.

- Discussed the issue of hors-

es being ridden on Association property and private property within the community — a concern brought up by a landowner during the February General Meeting. Community Manager Frost was asked to further investigate the matter before the Board takes any action.

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Editorial

Your opinion, not ours

The last edition of *The Times* included a letter to the editor from Steve Hudson, a current Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board candidate and former Treasurer, who charged, among other things, that the current Board was spending money without appropriate authority or public input.

This issue includes a lengthy and detailed response to Hudson penned by SLLA Director Don Truesdell.

That's how our Opinion section is supposed to work. Folks disagree about many, many public issues. Our Opinion section provides a forum for their debates. It's called the "Opinion" section and is labelled as such because it contains opinions, not news.

News is "who, what, where, when" — just the facts. We write the news stories in-house, we stick to the facts, and we stand behind our reporting. When we get something wrong, we admit the mistake — in print.

This difference between News and Opinion seems to have escaped SLLA Director Bud Shaver, who took *The Times* to task in a recent Work Session for printing Hudson's letter, which Shaver felt was inaccurate and should have been fact-checked before we printed it.

Newspapers do not fact-check letters to the editor.

That's the way it should be. If you take a minute to think about it, you'll quickly realize that you don't want a newspaper censoring your thoughts and opinions. And, in fact, most people don't want us to censor their opinions — they want us to censor the other guy's opinions.

It doesn't work that way.

More than 200 years ago, the folks who founded this nation thought long and hard about whether folks should be free to express their opinions — even wrongheaded, stupid opinions that do little more than betray the ignorance of the poor sod holding them. The founders were very well acquainted with an often-biased and scandalous press that makes Ann Coulter, Keith Olbermann, and Bill O'Reilly look like Sunday School teachers.

They were also well-acquainted with a government that suppressed free speech in the

name of maintaining order — that wanted only its version of "the facts" printed.

The founders, after considerable debate, decided the value of free speech and a free press was more important than any danger posed by stupid, ill-informed, inaccurate opinions that were voiced or printed. So they made the protection of free speech and a free press their very first amendment to the Constitution.

The Seven Lakes Times is just a little small-town newspaper. But we take seriously our responsibility to provide a forum for public debate — and to keep that debate robust and uncensored.

The SLLA Board as a whole has spent far too much time during the past year worrying about how things "will play in *The Times*."

Early on, the members of the current Board decided they would express themselves in *The Times* not as individuals but only with the consent of the full Board. That was an understandable reaction to the disastrous public infighting that characterized the Board that preceded them in office.

But the pendulum has swung too far.

We recently learned that the Board decided, in secret, to give Community Manager Dalton Fulcher a golden parachute worth more than the \$50 per member dues increase they are seeking this year — and then hid that decision from the community for months, because, as one Board member admitted in a public meeting, they were afraid of how it would play in *The Times*.

The wisdom of signing an employment agreement with Fulcher is something on which we have no opinion. The fact that the Board intentionally concealed the decision because they were worried about public reaction is, frankly, reprehensible.

The elections this weekend will change the face of the SLLA Board: maybe a lot, maybe a little. Either way, when the new Board meets to elect officers and organize its work, we would suggest they spend a few minutes deciding to conduct their business in full view of the public, to provide members with full access to Association records, and to stop worrying about "how it will play in *The Times*."

Spring forward?

Spring forward? Not being a morning person, I abhor this annual assault on my hard-earned pillow time.

On the opposite side of the bed, Darling Hubby harbors no such aversion and cheerfully got to work last week resetting all our clocks. Truly, there is something deep and profoundly wrong with anyone who voluntarily rises with the sun and greets each new day with a smile. Bring on the coffee and bet-

door? Ditto. Grocery shopping — the bane of my existence . . . no problem.

Wishful thinking aside, without a presto button for most of my daily drudgery I rely instead on those old, loyal standbys: ignorance and procrastination.

Ringin' phone? Ignore: the machine will pick it up. Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard syndrome? Procrastinate: "Hey kids, let's go to Mickey D's!" Deadline at work? For that, I can usually squeeze in

a predictable cycle of equally potent doses of ignore, procrastinate, ignore, procrastinate —



Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

ter make it a 'grande,' is my mantra. But I digress . . .

Moving from room to room, Jim hastily eliminated that hour of peaceful bliss from every blinking, beeping, ticking device in the Douglass abode. Arriving back in the kitchen — where I was glumly seated in front of my morning cup o' joe — he discovered something quite magical. Our under-the-counter radio contraption has a DST switch.

Zap! With the press of a button, the clock automatically reset. It was one of those classic, "That was easy!" moments, which got me to thinking. Why aren't more things in life so simple?

Taxes? Press here. House cleaning? Done. Feeding the cats, dog, wild birds, and other hungry mouths that appear at my

until I break into a cold sweat and start praying for literary inspiration to cure my literal perspiration.

You'd think an intelligent, educated, reasonable person would improve after previous transgressions — and you'd be wrong.

I figure maybe it's a virus or contagious syndrome? But considering the natural inclinations of my own mother and daughter, I'd probably have to hedge a bet that it is a birth defect along the x-chromosome. As they say, "apples don't fall far from trees," and chicks in my family should probably come with a warning label, "Do not approach without caffeine or chocolate."

And as for my button?

In life and in deadline, when pressed I respond . . . snooze.

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Political pet peeves: wrongheaded 'advocates'

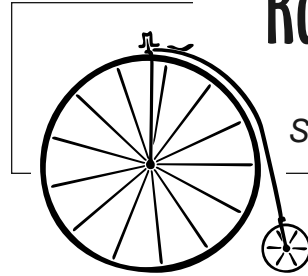
Remember how annoyed we all became throughout last year's lengthy political campaigns, and how frequently we heard TV sound bites that started out with, "Shame on you, [politician's name added], for blah, blah, blah!"

The allegations stated as fact, were often so far out that they were totally unbelievable. When the party at fault was called to task for these patently false allegations, the offenders were always heard to say, "but I didn't do anything illegal!"

While the word illegal was used, none of them was ever able to say, "but I didn't do anything unethical!" Somewhere along the political horizon the word 'ethics' has disappeared from many people's vocabulary.

In the March 6 edition of *The Seven Lakes Times*, a vociferous minority of malcontents calling themselves "The Advocates" placed a full-page ad recommending their support of two specific candidates in the up-

coming Board of Directors election for the Seven Lakes Landowner's Association [SLLA]. One of their choices, Kent Droppers, an acquaintance of mine, is truly an



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excellent selection, and I wholeheartedly urge all Seven Lakers to support him.

Their other choice, Steve Hudson, is a former Board member. He ran for election then, as he is now, on the basis of saving the landowners money. Regretfully, Mr. Hudson, while serving as Treasurer, elected to join in a lawsuit versus both the SLLA and the Seven Lakes Country Club. He chose to do this

against the advice of the landowner's own attorney.

As anticipated, Steve Hudson's side lost this litigation. But, even in winning, the SLLA lost, too.

Both they and the SLCC each incurred an initial \$5,000 in

separate attorney's fees at the onset of the suit. Who knows how much additional cost in time and money was subsequently involved over this protracted legal wrangling?

Kent Droppers did not seek The Advocate's endorsement, nor has he sought inclusion in their ad. He is not affiliated with them. [In fairness I noted The Advocates included a "disclaimer" to this effect, but in much lower case type than their "Highly Rec-

ommended" type-set.] He is not running in conjunction with Mr. Hudson.

In my opinion, The Advocates, in spite of their disclaimer, leave

the reader with some false impressions.

Of course if we asked them about it, we might very well hear, "but we didn't do anything illegal!"

Thanks for support

Dear Editor:

Though, unfortunately, I was not elected, thank you to each and everyone that supported

my candidacy for the Seven Lakes West Board of Directors.

James D. Johnson
Seven Lakes West

Acts of compassion

I am blessed to be able to have known persons in the past, as well as in this very year, who have reached into my heart because of a deep commitment they reflect: that of reaching out,

found in the manner in which he was raised.

Empathy is a human quality that requires constant fertilization, though unseen. It can reach down to some of the tiniest aspects of living things.

I can recall a day as a youngster when I observed an ant being devoured by a spider. A tiny episode, but with an impact on me and a message to be recalled.

As the pendulum of life contin-

ues ticking at the southern tip of Africa to the frigid sting of Nome, the hamlets at the base of Etna, or the tenements of Manhattan's lower Eastside, the opportunity still exists for closer relationships between peoples of the world.

either actually or figuratively, to grasp that hands and enter the hearts of those who are ailing, not just down the street but in all corners of the world.

A young man in Kamala reflected how I feel. Barely out of his teens, he helped gather bodies of citizens murdered in a riot at a local hotel. He told reporters, "I feel I'm wanted here. I feel it's my duty to help."

What made compassion emerge in such a young person? The answer might well be



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Advocates urge 'no' vote on dues increase

SLLA landowners, we need change and you can help bring it about. On Sunday, if you haven't already cast your vote, please do so and vote "against" the two consecutive \$50 dues increases requested by your Board.

While we recognize the need for substantial monetary reserves earmarked for our roads and our dams, our Board has yet to convince us that they recognize the importance of fiscal responsibility, transparency, and our "right to know." This applies equally to Directors Galford and Zielsdorf, both of whom are running for a second term.

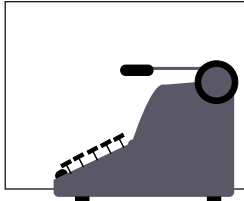
These two gentlemen helped throw away \$75,500 of our Association's funds in return for a one year "as needed" consulting contract with our Manager after a brief "forty-five minutes of discussion." The meeting was held behind closed doors and the details deliberately withheld from those who have every "right to know."

All we heard Zielsdorf claim was that "we're not going to pay him a bunch of money to do

nothing." Now, we're going to give a "bunch of money" to the very person who through decades of inattention and mismanagement made it necessary for us to employ a maintenance superintendent, superb though he may be.

Your Turn

*The Advocates
Submitted by
Ron Erskine*



Again without any public discussion, these same two gentlemen succumbed to our Manager's advice or that of other Board members and spent another \$46,000 on three hastily purchased trucks to increase the size of our aging but still operable fleet.

While \$15,000 per truck might have been a terrific deal if all three were needed, we must ask whether this purchase was truly necessary?

It makes us wonder whether Zielsdorf's claim that our association has "no history of saving money" isn't a self-fulfilling prophecy.

For the reasons cited above as well as for a litany of others too many to mention, we have voted "against" the requested two consecutive \$50 dues increases and will continue to do so until we detect a change in our Board's attitude toward transparency and our "right to know." We must have proof that we can manage without being fiscally frivolous.

Before we spend millions on roads, we need a well thought out long range plan and some assurance that we will live according to its dictates.

The "motherhood and apple pie" sales pitch of Galford and Zielsdorf, hasn't fooled us and it shouldn't fool you. Vote "against" a dues increase if you haven't

already done so.

Thanks for listening,
Andy Lowe, Jack McCarthy,
Norm Ihrig, John Letter,
Chuck Stephenson, Jay
Kenzel, Chuck Leach,
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Dear Editor:

Are we to believe that \$75,500 of our dues was egregiously contracted away by our Board simply because President Zielsdorf thinks that "warring factions" had become a distraction?

In his rambling missive [SLT March 6] explaining his action, Zielsdorf gives us a chronology of events leading to the Board's decision to acquiesce to one of the "warring" parties! On balance, his article explains 'what' action was taken, but we are due an answer to 'why' was it taken. Maybe that was omitted because there is no answer to that question.

How do you simply throw \$75,500 away at a time when we need to repair our roads and when the economy is in the tank? I'd like to know what happened in those forty-five minutes it took to change the positions of a majority of the Board. It's obvious that most of the Board had reservations going into the closed meeting. What changed their minds?

There simply is no rationalization for this Board's action! It's a shameful misuse of public funds in contravention of the Board's fiduciary responsibility, in my opinion, and we should insist on knowing why.

If a few dozen people in the community admire Dalton [and that includes me] and a few dozen do not, so what? Dalton had a job to do for all of us and he has repeatedly said that he was willing to do it throughout 2010. As Don Truesdell said, there was nothing negative in his file warranting his firing, and this was the principal reason why I resisted creating a major-

ity to have Dalton fired early in 2006.

We're left with the question as to why couldn't we leave Dalton in his position in 2010 and

have him spend time throughout the year with whomever we get to replace him.

We expect astute financial oversight of our dues from the

Board. There will always be some disharmony with any Board, and while we should try to minimize it, we cannot allow a distraction to cause an aston-

ishingly expensive \$75,500 "solution" to the "petty bitterness" Mr. Zielsdorf has trouble accepting.

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SLLA Board doesn't get it; Vote No on dues

Dear Editor:

I, like so many people, am amazed that the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board would agree to pay current community manager, Dalton Fulcher, a consulting fee in 2010 of \$75,500. Anyone that believes Zielsdorf's reasoning in the last issue of *The Times* should get a reality check.

Zielsdorf told us there had been a conversation about firing Fulcher and that former president Trusedell told him that an attorney in Raleigh gave the opinion that Fulcher could sue based on age discrimination because there was nothing in Fulcher's employee file that would warrant termination.

We are also told by former board member Ed Nuti that Fulcher will be happy to work in 2010.

When you put all of this together, it adds up to one thing. Fulcher was asked to resign and the current board was afraid they would be sued if they did not offer a settlement.

I could fill this paper with examples of reasons why Fulcher should have been fired years ago. Has anyone noticed that when I have pointed out things about Fulcher that no one says that they are not true? The Kool Aid drinkers simply try to make

excuses or attack me, the messenger.

Why does Bob Darr look like a hero at maintenance? It is simple, for the first time in twenty years, there has been someone there to manage it --- where has Fulcher been? [I will note that Bob is a very effective manager -- and it shows!]

Fulcher has said in his "answering his critics" letter that I have only been in the office twice so I could not have an idea what they do. Previously, I have said that the community could save \$100,000 from administrative cost without a loss in services. I actually took the time to interview a major player in the community management business. While \$100,000 in savings might be a bit high, I left that meeting with the knowledge that a very large amount of money can be saved with improved operations.

This Board does not get it. They do not understand that they must show by example that your money is going to be spent wisely. Giving away \$75,500 to

remove someone who has simply not done an acceptable job when there is dozens of reasons to fire him is proof they are not up to the job.

Likely you will see ads and letters in support of a dues increase in this issue of *The Times*. These people recognize that we need much work done to our community and they are right about that.

There are two ways to generate the much needed capital improvement money and we need them both [dues increase and cost cutting].

The message must be sent that excessive cost and waste will not be tolerated. The only way to do that is to vote no on a dues increase.

Hopefully a new board will "get it" and be transparent in their operations and operate our administrative office as a business rather than a retirement home. Once this is achieved, a dues increase would be in order.

D. Alan Shaw

Seven Lakes South

Vote No on double-dipping dues hike

Dear Editor:

If you have not voted yet on the proposed double dues increase, please carefully consider your ballot and cast your ballot "No" at the annual meeting on Sunday.

This is not the time to increase our Association dues.

Too many people in Seven

Lakes are feeling the pain of the national economy and now is not the time for a dues increase especially after the recent announcement of the absurd \$75,000.00 consulting contract given to our soon to be ex-Community Manager.

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Hudson wrong on the facts, wrong to sue

I am responding to Steve Hudson's letter that appeared in the March 6, 2009 issue of *The Seven Lakes Times* [page 22, headline "Hudson urges No vote on dues increase"]. Hudson made three points that are not accurate.

The first point concerns the board policy voted in three years ago. If a capital item is going to be purchased then the board must obtain at least three written quotes [if possible]. It established the base limit for a capital purchase of \$5,000. The Board always needs to approve any capital expenditure. This policy has no bearing on the repair of an existing asset.

Hudson then goes on to complain that Bud Shaver, Director in charge of Maintenance, spent \$100,000 without Board approval. The facts do not substantiate Hudson's claim.

We did repair an old front end loader. A repair is not a capital item. The Community Manager did advise each Board member of the impending repair and the anticipated cost \$12,500. We had three options: 1) Do nothing and lose the use of a valuable asset; 2) Buy a new front end loader and the current cost is \$69,724; or 3) Perform the repair.

The repair was completed and the front end loader was returned to service in March 2008.

There are two accounts [10.560, Streets and Grounds and 10.623.16, Building and Grounds] for the repair of our maintenance equipment.

The Board did approve the purchase of three new

with this purchase.

The building that Hudson has referred to is the addition to our maintenance building. The purchase of this building is confirmed in our minutes of October 19, 2006, at a cost of \$15,599. These minutes will also confirm that Hudson voted in the affirmative to purchase

this building. It was anticipated that our maintenance people would have the time and the expertise to erect this

building addition.

After our maintenance people began to erect the new building it became obvious that we did

not have the expertise or the time to complete this addition. The Community Manager then

obtained two quotes and, in June 2008, the Board approved (See "Truesdell," p. 30)

Beane's the obvious choice

Dear Editor:

While reading the March 6 issue of *The Seven Lakes Times*, I noticed that most of the candidates for SLLA suggested interviewing a management company to replace Dalton Fulcher. Only one candidate said he believed that the Board should hire Chad Beane as the new manager.

Well, it seems to me that Chad

is the obvious choice. He has done a wonderful job as Assistant Community Manager for many years. Why bring in a complete stranger who knows nothing about our community?

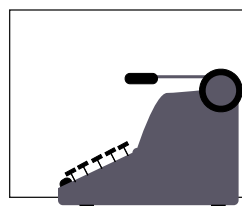
Let's not miss this chance to keep Chad as manager, a job that he is uniquely qualified to handle.

Pat Flint

Seven Lakes North

Your Turn

Donald P. Truesdell
SLCC Member
Seven Lakes West



Ford F-150 pickup trucks as confirmed in the minutes of our meeting of January 15, 2009. The justification for this purchase was the new trucks were needed to sustain our ongoing maintenance and security operations and that we would realize a substantial savings by buying 2008 leftovers versus 2009 models. The savings was estimated at \$3,000 per truck. We did obtain four written quotes [Ford, Chevrolet, Toyota, and Nissan]. The purchase of these trucks was not included in our FY09 budget. However, since we could realize such a substantial savings, the Board decided to go ahead

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Truesdell

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the hiring of Davin Frye Construction Company to complete the erection of this building addition. If you have not had an opportunity to visit with Bob Darr at the maintenance building, I would strongly suggest that you do so. Most of the changes to our maintenance department could not have been accomplished without this building addition.

Hudson is requesting that the landowners defeat the request for a \$50.00 dues increase for FY10 and FY11. Hudson states, "Now, they say the dues increase is for lakes and dams, and roads but to date there is no guarantee that that's where the money will go and stay."

Hudson is a member in good standing of the Association and therefore entitled to vote in the upcoming election. The ballots were mailed on February 27, 2009. Enclosed with the ballot was a copy of By-law 4.10.1 confirming that the money generated by these dues increases could only be used to repave our roads or perform State-mandated repairs to our dams, must be deposited in a separate account and could only be used for another purpose upon a recommendation by the board and the approval of fifty percent of the voting landowners. This By-law change was approved at our open meeting of February 25, 2009.

Hudson has been a vocal proponent of Roberts Rules of Order. In fact he published an article in the February 16, 2007 issue of *The Seven Lakes Times* [page 11] stating: "When there is a radical difference of opinion in an organization, one side must yield. The great lesson for democracies to learn is for the majority to give to the minority a full, free opportunity to present their side of the case, and then for the minority, having failed to win the majority to their views, gracefully assist in carrying it out, until they can secure its repeal."

Hudson was a member of the Board from March 2006 to March 2008. In July 2007, acting on the advice of the board's lawyer, we implemented an agreement with the Seven Lakes Country Club insuring [among other things] that the golf course property could only be used as a golf course and four other impor-

tant points essential to the integrity of the community. The vote was four to three with Hudson being one of the dissenters. Hudson's position was that the Club should be subject to our covenants just like the rest of us. Hudson attended all of our meetings and participated in our deliberations and voted in the negative.

On August 7, 2007, Alan Shaw, Steve and Mary Hudson, Charles and Jane Leach, and Tom and Roberta Robinson [plaintiffs] sued both the Association and the Country Club [defendants]. Their suit sought two objectives: 1) To declare our agreement null and void; 2) To prohibit the subdivision of the old driving range for residential use.

In my opinion, this was a frivolous lawsuit for the simple reason that the plaintiff's suit could not survive a motion for summary judgment. Both sides filed for a motion of summary judgment. The judge had three options; 1)

Rule in favor of the plaintiffs and declare the agreement null and void; 2) Rule in favor of the defendants; 3) Order the case to go to trial and be heard by a jury.

The judge ruled in favor of the defendants and dismissed the plaintiff's lawsuit. In other words, the agreement between the Association and the Country Club is legally binding and any purchaser of the old driving range would have the right to subdivide this property for residential use subject to ARB and Moore County approvals.

Since the Association [and the Club] were the defendants in this case our insurance company was obligated to defend us. The Association and the Club have a \$5,000 deductible limit. The insurance company spent \$93,000 defending the Association and \$100,000 defending the Club. Therefore the total amount spent by the insurance compa-

ny defending the Association and the Club was approximately \$198,000 plus another \$10,000 for the deductible limits or a total of \$203,000.

Hudson has stated in public

that his decision to sue the Association and the Club may have been politically incorrect but was morally correct. The only way the Board could have achieved

(See "Truesdell," p. 31)

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Westside

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behind in dues payments left a total eligible voting membership of 1662.

Of those, 646 actually cast ballots and 9 others assigned proxies to the Board. The total turnout, then was 655, or a bit over 39 percent.

Staffers employed by Community Association Services, Inc. [CAS], the company hired last year to manage the West Side, handled the physical tabulation of the ballots, with oversight from an elections committee headed by Secretary Tuton.

Westside Election Results

BOARD

Goodman	482
Hoffmann	478
Wimberly	432
Johnson	299

BUDGET

For	507
Against	134

Retiring Directors praised

Treasurer Kathy Kirst paid special tribute to the "behind the scenes" efforts of retiring Directors Rowland, Fewkes, and MacKay to keep the community running smoothly. A tree will be planted in Lakeway Mall in their honor.

Among the materials available for landowners to pick up when entering the meeting were a list of those who had participated in Association committees during the past year and a review of the past year's accomplishments.

President Fewkes noted that more than one hundred community members contribute their time and effort to Association committees. She said the Board had made substantial progress in the past year on the legal and infrastructure fronts, had developed and approved new architectural standards, and had made headway on remediation of the Lake Auman dam.

Fewkes said the Board had been aided greatly by having Ed Silberhorn, an attorney, as its Legal Director, noting he had saved the Association "thousands of dollars." Adding up all the hours that Board members devote to community, she told members, would amount to "over \$2 million in salaries that you have gotten that you have not had to pay for."

Director Mick Herdrich, who serves on the Human Resources Committee, said the transition to

management by CAS, Inc. has gone very smoothly and is already showing positive results in the less than three months that Community Manager Joan Frost has been on board full time. Administrative costs have been cut by \$14,000, Herdrich said, and approximately \$35,000 in delinquent dues have been collected — half the total outstanding.

Future Challenges

Fewkes said the new Board would face challenges both inside and outside the gates. The water system, wastewater treatment, and incorporation are all on the agenda of the wider community, she noted. She urged Directors to "look not just inside the gates, but to look carefully at what happens outside the gates."

There are several critical items on the coming year's agenda (See "Westside," p. 32)

Truesdell

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Hudson's objective was to become the plaintiff in a lawsuit against the Club. If the Association had become the plaintiff and sued the Club then, we would have spent upwards of \$100,000 on this frivolous claim since the insurance company is only obligated to defend the Association if we are the defendants and not the plaintiffs.

How would Hudson justify his "moral" decision to become a plaintiff to the landowners having wasted upwards of \$100,000 of our money on this frivolous claim? How would Hudson justify his statement concerning Roberts Rules that the majority rules when in fact he became a plaintiff in this lawsuit?

Finally Hudson is urging you to vote against our current President Randy Zielsdorf and Treasurer Denver Galford.

Randy was instrumental in creating the employment agreement with the Community Manager. This employment agreement insures three vital facts: 1) The Community Manager will officially retire on December 31, 2009 and will no longer be an employee; 2) The consulting fee for 2010 assures continuity to the community as we train a new Community Manager. [I have worked with Dalton for four years and he has a wealth of knowledge that needs to be transferred to the new Community Manager]; 3) It eliminates any possibility of a lawsuit by the Community Manager against the Association for wrongful termination and/or age discrimination.

Denver Galford has been the first Treasurer to present a ten year financial plan to the community. He is also a CPA. Incidentally Ron Erskine is not correct in his claim that Mr. Galford is responsible for the current driving range mess. The Club by-laws specifically state that fifty percent of the voting members must

approve any expenditure over \$100,000. The voting members voted over sixty percent to approve the construction of the new driving range.

Both Mr. Zielsdorf and Mr. Galford have earned your support for re-election.

[Truesdell is a Director of the Seven Lakes Landowners Asso-

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Commissioners

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ber of departments, including the Sheriff's Office, Hughes said.

Data Hughes provided during her presentation indicated that county general fund revenues had increased by 75% over the past nine years from approximately \$47 Million in 1999 to \$82 million in 2008.

County expenditures grow by approximately 4.5 percent per year, she said.

Commissioner Lea thanked Hughes for a thorough report, but was clearly not satisfied with her conclusions.

"We are living in some very unique times," Lea said, noting the high unemployment levels

and the fact that the state may be looking at a fifteen percent across the board budget cut. "I don't know how we can sit here and feel like, with people not knowing where their meal is coming from, not knowing whether they will keep their job, that we can move forward as though nothing is happening."

"The county budget has almost doubled in ten years," Lea said. "At some point, when does bureaucracy stop growing and the taxpayers get to stop bringing more and more to the table every year . . . We can present all these numbers and confuse everyone, including this board. But sooner or later have we to start making decisions that will help people. With \$22 million in fund balance, we have the ability to make cuts now."

"I agree with Mr. Lea on everything he said," Commissioner Jimmy Melton said. "But I'm not ready to make decisions now. I want to see what the state is going to do . . . At this point I still don't think we have all the info we need to make the decision that Mr. Lea is requesting."

"I too at this point would love to implement the three cent tax reduction," Chairman Nick Picer-

no said, "but I can't do it at this point because I don't know what the state is going to do. My want-to wants to, but my logic tells me to wait."

With that, Lea moved to table the proposal for a three cent cut in property taxes in order to ask the Government Efficiency Advisory Board [GEAB] — composed of experienced business leaders from a number of fields — to examine the proposal and its impact, bringing back a recommendation the the Board of Commissioners at their April 20 meeting.

Lea then moved that the FY2010 Budget be based on the current FY2009 budget, with a five percent across the board reduction. When that motion failed in a split vote, he asked that the cost-cutting proposal also be referred to the GEAB.

Westside

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for the Association itself, Fewkes said, including a decision on mail delivery, completion of the dam remediation, and several neighborhood annexations. "Our reserves need to be funded to provide for infrastructure and other projects," she said, noting that "this all must be done in a fiscally responsible manner."

"We need to utilize our resources wisely," she added. "The Board must be careful, but also proactive. And the Directors need to think of what is good for the community as a whole."

Fee increases questioned

Several members took advantage of the public comment period to share concerns with the Board:

- Jerry Constantino objected to the \$300 fee that RV owners will be charged for use of the boat and trailer storage lot, when boat trailers, utility trailers, and even some commercial vehicles are charged only \$75. Fewkes said a committee would be formed by the new Board to study the issue.

- Noting that he has eleven children and grandchildren, Bill Lyons said that fees for guest use of the pool approved by the

Board for the coming fiscal year would "price us right out of the pool." He urged the Board to reconsider the fee structure, but Fewkes said the cost of operating that amenity — including \$25,000 for lifeguards — forced the Board to weigh raising dues on everyone versus increasing the fee for guest use of the pool.

- Grace Kirkpatrick urged the Board to make the water system that serves Seven Lakes one of its top priorities in the coming

year.

- Noting the omission of the Lake Auman Sports Club on the handout that thanked SLWLA committee members for their work, Ron McGaughey said Sports Club members have contributed many hours to improvements affecting the lake and lake facilities. Fewkes explained that, though many clubs make contributions to the community, the Board had decided to limit the handout to SLWLA committees.



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Stonehill

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ment of \$150,000 towards renovation of the Village pool and complex, and \$50,000 to train and equip an additional Foxfire Village Police officer.

In exchange the Village agreed to a vesting of rights, "The statute was passed in recognition that any development of substantial size with build-out extending over a number of years wants to be sure that subsequent changes to [building] ordinances will not affect them," explained attorney Mike Brough.

As approved, the project's sewer plan includes a network of conventional gravity collection mains and pump stations that will discharge to a conventional built-in-place tertiary wastewater reuse treatment plant that will be located in the southwest quadrant of the site. The treated effluent will supply all irrigation with-

in the development, including the golf courses.

Phase I construction begins with the Stonehill Pines North Course. A member of the Jack Nicklaus Golf Club, Stonehill will be the fourth club in the U.S., and seventeenth internationally, selected to participate in this highly selective, reciprocal access membership program. The Jack Nicklaus Golf Club family will eventually encompass twenty-five signature courses hand-picked as the best locations in the most highly sought-after markets around the globe.

A key stepping stone in the approval process with Moore County was how to irrigate the two proposed golf courses. A resolution restricting any use of potable water for irrigation, in turn, required planning and design of an on-site wastewater treatment plant.

Jim Johnston of Hydrostructures, a member of the Foxfire Quality Assurance Team, answered approximately fifteen detailed questions pertaining to the treatment plant during the

Special Meeting. Specifically, he reported, the facility will not be odorous or unsightly, and will be constructed at a minimum distance of 500' from any property lines and, within that buffer, there will be an eight-foot earthen berm and enhanced natural plantings.

"You won't see it. You won't smell it," said Johnston.

Jesse Wimberley and Mike Wilson, both members of the Small Planning Area A Steering Committee, commended the project's design.

"There are things in this plan that we tried to get in with Area A [Plan] and couldn't get in...good things!" Wilson exclaimed. "I've read the plan front to back several times: you have natural areas, you have paths, you have open space. We couldn't convince the County we needed this stuff in our plan and as far as wastewater, we couldn't convince them there either." He continued, "I think this is a real good idea to have wastewater located in one place – say thirty years from now if you

want to hook in to the County, it will be one place and easy. I think it is a good plan myself."

Another concern raised was whether Village taxes would increase along with increased property values. Mayor George Erickson said the current sitting Council was committed to keeping taxes low, noting that Foxfire has the second lowest rate in

Moore County.

"As we looked at this [Stonehill Pines], we saw an opportunity to move the Village forward in a very positive way and people came together to make that happen," said Erickson, concluding the meeting by thanking both professional development teams as well as the citizens of Foxfire.

SLLA

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Shaver proposed a motion to pave a 14' x 60' section of the parking lot located directly across the road at Lake Sequoia boat launch. Cost estimates were reported at \$1,800.

The pavement would be marked No Parking and would, according to the recommendation by the Lakes & Dams Committee, allow boaters an easier, faster, and safer place to launch boats.

Shaver and Galford questioned whether the request could be postponed to coincide with a larger paving project, thus offsetting some cost.

"If it was a bigger ticket item I could see delaying but for \$1,800 – it does get pretty congested there," replied President Randy Zielsdorf.

After going around the table, the Board agreed to defer the motion while Fulcher researched whether project costs would, in fact, be lower if completed in conjunction with other paving projects.

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