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Pick of the litter



Officer Chad Shue shows off Asia, a fourteen-week old Malinois-mixed breed puppy, the newest member of the Foxfire Police Department. [See story on page 3.]

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Westside Board modifies pool fees and policies

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

\$1.67 a visit. That's what it will cost Westsiders to host a quest at the West Side Park swimming pool this summer, if the landowner is willing to invest \$200 in a season pass — and has enough friends and family to use all 120 pool visits that the season pass buys you.

The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors modified and clarified its new fee schedule and policies for guest use of the pool after receiving a petition, reportedly signed by 591 mem-

bers, asking that the new fees be scrapped or that the Board hold a public meeting on the issue.

The SLWLA Board approved

When residents discovered that last year's \$25 fee for four season passes had been increased to \$200 for one sea-

son pass — and that non-resident children and grandchildren would now be required to have guest passes to use the pool — the Board began to hear from folks unhappy with the change.



the new fees in a December work session as part of the broader budgeting process, but the word was slow to filter out into the community.

Petition presented

That pushback culminated in a petition presented to the Board (See "Westside pool," p. 20)

Bob Darr previews report on SLLA Maintenance Dept

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

"The importance of this maintenance department in terms of dollars and cents is almost obvious," Bob Darr told the review in his report major accom-

Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors during a Monday, April 13 Work Ses-

Noting that it was six months to the day since he was hired as Maintenance Supervisor, Darr briefed the Board on a report that to the Summer months.

he plans to deliver at the April General Meeting. Preparing such as report was one of the assignments that came with the job, he said. Darr said he planned to

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> plishments of the department, noting that he lacked experience with the functions peculiar

While he was clearly impressed with the wide-ranging skill set of the maintenance staff, Darr admitted his analysis of the department did not take into account the cost of equipment and other expenses associated with an in-house maintenance department.

"I have done a cost analysis - but a subjective one," Darr told Directors. "I hear a lot of conversation about outsourcing. I took a subjective look at the major accomplishments that we have had . . . so you can look at the value of the maintenance (See "SLLA," p. 27)

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NEWS Seven Lakes Times April 17, 2009

Westside Directors to chair key committees

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

The relationship of the Board of Directors to its committees was the on-going theme of the Friday, April 10 Organizational Meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board.

The West Side's Human Resources Committee had recommended that all key committees be chaired by a Board members — something that has not always been the case in the past.

The Board agreed in principle, but ran into some difficulty figuring out how to apply that rule of thumb in particular cases.

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Long Range Planning Committee

The Long Range Planning [LRP] Committee, for example, has operated with a fair degree of independence, with co-chairs who are not members of the Board and Treasurer Kathy Kirst acting as the Board's liaison to the committee. Several Direc-

> West Side Landowners Meeting

tors argued that LRP needs to work much more closely with the Board, but Kirst said the Directors have generally focused more on tactics — on issues affecting the next five years while LRP has had a more strategic view, looking out ten or twenty years.

Director John Hoffmann pointed to the Lakeway Drive rail crossing and mail delivery issues

— both of which are being handled by the Long Range Planning Committee — as examples of "an issue that's being worked" rather than "long-range planning."

"In my opinion, we do not have a long range plan," Hoffmann said. "We have a list of projects that gets shuffled from time to time based on limited polling." He

argued that the Board should direct the development of a long range plan and that its key objectives should be based on the decision of a super-majority of the Board.

In response, Legal Director Ed Silberhorn noted that both the rail crossing and mail delivery issues were initially long-range planning issues. "The crossing issue does go back ten years," he explained. "But LRP did go from strategic to tactical on the issue."

Treasurer Kirst said that both the crossing and mail delivery "were issues that went to the Board and the Board didn't work on it, so it went back to LRP. Some things have just never been able to be turned over to the Board."

After additional discussion, Board members decided that it would be President Ron Shepard's responsibility to chair the LRP committee, with the provision that he would likely designate a deputy chairperson who may or may not be a Board member — to assist in guiding the committee's work.

Security Committee

Another example: the Community Emergency Response Team [CERT] was formed independently of the Board — and initially expected to remain independent — but was made an official SLWLA committee when the high cost of liability insurance became an issue. Security Director Hoffmann suggested that he could form a Safety Committee that would include the director of CERT, the director of the lake security patrol, and, if one could

(See "Organizational," p. 26)



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'Asia' joins Foxfire Village Police Department

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

Taking a bite out of crime, Asia, a Malinois-mixed breed puppy, was formerly adopted into the Foxfire Village Police Department during the Tuesday, April 7, Village Council Meet-

ing. Donated by Sandhills K-9 of Carthage, Asia will spend the next few months intensively training for use in narcotics detection and assisting with people search-

"We have been working on this for a year, but I knew that funding a K-9 program would be impossible for us," said Police Chief Mike Campbell. "Sandhills K-9 has provided a unique opportunity to have a K-9, the training, and equipment."

Asia will not be "bite trained." However, Campbell noted that any dog is liable to protect its owner - in this case, Officer Chad Shue.

"We've tried to be very proactive in our community. This is a positive step in crime prevention," said Campbell. "Once the K-9 is out and used, she will be a deterrent especially to people carrying narcotics."

Councilman Ed Lauer acknowledged the generous contribution of the K-9 dog and training but expressed concern that public safety must budget for the additional associated costs.

After discussion, the Council approved the necessary funding to construct a concrete kennel pad at Shue's residence. Future K-9 program costs, estimated at \$1,000 a year in veterinary and dog food bills, will fall under the Public Safety budget.

Public Safety

Campbell also provided an update on the status of the case against Michael Bacon, Jr. who was arrested on March 30, for breaking and entering a vehicle and larceny from a vehicle.

"We are not finished with our investigation. I feel there is more than one person involved," said Campbell. "He [Bacon] frequented this area to visit a friend who resides in Foxfire. He is not cooperating."

Finance

ing because her mother-in-law, Marion O'Donnell, was killed in an automobile accident earlier in the day. John O'Donnell, her father-in-law, was also injured in the three-car wreck on Rt. 211 near Taylortown.

A distributed written report showed the General Fund balance at \$302,949 and the Water Fund balance at \$253,781, as of March 31. Deputy Clerk Sharon Sanchez said delinguent taxes were advertised on April 1.

Woodland Circle Extension

Vaughn Contracting of Polkton, (See "Foxfire," p. 29)



Councilwoman Leslie Frusco did not attend the April 7 meet-

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Crafters can 'Support Our Troops' May 2

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

Support Our Troops on Saturday, May 2 by making hand-

crafted greeting cards at the West Side Park Community Center between 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm. This special event spon-

sored by the Seven Lakes West Recreation Committee is appropriate for children and adults, experienced or beginning crafters.

Co-chair Patti Patullo, an independent representative of Stamping Up, has generously donated premium card stock, rubber stamp supplies, pencil and ink mediums, and other supplies that will be needed to create cards for wounded soldiers and stationary packets that will be sent overseas to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Crafters, or would-be crafters, can come for an hour or stay all afternoon — the event is free and patriotic refreshments will be served

"This is a day to say thank you, offer prayers for a safe return and show your appreciation for those protecting our freedom," said Patullo.

She will assist participating adults in making beautifully detailed Birthday and "Thinking of You" cards that will be sent return postage paid, to deployed soldiers. These handcrafted cards will give these soldiers a special and thoughtful way to send cards back to someone here at home.

Co-chair Linda Rosskamp will be on-hand to guide children in creating Get Well cards using rubber stamps, stickers, and colored pencils. Their cards will be distributed to wounded soldiers at the Ft. Bragg Veteran's Administration Hospital.

"Have fun and learn how to make homemade greeting cards while doing something patriotic and important for our troops,"

said Rosskamp.

"We are very excited about Support Our Troops and hope this will become an annual event. We are especially grateful to [SLWLA Director] Karen Milligan and The Seven Lakes Times for their support."

There is no cost to attend Support Our Troops, however, preregistration is required. Please drop by or call the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association office at 673-5314, by April 30.

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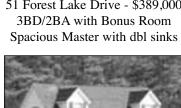
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Salon 7 Hosts 'Cuts for Cancer' April 25

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

Get a new 'do' for a great cause at Cuts for Cancer sponsored by Salon 7 on Saturday, April 25, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

"This is our first year offering Cuts for Cancer and hopefully this will be success and we can continue every year," said Angie King.

King, Ashley Eggen, Stacey King, Jose Schmidt will all be onhand professionally shampooing, cutting, and drying both adults and kids hair. Walk-ins are encouraged as no appointments are needed. The suggested minimum donation is \$25 and all proceeds from Cuts for Cancer will go to the American Cancer Society.

The Bensalem Believers team will be at Salon 7 all day selling Relay for Life race luminaries and 'Fight like a Girl' t-shirts, a bake sale and there will be giveaways too.



Salon 7 owner Angie King, with stylist Ashley Eggen

King is a member of the Bensalem Believers, which is captained by Holly Camplin, Katie Tucker, and Pastor Wes Brandon of Bensalem Presbyterian Church in Eagle Springs. The team will be competing this year in the Moore County Relay for Life, scheduled for May 16-17 at the Carthage fairgrounds. The twenty-four hour event symbolizes one day in the life of a person battling cancer. Last year, The Believers raised over \$3,000. For more information on the Relay For Life, visit www.moorecountyrelay.org

King has owned and operated Salon 7 for seven and a half years. She and her husband Mark live in Seven Lakes North with their children Brodey [7] and Melayna [2].

Salon 7 is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am until closing. They offer full salon services including hair coloring, cutting and perming, full body waxing, and eyebrow shaping. Salon 7 is located in the Seven Lakes West Plaza and by phone at 673-1967.

"Everyone is welcome to drop by! Even if you don't need to get a haircut, please come out and support the cause," King

Learn to Sail!

The Seven Lakes Sailing Club is pleased to announce the opening of enrollment for the 2009 Learn-to-Sail Program. All residents of Seven Lakes, minimum age of seventeen, are eligible for enrollment.

The program is conducted annually for those persons who would like to learn the basics of sailing, wish to improve their current skills, and/or those who desire to use their sailing skills to race competitively on Lakes Auman or Sequoia.

No previous sailing experience is necessary as instruction will consider the needs and objectives of the individual student.

The program is scheduled to run Monday, June 15 through Friday, June 19, 9:00 am to noon

Instruction is conducted in a classroom setting located in a private residence on Lake Auman and on the water, in sailboats provided by the Club. The instructors are members of the Seven Lakes Sailing Club.

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Board gets update on sewer plant upgrade

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

In a workmanlike session, Moore County's Board of Commissioners efficiently disposed of the extraordinarily lengthy agenda for their Monday, April 6, regular meeting.

The biggest ticket item on the agenda was a \$38 million upgrade to the county's Addor wastewater treatment plant. No action was required from the commissioners at this stage of the project, which has been on the county's list of capital projects for some time, but the need to hold a public hearing created the opportunity for engineer Fred Hobbs of Hobbs-Upchurch to brief the Board on some details.

The project will expand the plant from it's current capacity of 6.7 million to 10 million gallons per day and will be funded through low-interest loans provided through the EPA's State Revolving Funds program. The loan will be interest-free through the construction phase of the project.

The Addor plant was built in 1977 and the county's average daily flow into the plant in 2008 exceeded its capacity -- making it mandatory under state regulations that the plant be upgraded. It provides service to Aberdeen, Addor, Carthage, Camp MacKall, Pinebluff, Pinehurst, and Taylortown.

Hobbs explained that the plant currently includes two treatment "trains." Both will be upgraded and a third will be added, improving the quality of the effluent released form the plant into Little River to meet contemporary standards

He added that the plant upgrade will likely result in a rate increase equivalent to \$12 to \$13 per month for each residential customer -- though the towns set their own rates, buying capacity from the county in bulk.

The design phase of the project is expected to get underway this month. If all goes according to plan, construction bids will be solicited in September 2010 and the project will be completed in the Summer of 2012.

Other Business:

In other business during their Monday, April 4, meeting, the Board of Commissioners:

- Authorized the Moore County Sheriff's Office to submit an application to the US Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services [COPS] for a grant that would fund the hiring of four new deputies for three years at a total cost of approximately \$634,000. The deputies will be used to step up crime prevention efforts. The Sheriff currently has six deputies on each of four shifts; the grant would allow the addition of one deputy per shift.
- Awarded a \$423,000 contract for the purchase of three medium-duty ambulances to Northwestern Emergency Vehicles, Inc., of West Jefferson, NC. The county received only two bids for the vehicles. Though only two were in the this year's budget, Finance Officer Lisa Hughes explained that another would be required next year, and the vendor offered an additional five percent discount for the purchase of a third ambulance.

• Approved an agreement with Coleman Technologies for completion of phases 3 and 4 of the Voice Over IP Project, which is reconfiguring the county's telephone system. The two final phases of the project are expected to cost \$123,000.

- Called for an April 20 public hearing on a series of minor changes to the Moore County Zoning Ordinance. The amendments lengthen application deadlines for conditional use permits, rezoning requests, and PUD applications. In addition, an amendment to the PUD ordinance requires verification from the public works department either that infrastructure must be in place to serve the development or that infrastructure to be installed by the developer will meet county standards and will ultimately be accepted by the county as part of the county system.
- Called an April 20 public hearing on the close-out of the Fiscal Year 2006 Community Development Block Grant for Scattered Site Housing, a county program that repairs or replaces substandard housing.
- Approved changing the name of Victoria Court, in the Cotswold Subdivision of Linden Road in Pinehurst to Victoria Way, after holding a public hearing on the matter.
- Created a committee to

develop a comprehensive county transportation plan, working with the NC Department of Transportation and the Triangle J Council of Governments. The nineteen members of the committee will include one from each of the counties communities, as well as five appointed by the commissioners.

- Amended county policies and procedures such that the Board of Commissioners will appoint the chairpersons of the following boards and committees: ABC Board, Emergency Services Advisory Committee, Hazardous Materials Planning Committee, Human Resources Appeals Committee, Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority, Planning, and Board of Equalization and Review. The change for the most part reflects current practice.
- Approved a lease agreement between the Village of

Pinehurst and the County for a property on which the county already stores Public Works supplies and equipment. Assistant Manager Jeff Parrot explained that the once-acre parcel is just off Rattlesnake Lane and is used to store generators and miscellaneous equipment. The county pays the village \$1 per year for the lease.

- Proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- Proclaimed April 12 18 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, honoring folks who work in the 911 call center.
- Proclaimed April 19 25 as National Volunteer Week. In 2008, Moore County's 556 RSVP volunteers contributed nearly 56,000 hours to various types of community service. Valued at a rate of \$19.51 per hour, those volunteer hours were worth \$1,734,100.

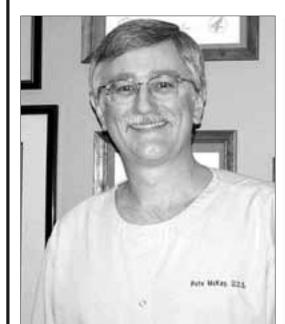


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SCHOOL NEWS April 17, 2009 Seven Lakes Times

Board approves Purser's \$26 million budget

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

The \$26 million proposed Moore County Schools local budget was unanimously approved and adopted by the Board of Education during its monthly business meeting on Wednesday, April 8. As presented, the budget includes \$24,935,195 in current expenses and \$1,133,950 in capital outlay, and represents no increase over last year's request. To accommodate increased utilities expenses and anticipated costs related to opening two new county schools, the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget required a \$773,000 decrease in costs – approximately three percent.

"The budget process has been like shooting at a moving target," said Bruce Cunningham, Jr. "I commend the staff and administration for their hard work."

The adopted budget will be presented to the Moore County Board of Commissioners on Monday, April 20. It does not include approximately \$66 million

in state and Federal education funds. This year, proposed reductions of \$2,013,000 are anticipated in the NC Governor's budget, including \$1.2 million in mandatory cuts. The State Senate has also proposed increasing class size by two students.

"If that goes into effect, our teacher allotment will be reduced," said Dr. Purser.

Changes to Testing

In January 2008, the Blue Ribbon Commission on Testing and Accountability presented a report and recommendations to the Department of Public Instruc-

tion. Among their recommendations were allowing retest scores to count towards proficiency scores for students in grade levels three to eight and inclusion of a science test to the reading and math accountability model.

Positive Behavior Support

Southern Pines Primary and Southern Pines Elementary Schools are successfully using a school-wide discipline plan called Positive Behavior Support [PBS].

Called a process rather than (See "MCS" p. 9)

WEE Lockdown

An unidentified and possibly intoxicated man approached an occupied classroom at West End Elementary School on Wednesday, April 1, setting off an hour long lockdown.

The incident, which occurred within days of the fatal shooting of a Robbins student and the slaying of eight at Pinelake Rehab in Carthage, drew prompt attention from local law enforcement agencies.

Deputies from the Moore County Sheriff's Office and School Resource Officers [SRO] responded to the call at WEE, but the suspicious person was not located.

"A lockdown is the proper response for a situation when you don't know exactly what is going on. The first priority is the safety of our students," said Tim Lussier of Moore County Schools. Lockdown drills are practiced throughout the school year as part of standard safety procedures, such as fire and tornado drills.

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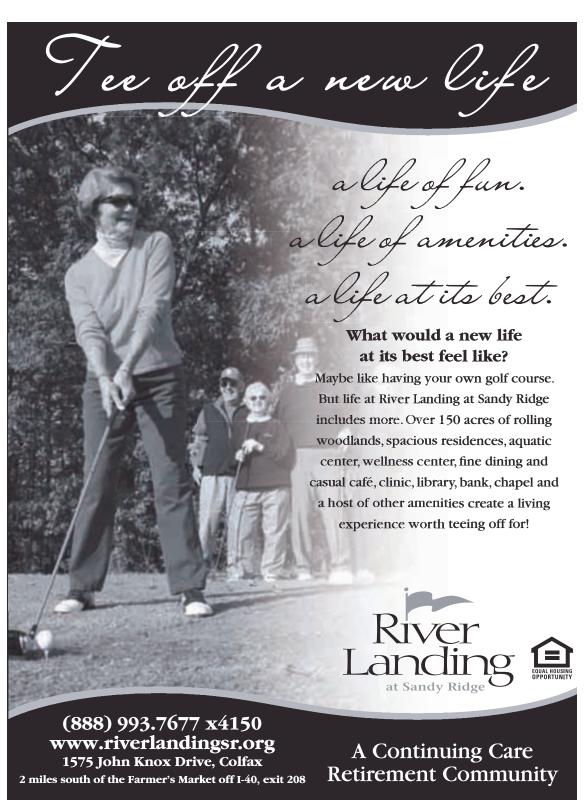
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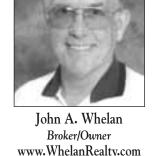
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NEWS April 17, 2009 Seven Lakes Times

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Josephine 'Jay' Emilia Longo Malarchick, 93, of Seven Lakes, and formerly of Redding, CT, died April 3 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

She was the wife of the late Stephen J. Malarchick, Jr. She was born in Cos Cob, CT, the daughter to the late Joseph and Emilia Bria Longo.

She was a psychiatric nurse for thirty-four years and served four-teen years at Four Winds in Cross River, NY and was with the Silverhill Foundation in New Canaan for twenty years.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Michael and Charles Longo, and a sister, Angelina Cordello.

She is survived by her sons, Stephen J. Malarchick, III of Lake Elsinor, CA and Robert E. Malarchick of Seven Lakes; a daughter, Julianna L. Crombi of Hilton Head, SC; a brother Joseph Longo, Jr.; eight grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 6, at Sandhills Assembly of God Church in Southern Pines. The Senior Pastor Bryan R. Rainbow officiated. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Peter's Church in Danbury, CT at 57 Main St., Friday April 17 at 10:30 am. Rite of Committal will be in St. Peters Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Sandhills Assembly of God at: 6481 US Hwy 1 North Southern Pines, NC 28387.

Marion H. O'Donnell, 94, of Foxfire Village, died Tuesday April 7, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mrs. O'Donnell was the daughter of the late John and Bridgett Short of Brooklyn, NY.

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a program, the fundamental assumption of the PBS is that behavior must be taught along with academics; that not all children come to school knowing how to behave appropriately. Positive incentives are used to motivate children, including Bee Bucks that students may collect and spend at a holiday shop for gifts.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathleen Argenziano

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Wolsun Kang Newcomer, 72, of Seven Lakes, died Fri-

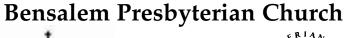
day, April 10, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

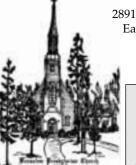
Mrs. Newcomer was born in Jebagan, Japan daughter of the late Sung Sik Kang and Soon Yi Park. She was the manager of Bob's Pizza in Seven Lakes, NC. She was preceded in death by a daughter Dorothy Gillis.

A memorial service wascon-

ducted Monday April 13, at Seven Lakes Baptist Church.

Mrs. Newcomer is survived by her husband Wayne E. Newcomer of West End, two sons; Ronnie Newcomer, Ricky Newcomer both of Clarksville, TN, two sisters; Bok Sun Kang and Tae Sun Kang both of Taegu, Korea, five grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.





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Planning Dept creates new major projects team

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

An internal project team within the Moore County Planning and Community Development

office will facilitate future in-depth projects, such as schools, Planned Unit Development [PUD], and commercial facilities, reported Planning Director

Joey Raczkowski.

Reporting to the Moore County Planning Board on Thursday, April 9, he said the Project Review Team [PRT] would meet weekly and includes members representing various divisions including planning, zoning, code enforcement, fire code enforcement, and the individual appli-

The Planning Board moved quickly through several Public Hearings and action items, includ-

 Approved a request by Colon Lewis to place an accessory dwelling unit, in addition to the existing residence, on his 9.79 acre parcel which is located in the RA Zoning District on NC 24-27 in Eagle Springs.

- Approved a conditional use request by Eddie and Cheryl Douglas to allow the use of a child care facility on an approximate one acre parcel in Carthage. The existing structure is a vacant residence and no new structures will be constructed.
- · Approved closing and abandoning a .24 mile portion of State Road 2078 [Hight Road], by request of the adjacent property owner.
- Approved an amendment to the Moore County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance stating that variances will not be issued for hazardous waste management facilities, salvage yards, and chemical storage facilities in the flood hazard area. However,

a variance may be issued for solid waste disposal facilities or critical facilities located in Special Flood Hazard Areas.

· Approved a request by planning staff to define a detached garage as an accessory building and to permit such structures by right in front, side, or rear of the property as long as it meets that designated zoning district's principal structure setback requirements.

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Clenny Creek Day

The fourth annual Clenny Creek Day will offer music, food, prizes, history, and just plain fun on offer Saturday, April 18. The event is 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on the site of the Bryant House and McLendon Cabin in upper Moore County at Harris Crossroads. Admission

Visitors can wander around in the fresh spring weather, listen to authentic Bluegrass music from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm by Clyde Maness, Jerry Garner, Teddy White, and Eddie Ingram. A second group, the Hoe Cakes, will play from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm on the front porch.

For lunch there's Southern country-style food such as pinto beans and corn muffins accompanied by hot dogs, barbecue sandwiches with all the trimmings, and of course nonalcoholic beverages.

Vendors will also offer items for sale, often made by them and appropriate to the rural and historic ambiance.

To visit Clenny Creek Day take U.S. 15-501 north from the Pinehurst Traffic Circle, turn west on N.C. 73, go to the intersection of Beulah Hill Church Road and take a right. Go straight through two crossroads, the second being Harris Crossroads. The houses are located down a hill on the right at a State highway marker. For info call 692-2051.

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Campbell, Green are wed

Lynda Ann Campbell and Christopher Todd Green were married Saturday, March 7, at The Chapel at The Preserve Resort in Pigeon Forge, TN. The Rev. Jack Huesman officiated at the double-ring ceremony. The reception, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boles, was held at The Preserve Resort.

The bride is the daughter of Louise Ann Campbell, of Seven Lakes, and the late Norman Campbell. She graduated from Sandhills Community College and Appalachian State University and is currently employed by Moore County. She is a member of the Sandhills Cycling Club.

The groom is the son of Fred Green, of Fayetteville, and the late Phyllis Green. He is employed by Boles Supply in Fayetteville and is a member of the Sandhills Cycling Club.

The bride was escorted by her brother, Kenneth Campbell. She wore a dress of ivory silk, silk taffeta with crystal beads, a V-neck bodice, ruched skirt, a chapel-length train, a fingertip veil with sequins and a headpiece with crystals and pearls. She carried a bouquet of violet roses, irises, and white orchids.

Following a wedding trip to Chattanooga and Bryson City, the couple will reside in Aberdeen.

A reception was held on March 21 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boles of Fayetteville.



Lynda Ann Campbell and Christopher Todd Green

Chapel to host 100th wedding

by Tinkie Petterson

On April 25th Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines will host the 100th wedding in the Chapel.

The Chapel hopes there will be many more to come in the facility. The Chapel in the Pines has become a very popular venue for weddings in the past 10 years. It is a beautiful setting in any season and for any size wedding.

The Wedding Committee is made up of Chapel members who assist the wedding party with the rehearsal and wedding. Committee members include Marilyn Hoffman, Dora Lancaster, Jane Lemle, Lois Moore, Doris Pierce, Ginnye Powers, Joyce Singletary and Tinkie Petterson as the Chapel Wedding Ladies.

The bride & groom may select their own minister or use the Chapel Minister. An organ and



piano are avaliable to use during the ceremony or the wedding party may choose their own musicians. There is a very nominal fee, and all proceeds go to the Chapel. Anyone interested in having a wedding at the Chapel in the Pines may contact Tinkie Petterson at 673-1742 or email: dtpett@earthlink.net

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- Thickness of scum & sludge levels: Back-flow of effluent into the tank during pump down an indicator of flooded leach fields.
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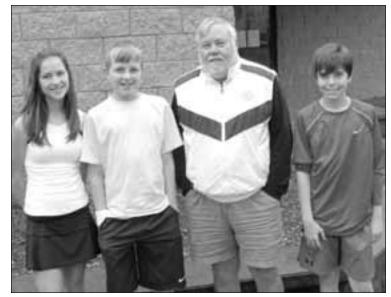
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Local Juniors shine in Greensboro tourney

Three local players from the Seven Lakes Country Club Junior Tennis Program competed in the Greensboro Jr. Future's Tournament March 26-28.

Chrissy Nurnberg, Mark Schaefer, and Connor Goggin, all eighth graders, played in the fourteen-year old category. All played well, with Nurnberg qualifying for the semi-finals, and Goggin and Schaefer in the quarter-finals in the consolation rounds. They attended with Bruce Adams, the head tennis pro for SLCC.

The Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Center offers programs for beginners, juniors, and adults. Call 673-1096 for upcoming clinic times and dates.



Chrissy Nurnberg, Mark Schaefer, Coach Bruce Adams, and Connor Goggin.

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Wennberg gets national honor

The American Quarter Horse Association [AQHA] annual convention was held recently in San Antonio, Texas, and Carla Wennberg was presented the Professional Horsewoman of the Year award.

The AQHA is a worldwide organization and Wennberg is a well-known judge, teacher, coach, writer, and rider. She has judged events around the world, World

Championship Shows, and several Nationals in Europe, Australia, and Canada. Wennberg also conducts clinics throughout the country. She has won three World Championships, as well as All-Around Champion of the All American Congress in Columbus, Ohio.

Wennberg previously taught at Colorado State University and the University of Georgia, where she coached the NCAA Equestrian Team. She presently teaches and coaches for the St. Andrew's Presbyterian College equestrian team.

She is the daughter of the late Carl Wennberg and Nancy Wennberg of Seven Lakes West.

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SLCC celebrates ranking with new member discount

by Mike Spayd Seven Lakes Country Club

The April issue of the *Business* North Carolina magazine contained the information that Seven Lakes Country Club has been ranked as the 89th highest rated course in North Carolina by the North Carolina Golf Panel.

The rankings are determined by averaging vote totals of approximately 150 panelists from across the state with the stipulation that panelists can only vote for courses they have played. Seven Lakes hosted the Rating Panel this past summer and received enthusiastic accolades from the panelists who played. Being selected as one of the Top 100 courses, of the 560 that are in the state, is indeed a great honor for the Club.

Club President, Gordon Zeller, expressed his enthusiastic gratitude by acknowledging the contributions of all involved in bringing about this achievement. Mr. Zeller recognized the late Peter Tufts who designed the course, the Members and Club Boards who have supported the many improvements made over the vears, as well as the current and past staff members who have worked so hard and so well to make this goal a reality culminating with the successful efforts of Scott Clawson, Golf Course Superintendent, his Assistant, Alan Owen and their entire Golf Course Maintenance crew.

Prior to the release of the final ratings, the Club conducted a contest to see who could come closest to the actual rating number.

In the non-member contest, the winners of a complimentary round of golf for four at the Club are Ron & Rosemary Weber of West End with their entry of the exact number; 89.

In acknowledgment of this milestone, the Club is also pleased to announce two new opportunities for its neighbors in the community to become members or more familiar with the Club. The Seven Lakes Board has approved an addition to the Club's Preview Membership Opportunity that includes an

89% reduction in the Membership Fee portion of the Initiation Fee for new members who decide to become equity members within the first six months of the program.

Additionally, for those who have not played at Seven Lakes for a while or at all, the Club has announced that discount Guest Passes will be available for purchase at the reduced price of only \$44.50.

For complete details on these two opportunities, please contact the Club Office at (910) 673-1088 or the Golf Shop at (910) 673-1092

Club hosts eGolf tourney



Kevin Silva from New Bedford, MA

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

Over two hundred professional golfers hit the links at Seven Lakes Country Club [SLCC] on Wednesday and Thursday, April 8-9, in the Bushnell Championship of the eGolf Tarheel Tour. Alternating play between SLCC and Little River Golf Resort in Carthage, a final round was played at Little River on Friday, April 10.

"We were thrilled to have them here!" declared SLCC Golf Pro Gene Roberts. "On behalf of the membership and the golf department, it was an honor to have eGolf play at Seven Lakes – the 89th ranked course in the state."

He continued, "The players loved the greens and said they were outstanding. And one player shot a hole-in-one on his first shot of the day."

Approximately forty-five SLCC members served as volunteers at Seven Lakes and also assisted at Little River.

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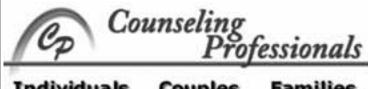


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- Free Preschool Health Screening – 9 am – 12 pm, Seven Lakes Baptist Church. For children one to five years, vision screening by Dr. Barry Kavanaugh, OD; dental screening by Dr. Jennifer Massey, DDS; and hearing screening by Dr. Karen Sikes, Au.D. Free snacks and prizes for child. Info: 673-5535 or 673-5389.
- Benefit BBQ & Fried Chicken Dinner 11:30 am 2 pm;
 4:30 pm 7 pm, Pinehurst United Methodist Church,
 4111 Airport Road. Fried chicken or pork BBQ with all the fixin's including homemade dessert for \$7. Whole cakes and pies available at additional cost. Eat in or carry out.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

- St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church Big Rummage
 Sale 8 am 2 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, Seven Lakes Drive. Lots of items for sale, plus hot dogs & baked goods.
- Bird Walk 8 am, Weymouth Woods, Southern Pines. Spring migration is underway. Birds that have wintered in the tropics are making the incredible flight north to spend the summer months in North America. Enjoy a two-mile hike. Learn to identify birds by sight and sound. Bring binoculars, tick repellent, sunscreen, and field guides. Meet at park office.
- Sandhills Horticultural Soci-

ety Spring Plant Sale – 8 am – 12 pm, Huette Hall. Perennials, woody plants, azaleas, herbs, and Summer bulbs for sale at the horticultural complex. Info: 695-3882.

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- Spring Kiln Opening in Seagrove (including Sunday, April 19) all day event. Seagrove potters come together to create an eventful weekend with something for everyone. Close to 40 clay artists will be offering special events and kiln openings. Come out and browse, shop and learn about local, lasting treasures made from the minerals and clay of the Earth.
- 2nd Annual Art Crawl 5 pm - 7 pm, Sanford. Stroll Historic Downtown Sanford from venue to venue for wine tasting, something to nibble, and view a donated piece of artwork available for sale. All pro-

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SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Wildflower Hike – 3 pm, Weymouth Woods,

Southern Pines. On this leisurely hike, learn to identify common Spring flowers of the area. Learn about pollination, pollinators, and other relation-

ships between plants and animals. Bring bug spray, sunscreen, and water. Meet at park office.

MONDAY, APRIL 20

 Moore County Board of Commissioners Meetings – 6 pm, Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

 Green Summit – 10 am – 3 pm, Ball Visitory Center, Sandhills Community College. Edible landscapes adventures with featured speaker Dr. Mozely on Global Warming. Optional lunch \$6. Demonstrations on organic gardening, cooking with herbs, flower arranging using vegetables & herbs, organic facials and more. Event continues Tues. Wellness adventures, learn yoga, pilates, belly breathing, get a massage, learn to prepare healthy food & smoothies, fitness evaluations & more. Information, 246-4943.

- League of Women Voters Luncheon & Meeting 11:30 am, Table on the Green, Midland Country Club. A discussion and study of the Electoral Vote and the National Popular Vote by states compact, with special guest speaker. The public is welcome to attend. Tickets \$13 include lunch. Reservations are required. Charlotte Gallagher, 944-9611.
- Practices 11:45 am, Moore County Chamber of Commerce. Guest speaker is Kevin Ball, a PEC energy efficiency engineer Engineer. Cost \$12 for members; \$25 non-members. Pre-registration and payment is required. Call Lakota Copeland 692-3926 orlcopeland @moorecountychamber.com
- L.I.G.H.T.S. Meeting 6:30 pm 8:30 pm, Seven Lakes Baptist Church. Ministries meet at 6:30 pm, followed by coffee break and class at 7:45 pm. Enlightenment Classes include The Importance of Exercise Part I; Meet the Fly Lady!; and

Really Bad Girls of the Bible Book Study.

• NAMI Family to Family Course – 7 pm – 9:30 pm, First Health Moore Specialty Clinic, Pinehurst. The National Alliance on Mental Illness [NAMI] of Moore County is offering the eleven-week "Family to Family" course free to family members of close relatives with mental illness. Classes continue to June 30. Seating limited, call 235-0292.



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FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Seven Lakes E.M.S. Chicken Dinner at the EMS Building – 714 Seven Lakes Drive. Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. \$7.00 per plate payable at the door. Take-outs available.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Salon 7 Cuts For Cancer – 9
 am to 5 pm, Seven Lakes
 Plaza. Fundraiser for the Moore
 County Relay For Life and the
 American Cancer Society,
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 cause. Four professional stylists of Salon 7 will offer haircuts
 all day – for a minimum suggested donation of \$25. Walk-

- ins are welcome as no appointments necessary. Bake sale and giveaways, luminaries and "Fight like a Girl" T-shirts. Info: 690-7957 or 673-1967.
- Pinehurst Garden Club Annual Plant Sale – 10 am – 3 pm, Pinehurst Village parking lot next to Given Library. Flats of vinca, impatiens or begonias and 6" pots of geraniums – all in assorted colors, plus other premium quality plants. All proceeds go to garden related projects in Moore County and scholarships for horticultural students at Sandhills Community College. Information, Sally at 235-3909 or Sue at 235-0844.
- Springfest 10 am 4 pm, Downtown Southern Pines. 30th annual event!
- Spring Carnival Hot Dog Dinner/Yard Sale Marcus United Methodist Church 10 a.m. 3 p.m. Hot dog plates \$5.00 w/chips & drink; Desserts available for sale. All proceeds used to send youth to summer camp and to support mission programs.. Marcus United Methodist Church, 2081 Windblow Road, Jackson Springs.
- Sandhills Winery 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Tasting wines from St. Francis Vineyards. Located in Seven Lakes Plaza (next to Peking Wok)

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

March for Parks – 2 pm, Weymouth Woods, Southern Pines.
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- tion for your local parks! Weymouth Woods & Southern Pines Parks and Recreation are teaming for this three-mile hike through the Paint Hill section of Weymouth Woods, the highest point in the area, and ending at Southern Pines Sandhurst Park. Van ride back to your vehicles. Bring bug spray, sunscreen, and water. Meet at park office.
- Belford Baptist Church Deacon and Deaconess sponsoring Building Fund 4:00 pm, Pastor Luther McClendon of Galilee A.M.E. Zion Church of Lilesville, NC will be the guest speaker. There will be no Son-Down service this month
- Holocaust Remembrance Day Program 4:00 pm. "Blessed Is the Match" documentary film screening at Temple Beth Shalom. Directed by Roberta Grossman. There will be a short Holocaust memorial service prior to the showing of the film. Public is invited. (Not recommended for children under 13) For more information call: 673-5224.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

Weymouth Center Plant Sale
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 Center for the Arts & Humanities, Southern Pines. Peren-

nials including day lilies, shrubs, and herbs will be available. Information, call Mon-Fri 10 am – 2 pm, 692-6261.

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- Internet Safety Presentation

 6:30 pm, Union Pines High
 School auditorium. Parents of students at all grade levels are invited to a presentation entitled, "Protecting Kids and Teens Online and Internet Safety: What You Don't Know Can Hurt Your Child."
- Seven Lakes West Landowners Association General Meeting – 7:30 pm, West Side Park Community Center.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

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

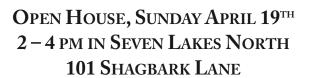
THURSDAY, APRIL 30

- Sandhills Winery Wine tastings every Thursday night beginning at 5:00 pm. Join the Winery for great wines paired with yummy foods.
- Save Our Sandhills 7:00 pm, guest lecturer Rob Evans. Topic discussion on "Conserving Imperiled Plants in the Sandhills and Beyond." Held at Southern Pines Civic Club (Ashe Street and Pennsylvania Avenue)

FRIDAY, MAY 1

• SCC Plant Sale – 1 pm – 4 pm, Huette Hall, Sandhills Community College. Landscape gardening students annual plant sale. Event continues Saturday, May 2, 9 am – noon.







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Lions' International VP visits 7 Lakes Club

by Howie Pierce Seven Lakes Lions Club

Lions International Vice President, Sid L. Scruggs III recently visited the Seven Lakes Lions Club and presented a review of his activities around the world. Scruggs is from Vass, NC.

Just before Christmas last year, Mr. Scruggs and his wife Judy started helping in a cataract hospital in Nairobi, Kenya. From there they went to China to visit some of the newest Lions Clubs, which are the only service clubs

of 7 Lakes

"How should we measure

school success?" was the

topic for the Thursday, April 2, meeting of the Women of

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School Superintendent Dr.

Women

allowed in China.

The Scruggs also visited Lions efforts in Bangkok, Malaysia, and Thailand. While in Thailand, they received a call asking if they would agree to go to Australia and help the victims of the deadly wildfires in February. Those fires destroyed over 1,800 homes and killed more than 200 people. Scruggs brought a slide presentation to share the dev-

astation of those fires with the Seven Lakes Lions.

Members of Lions Clubs are more commonly known for their support of the blind, but they also do whatever they can to help in some 205 countries all over the world. Lions members helped after the earthquakes in China, the tsunami in Indonesia, and Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana.

Judy Scruggs, Shirley Donaldson, and Sid Scruggs, Lions International Vice President.

Susan Purser led the discussion. With twenty-two campuses serving over twelve thousand students, Purser said Moore County SAT and End of Grade test scores exceed state and national averages, and 91.8% of No Child Left Behind goals are being met. However, while conceptually

Grade test scores exceed state and national averages, and 91.8% of No Child Left Behind goals are being met. However, while conceptually sound, Purser said NCLB tests are limited to reading and math proficiency and do not fully measure or demonstrate school success.

The Women of Seven Lakes next meet on Thursday, May 7, at 1:00 pm at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. The Moore County Chapter of the League of Women Voters will present a report on their three-year study of poverty in children in Moore County.

In addition, elections for next year's Board will be conducted and members will be asked to vote on raising annual dues to \$10 and changing the meeting time back to 2:00 pm. A quorum is required to vote on the meeting time change. If enough members are not present, the meeting time will remain at 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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'Southern Belle' is hibiscus for these parts

Spring is here. The weather is beautiful. Many gorgeous, colorful, azaleas, dogwoods and other early blooming flowers and shrubs have graced our landscapes.

The continued showers have supplied adequate moisture to the soil to promote ideal conditions for gardening, outdoor living, and activities.

Someone indicated they had bought a winter hardy hibiscus, planted it outside in the landscape, but it died during the winter. No doubt it was a Chinese Hibiscus which will not survive winter in the Sandhills.

When I was in the gardening business, Moore County Gardening Spot, we had a hibiscus named "The Southern Belle" (Hibiscus moscheutos) a winter hardy perennial that came back from its roots each year. This variety produces dinner plate sized single flowers. The plant reaches sizes 2 to 3 feet and the blooms range in colors from white to shades of rose, pink, red, maroon, and variegated.

The Southern Belle hibiscus is bred from a swamp dwelling species and requires large amounts of water to support the colorful flowers which appear and last only one day. Water for this plant is required every 3 to 4 days. Blooming will last season long except in the very hottest days of summer. Staking to support the heavy blooming plant may be required in some instances. It has been reported that sometimes this plant may be susceptible to root knot nema-

Mulch them with compost bark or potting soil. No pine straw should be used. Do not over fertilize when planting. Fertilize again at midseason.

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Many have complained that

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their tomatoes have not done well for the past 2 or 3 seasons. What is the problem? What variety do you recommend? You will ascertain that, after year or two, there are many diseases that affect growing tomatoes in the

Gardening in the Sandhills Jim Caudill

Sandhills. There are several types – wilt, viruses, nematodes, and also early and late blight. The best recommendation is to rotate or plant your tomatoes in an entirely new location every year.

The next thing to do is to plant disease resistant varieties such as plants labeled VFNT. If problems exist again, then next year you might consider treating your soil with a nematicide. Two varieties that I have had luck with are Big Beef and Park's Whopper. The popular Better Boy and Sweet 100 cherry tomato are varieties that have moderate resistance. Rutgers, Marglobe, German Johnson, or German Pink and some Roma varieties in my opinion have little or no resistance.

Suggestions for **April Planting**

It's planting time for Summer

flowering annuals including Marigolds, Petunias, Scarlet Sage, Gerber Daisies, Geraniums, and Hibiscus. Most of these may be planted in beds or in pots. Pots are usually more vole and mole resistant.

> Plant your warm weather ornamentals that grow from bulbs, corms, and tubers including Gladiolus. Canna and Dahlias, Cal-

adium's, tuber Begonias and Elephant ears.

April is the time for fertilizing bermuda and zoysia lawns. According to experience those lawns in the Sandhills should be fertilized now and once again in July. The amount should be determined by a soil test analysis, but in its absence generally a 1-1-1 ration of slow release premium lawn fertilizer is satisfactory. Examples: 10-10-10, 12-12-12, or 8-8-8 etc. It is normally safe to broadcast the application 5 to 10 pounds per 1000 square feet. A weed and feed applied as soon as possible would also be helpful.

It is also time to fertilize your Azaleas, Camellias, and other flowering shrubs. Plants go through their greatest stress and their need for food is greatest during blooming, fruit setting and growth production. With the

absence of a soil test, generally one to two tablespoons of a premium slow release complete fertilizer per foot of the plant height scattered uniformly around the plant root is satisfactory.

It also an ideal time to control those broadleaf weeds in your lawn and other areas, where unwanted species are growing, with a recommended broadleaf herbicide.

This is slightly off the gardening subject, but worthy to mention, since many in the area are bothered by pollen allergies. Two types of trees here in the Sandhills are abundant producers of dusty-pesky pollen. The Pines and Oaks. The trees have supplied loads of pollen during the

last few days. The pollen season should be over in a few more days. Your favorite allergist, pharmacist, or family physician can recommend some health control measure, but in the meantime, we must contend with it and the messy cleanup.

Suggested vegetable plantings for April

All types of bean seeds - snap, pole, lima, and etc. Plant your cantaloupe seeds or plants, sweet corn seed, pickling and slicing cucumber seeds, or plants; okra, southern field peas, sweet and hot peppers, seeds or plants; tomato plants and watermelon seed or plants.

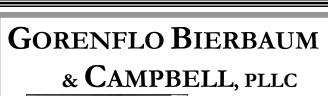


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Westside pool

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during its Tuesday, April 14 Work Session. Former Treasurer and current Finance Committee member Lois Rocco told Board members that 591 members had signed the document, which asked the Board to "rescind the 09/10 fee schedule and return to the policy and pool fee schedule which governed the 2008 Summer season or schedule a special public meeting to revisit the 09/10 Fee Schedule changes."

Rocco explained that last year's system offered members the opportunity to purchase four season passes for use of the pool for \$25; this year that privilege would cost \$800 — \$200 for each of four season passes. Applying the currently published pool fees to her extended family's use of the pool last year, Rocco calculated that a few days visit from two different sets of grandchildren would cost her nearly \$500.

"That takes it out of my range," Rocco told the Board. "Now I can't afford to take my children to what we have always considered to be an amenity supported by our annual dues."

"Season pass" really 120 visits

Responding to similar comments at a February Work Session, the Board had already modified its new policy to make clear that the seven- and thirty-day passes included in its new fee schedule (and priced at \$25

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and \$75 respectively), were not really individual passes, but rather seven- and thirty-visit punch tickets that could be used, for example, to host one person at the pool for seven days or seven guests at the pool on the same day.

After hearing from Rocco and receiving the petition in the Tuesday, April 14 Work Session, the Board further clarified that the same principle will apply to the \$200 season pass. Rather than a season pass usable only by one person, the \$200 will actually purchase four thirty-punch ticket books, which can be used to bring one guest to the pool 120 times, 120 guests to the pool on the same day, or any combination of number of guests and number of visits that multiplies out to 120.

In other words, the \$200 doesn't buy a pass; it buys 120 visits to the pool, at a cost of roughly \$1.67 per visit.

Recreation Director Karen Milligan offered the policy clarification — which contradicts the March 12 "Clarification of Pool

Pass Fees and Usage" posted on the SLWLA website — at the end of Tuesday's Work Session, after the Board returned for an unscheduled open session and vote following a closed executive session. Treasurer Kathy Kirst briefed *The Times* on the clarification and Board action via email and in a telephone interview on Tuesday afternoon.

After returning to open session, the Board also voted to increase to twenty-one the number of guest pool visits offered to each member family free of charge, upon request to the Association office. Previously the number of free guest visits had been set at fourteen.

Goal: Treat everyone the same

Kirst told *The Times* that the Board's goal in changing the policies and fees for guest use of the pool was to treat everyone the same and to exercise greater control over use of the pool.

"Our goal is to treat all non-resident pool users equitably," Kirst wrote in an email to *The Times*.

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"Non-resident children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, etc. all have equal status when it comes to pool usage with the current structure."

"The previous structure of four annual passes for \$25 compared to the current 120 visit annual pass for \$200 is really comparing apples and oranges, because the previous passes were per person and not transferable (or shouldn't have been) and treated other family members differently from children and grandchildren. Our pool season is 107 days, and the Board feels that this pass arrangement should answer most needs."

"The Board hopes that its actions will be deemed responsive, fair, and equitable to all

concerned," Kirst concluded.

The new fee schedule puts the "a la carte" price for a single guest visit to the pool at \$5.00. The effective per visit cost of the \$25 seven-visit pass is \$3.57; of the \$75 thirty-visit pass, \$2.50. Kirst noted in her email that each "visit" applies to an entire day's use. Once a visitor is signed into the pool and their guest pass punched, they can leave and return during the same day without using an additional punch.

"The increase is actually far less and the economical usage is far more than perceived by those opposing the increase," Kirst said in her email to *The Times*.

Kirst told *The Times* that an (See "Pool," p. 21)



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More notes from the Westside Work Session

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

While pool fees and policies provided the most drama during the first Work Session of the newly-elected Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors [see story on page 1], the Board had plenty of other business to attend to during the Tuesday, April 14 meeting.

Security & Safety

Security and Safety Director John Hoffmann provided a written report during the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] April 14 Board Work Session that outlined his plans for the year, which include forming a Security and Safety Leadership team that would meet monthly and include the Community Manager, lead gate quard, local Sheriff's department representative, head of a to-be-formed Neighborhood Watch, the lead Area Representative, the yet-to-be named roving patrol officer, head of CERT, head of the Lake Patrol and others.

Hoffmann said his early priorities are to form a Neighborhood Watch and to step up enforcement of security rules.

"I am very in favor of speed bumps," Hoffmann said. "They are highly controversial, but a proven means of calming traffic — especially near our gates."

"People play games with the gates," he added, for example, seeing how fast they can go and still get stopped before plowing through them. "Little old ladies are just as good at this as male teenagers," he said.

"Another area I am looking hard at is securing our perimeter," he said.

In other Security related business the Board:

- Deferred a decision on hiring a part-time proving Security Patrol until the question could be reviewed by Security and Safety Director Hoffmann. Noting the success the community has had in hiring officers from the Moore County Sheriff's office to do traffic enforcement within the gates, Hoffmann suggested that it would be worth exploring a similar strategy for roving patrol.
- Discussed pursuing a settlement with CINTAS that would allow the Association to ter-

minate a five-year contract for uniforms for the former roving security patrol.

- Discussed and deferred action on a suggestion by Community Manager Frost that the intersection of Longleaf and Otter Drives at the entrance to West Side Park be designated a four-way stop. Hoffmann will explore options for traffic calming in that area. The Board did consent to the removal of a shrub that blocks sight lines at the intersection.
- Discussed and approved parameters for a settlement with Maxim Security, the equipment vendor for the barcode and camera systems at the gates of Seven Lakes West. The Association had withheld a portion of payments due Maxim because of functional problems with the camera systems. Director Hoffmann

reported that the cameras are now working as well as they can, given the type of camera that was installed.

 Approved the purchase of a bare bones computer for the gatehouse that will allow gate guards to access an up-todate database of Westside residents. Hoffmann said this should speed up the process of clearing the entry lane when a visitor shows up without any notice to the gate from their host. In such cases, the gate guards attempt to telephone the host.

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Recreation Director Milligan reminded Board members that that a "Support Our Troops" event is planned for Saturday. May 2 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Seven Lakers and their guests are invited to drop in at any point in the afternoon to help make Thank You and Get Well cards for members of the military recovering at the Fort Bragg hospital. Packets of stationery with prepaid postage will also be created to be sent to military personnel stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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The "Night in Paris" formal dinner/dance scheduled for May 16 is half sold out, Milligan reported. The event is open to North and Southsiders as well as SLWLA members; tickets are available at the Association office.

Lake & Dam

Lake & Dam Director Mick (See "Work," p. 22)

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Pool

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adult supervisor will be checking residents and guests into the pool this Summer, which will provide the Board with a much better set of data on pool

use than they have had in the past. If changes to the policies and fees are necessary in the future, she said, the Board will have good information upon which to base those modifications.





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Work Session

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Herdrich reported that that contractor Hayward-Baker has already completed 150 to 200 feet of the slurry wall that is the core of the Lake Auman Dam remediation. Dam Engineer Dan Marks reports that the process is going just as predicted. Director Silberhorn noted an initial payment on the project is due to Hayward-Baker, once the engineer has signed off on the work

Herdrich said boat registration will take place the Week of May 4 and May 11. Three different orange boat stickers will be used: triangles, for non-powered boats, half-circles for powered boats and squares for the boats of those who rent slips at the Johnson Point marina. The slips will be renumbered and sticker numbers issued to slip renters will be the same as their assigned slip number.

Board goals

The Board had a brief discussion of goals for they coming year. Among those suggested were:

- · To make a decision on the curbside mail delivery issue, either deciding to continue to pursue that option or to give up the effort and begin planning for a new mailhouse.
- To develop a master plan which "encompasses all the things that LRP has been doing before, but have it in a form that everyone living here can understand," in the words of President Ron Shepard. Director Hoffman echoed the point, noting, "I have never seen nor have I been offered any kind of a document that says what we want Seven Lakes West to be 15-20 years from now."
- · Once the data is in hand, likely in mid-winter, to make a decision about reopening Lakeway Drive to vehicular traffic across the dam.
- · To facilitate solutions to drainage problems that exist in the community, to the extent they are the responsibility of the Association.
- · To complete the four pending annexations of new neighborhoods into the Association.
- To step up enforcement of architectural standards, now that the new standards have been approved by all parties.

The Board took no action to approve these goals; goal-setting is likely to be include do the agenda of a future work ses-

Financial Analysis of Amenities

The Board briefly discussed whether an analysis of the costs and income related to specific amenities — like the pool, boat slips, or tennis courts - is a reasonable use of Board time. Some residents opposed to the increase in user fees for guest use of the pool and member rental of boat slips had asked for such an analysis.

Director Adam Wimberly argued against the idea, saying,"My guess is this is a preemptive request around the swimming pool fees. It may be just posturing. We should go back and ask what they are looking for. This seems like a humongous 'WAT' - waste of time."

But Director Hoffmann defended the idea, noting "Every amenity should have a cost-benefit analysis applied to it. The pool complex is an element of cost. We need to know what it is costing us."

"I'm agreeing with Adam," Director Goodman said, "because this is a volunteer organization, so we are trying to do our best to use judgment on how we are spending our time and how much effort you take. I am skeptical on using time and effort on something this subjective."

Goodman agreed with the point and other directors noted the difficulty of quantifying the value of some amenities — like Lake Auman, which is on the books at a value of \$400,000 but is clearly worth far more.

Other Business

In other business during the Tuesday, April 14 Work Session:

· The Board reviewed and approved the March check register. Treasurer Kathy Kirst explained that invoices should be forwarded to the director in charge of the appropriate functional are before a check for payment is cut by CAS.

· Directors heard from Infrastructure Director Goodman that he is actively seeking volunteers for an infrastructure committee that will oversee a number of capital projects in the coming budget year.

- Board members learned that the Long Range Planning Committee will present during the Board's May Work Session a comprehensive vision for the redevelopment of the front entrance and Lakeway Drive area — as well as design principles that can be applied to possible future construction projects - a new mailhouse or maintenance shed, for example. LRP Co-Chair Roger Brooke told the Board the presentation will include a proposal to hire a design firm to turn the vision into more concrete plans and standards.
- Legal Director Silberhorn reported that the streets in

the Parkwood Subdivision near the mailhouse will be upgraded to meet SLWLA standards, as a condition of that are being brought into the Association. Work is likely to begin soon, now that warmer weather has arrived.

- Resident Chuck Spellman reported on his efforts to secure the use of private land adjacent to Seven Lakes West for recreational use by walkers and dog owners, while preventing its use by off-road vehicles. Board members indicated they would work with Spellman on those efforts.
- Long Range Planning Co-Chair Roger Brooke told the Board that his committee is updating its estimates on the cost of building new mailhouses. He encouraged Board members to wait for that report before making any decision about whether to continue

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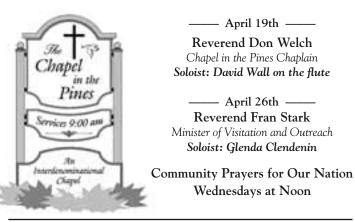
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Kiwanis 'March Madnezz'

The top eight recipients of Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club funding met in a Bingo Tournament as part of the "March Madnezz" event on March 24. Playing in an elimination tournament, Moore Buddies won \$1,000 prize. The second place finisher, Backpack Pals, won \$200, and the other six non-profits each took home \$100 each.

In addition, Club members sold 250 raffle tickets. Maureen Malone of Seven Lakes South won the grand prize, a 42" plasma television.

Everyone had a great time,

SLWLA

(Continued from page 22) pursuing curbside mail delivery.

- · Mary Price told the Board that there is a "very big slient group" who are not in favor of home mail delivery. "When ever I go out and think about all of those mail boxes lined up along the street, I think it will look lousy," Price said.
- Former SLWLA President Bill Mamel asked that the Board support a small budget for the Seven Lakes Forum which could help defray the costs of copying signs announcing their events, as well as reimbursing speakers for travel expenses.
- The Board discussed the need to work with the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] on a new agreement covering reciprocal use of amenities and recreation programs, gate access, and cooperation in times of emergency. President Shepard said he would set up a meeting with SLLA representatives and asked Treasuer Kirst to assist in the negotiations.
- The Board decided to contract for a \$10,000 fireworks display, spending only the amount included in the budget approved by the membership in March. The fireworks vendor had sought \$12,000 for a show the same length as last year, so the Board's decision will likely result in a slightly shorter display.

and the eight worthy organizations received what amounted to a "Bonus" donation.

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

Participants in the Kiwanis "March Madnezz" night included, frm left, Ken Jenkins, Seven Lakes Kiwanis President, with raffle winner Maureen Malone, and

Bingo competitors Eren Tatagarsi of the Coalition of Human Care, Dottie Laton of Moore Buddies, Pat Weber of Project Linus, Linda Hubbard of Backpack Pals, Sharon Nicholson Harrell of Kids in Crisis, Major Jerry Lyles of Salvation Army, Principal Johnnye Waller of West End Elementary School. Not pictured: Larry Hewett of the NC Boys & Girls Home.



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OPINION

Living large inside 'The Mommy Zone'

"Look at me, Mommy!" "Mommy?" Mooommmmy!!!"

There it is again, a plaintive plea for attention: a few are even aimed in my direction. The rest are lobbed at the motley assortment of mothers all around me.

For you see this morning, faced with another rainy vacation day, I delivered my brood to Coco's — an indoor playground fantasy land filled with towering inflatable jungles, castles, and pirate ships.

"Boing, bounce, boing" goes the herd of little stocking feet. "Clickity-clack, tab tab tab, clickity-clack" goes a flock of fastflying hands across a multitude of keyboards. It seems I'm not the only multitasking mom to roost in this nest!

Laptops and texting phones of all shapes and colors abound in our less than peaceful, parental oasis of couches. We are surrounded on all sides by a squealing cacophony of children tumbling up and down a billowing sea of red, yellow, and blue. Yet we all exist in a gray place I'll just call "The Mommy Zone."

Blending work, parenting, errands, gossip and phone calls, we attempt to balance this off-kilter juggling act. Personally, it's embarrassing to admit how much time I coast through any given week in this hazy, unbounded space. Thanks to Bill Gates, free WiFi, and my choice of vocation, my work-at-home office is often anywhere but!

Here at the funhouse, I'll type a sentence, stop and wave encouragement at my gravitydefying son, and then resume. Back and forth — my mind springing from thought to computer to kid and back again.

Attention Deficit Parenting at its finest!

No doubt this is completely unhealthy, a pox on my intellect. I mean how can a person flourish when they can't possibly focus?

refuge: the ringing phone, bark-

Not that staying home offers

There is a definable point each day when I hit sensory overload - my own personal blue screen of death.



occurs right after dinner, when, for a few magical hours before bedtime. that broken old record finally flips

Usually it

ing dog, and endless stacks of mail and laundry all conspire to keep me hopping from task to

over to the 'B side.'

"Look at me, Daddy!" Daddy?" Daaaddddyyyyy!"

SLLA Lakes & Dams Committee deserved better

I would like to set the record straight on a matter that came up at the annual meeting.

Did you know that if it wasn't for the efforts of Ron Erskine, Charlie Oliver, and many other lakeside residents, there wouldn't have been a Lakes and Dams committee?

This original group found all the records that Dalton Fulcher had stuffed in files and ignored for all those years. This group took charge and started down the path of straightening out the mess, and they are the ones who really deserve our thanks. It was a job well done.

EVEN TAKES IMES

Now we find President Randy Zielsdorf, in his wisdom, doing away with the Lakes and Dams committee. It's now a part of maintenance and security with none other than Dalton Fulcher reporting on it.

Kind of funny — since Fulcher didn't do anything for over 20 years with it - and now he reports on it? Go figure!

Now it appears that Director Bud Shaver will have access to the Lakes and Dams budget, doesn't it? At the annual meeeting, Shaver said he couldn't find any company to give him a price on mowing the dams. Is this his way of setting the stage to purchase that "special" \$40,000 mower? Of course, he did spend \$46,000 on three pick up trucks - without obtaining written competitive bids, didn't he? Time will

I know we've all heard about the loser having "sour grapes."

Until Truesdell's letter in the April 3 edition of The Times, I don't recall a person whose side won having that until now.

He says that enough is enough with personal attacks. Of course he says this after voicing his attacks and jabs. He should

remember that you reap what you sow. Anyway, his time is over and he can now retire to his porch.

Steve Hudson Seven Lakes North

Understanding the other guy

With the pace of modern society in the full throttle mode that it is today, there doesn't seem to be much time for reflection. Deadlines must be met for bill payments, being on time for

church, preparing those hors d'oeuvres for the party, practicing your golf swing or tennis stroke,

tidying up the yard, or just help-

ing keep members of the fami-

And yet, reflection can be a

vital part of the ride through life.

Properly exercised but not over-

done, it can serve to add sub-

stance to our lives, enabling us

to assess where we are.

Are we not excessive in our critical analyses of others? Expecting near perfection in everyone we know is simply

unrealistic. Much more important

> is the ability to guide ourselves by living honorably and respecting the right of others to do the same, albeit in their own unique

It's incredible but seemingly true that the greatest strides

toward understanding each other can stem from our ability to lay emotion aside long enough to try to appreciate the ways of wellmeaning others, and realize that our own is not the only way to live.

ly "on cruise."

Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

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Cartoon perpetuates stigma of mental illness

Dear Editor:

This letter is being written in response to the outrageous and libelous "editorial" cartoon by Kevin Siers that was published in the *Charlotte Observer* on Thursday April 2, 2009.

The cartoon depicts a very heavy man in what appears to be military garb, holding a rifle across his chest. The words "Easy GUN Access" are on the butt end and a large lighted match is coming out of the barrel. The flame from the end of the match is lighting a fuse that is coming out of the man's head that resembles a bomb. The words on the bomb say "Mental Illness." The title of the cartoon is "Local Terrorist" and a caption within the cartoon says "American Suicide Bomber."

My perception is that this cartoon is a result of the tragedy at the Pinelake Nursing Home Facility in Carthage. There is no documented evidence at this time to indicate that the assailant was ever diagnosed with a mental illness of any kind, and even if he was, there is still no justification for this cartoon.

I cannot begin to explain how hurtful and insensitive this cartoon is to me personally and to others I have communicated with who have family members or friends that suffer with a brain disease. It is a travesty to infer that everyone who suffers from a severe and persistent mental illness is a "Local Terrorist" and an "American Suicide Bomber." It is also inconceivable how anyone could create this abomination, much less publish it. The

Charlotte Observer and Mr. Siers have crossed the line from responsible journalism to [borrowing a phrase from the internet] "journalistic terrorism."

There is a crisis in America today in the treatment of people who suffer with a mental illness. The *Charlotte Observer* and Mr. Siers have done more to set back the gains made in eliminating the stigma associated with mental illness than anything I have seen in recent years. The Editorial Board of the *Char-*

lotte Observer and Mr. Siers should retract the cartoon and write an editorial apologizing to the public for this egregious violation of the public trust. They should also increase their advocacy in support of people who suffer from brain diseases to heighten awareness of the terrible way these people are being treated and discriminated against, as evidenced by this cartoon.

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George E. Reynolds, Jr. National Alliance on Mental Illness of Moore County

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Organizational meeting

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be formed, the director of a new neighborhood watch program. Other directors were receptive to the idea, but cautioned that some volunteer groups — like CERT — strongly value their independence.

Later in the meeting, Hoffmann said he very much wanted to draw on the expertise of CERT members in his efforts to heighten community awareness about safety and security. "It's my desire to build a security team within a security program," Hoffmann said, noting that the team he envisioned would involve CERT, the security contractor, the Area Reps, and the Moore County Sheriff's Office, among others.

West Side Park

Responsibility for West Side Park was another area that generated considerable discussion in the orientation meeting. Kirst said the Board badly needed someone to be responsible for looking at the entire facility, including operations and future development. Echoing that concern, Director Karen Milligan said that her personal motivation for moving into the community was based on the availability of West Side Park amenities rather than on access to Lake Auman.

"I think that West Side Park gets lost in the shuffle more times than not," Milligan said. "It was this facility that sold me. We need to maintain it as an asset just as important as the other assets." Director Silberhorn noted that no Board member is specifically responsible for the West Side Park portion of the budget.

After discussion, on a motion by Silberhorn, the Board approved giving Director Mick Herdrich responsibility for the West Side Park budget and operational issues and asked Infrastructure Director John Goodman to serve as Herdrich's deputy on the longer range facility development concerns.

Other Committees

Other new assignments included making the Library Committee a subcommittee of Herdrich's West Side Park Committee and moving the responsibility for the Communications Committee to Secretary Ed Tuton. Director Milligan, who has been serving as the Board's liaison for communications, said she would be happy to continue to participate in that committee.

Other committee assignments had already been made during a special meeting held for the election of officers on March 20 and include: John Goodman, Infrastructure; John Hoffmann, Security; Adam Wimberly, Architectural Review; Kathy Kirst, Finance; Ed Silberhorn, Legal; Mick Herdrich, Lake and Dam; Karen Milligan, Recreation; and Ed Tuton, Area Reps.

Once discussion of Committees was complete, Director Hoff-

mann asked that the various responsibilities for each committee be laid out in some sort of diagram and be published.

Other business:

In other business during their organizational meeting the SLWLA Directors:

- Were walked through a review of the monthly financial reports by Treasurer Kirst.
- Were encouraged by President Shepard to submit and rely on the circulation of monthly written reports for each area of responsibility rather than making oral presentations during the monthly Board work sessions
- Heard a review by Legal Director Silberhorn of the hierarchy of legal documents that govern the community, beginning with the Articles of Incorporation and the Covenants, under which are arrayed the bylaws, rules and regulations, ARC standards and other procedures. Also impacting community governance are the NC Planned Community Act, the contract with Community Association Services, Inc. [CAS], and an agreement with the NC

Wildlife Resources Commission that impacts fishing and safety issues on the lake. • Ended the meeting with an executive session to discuss pending legal matters.

Holocaust remembrance

On Sunday, April 26, at 4:00 pm, "Blessed Is the Match" a documentary film screening will be held at Temple Beth Shalom.

"Blessed Is the Match" is the first documentary feature about Hannah Senesh, the World War II-era poet and diarist who became a paratrooper, resistance fighter and modern-day Joan of Arc. With unprecedented access to the Senesh family archive, the film chron-

icles the only military rescue mission for Jews during the Holocaust through the writings and photographs of Hannah and her mother Catherine. Directed by Roberta Grossman.

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SLLA Work Session

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Darr recounted recent repairs aimed at correcting a drainage problem on Hastings Drive on the South Side, noting that bids for the project had come in at \$75,000 to \$85,000. SLLA crews were able to effect repairs at a total cost of less than \$5,000, he said, though conversation later in the meeting suggested that the parameters of the \$85,000 project may have been more extensive than the work done by Association crews.

Darr added that his report will include an evaluation of the skills resident in the in-house staff. "I was amazed to find out the skill level we have in these five men," he told the Board. "Each of them can operate all the equipment we have: backhoes, welders, mowers, irrigation systems, and so on. They are unusual and amazing in terms of what they can do. That too impacts the decision you will make as we go down the road here."

Darr said outside contractors charge as much as \$20 or \$28 per hour for mowing. "Our hourly rate structure pales in comparison." He noted that members of the maintenance crew are able to take on electrical and plumbing tasks that would be much more expensive if outsourced.

Darr said he was convinced, though "it may be self-serving," that the maintenance staff needs a supervisor to guide their work. not been done, and I will not be

He noted that they begin each day with a meeting in which the day's assignments are handed

Turning from personnel to equipment, Darr said, "One of the other things that I have found and am really concerned about is the equipment that we have. We have adequate equipment for everything that we need to do, but the problem is that stuff wears out." He mentioned specifically that both a backhoe and a mower need to be replaced — and that he had some ideas for acquiring equipment that would be more efficient.

"We need to do an in-depth cost-benefit analysis of expenditures," he concluded. "Maybe because of the cost of equipment we do need to outsource. We need to do some really good cost-benefit on the cost of equipment."

Director Droppers asked whether, when he considered the cost of outsourcing, Darr was "comparing the costs fully loaded." Droppers noted that an apples to apples comparison of in-house versus outsourced costs has to take into account the cost of fuel, equipment maintenance, and the capital investment in the equipment.

'That's how you have to make the comparison," Droppers said, "not that we are paying \$7.85 and they are charging \$25."

"That kind of analysis has

presenting it that way," Darr said. "One of the things not included in the brief subjective analysis that I have done is the equipment cost."

Darr said the bulk of the maintenance department's work is aimed at making the community look good, to enhance property values. He said he felt there were opportunities for volunteers to become more involved in the work of the department.

Roadside Mowing

The SLLA will soon begin notifying landowners that SLLA maintenance crews will no longer mow the road shoulders in front of their homes. The decision to suspend the practice was based on members" responses to a survey fielded late last year that gathered feedback on a number of cost-cutting options. President Randy Zielsdorf said about two-thirds of those responding had a favorable reaction to suspending the mowing of roadside grass in front of built-upon

SLLA maintenance crews will continue to mow roadside grass

in front of the approximately 450 vacant lots. Homeowners who want the crews to cut the grass along the roadside in front of their homes may request the service from the landowners office. All other homeowners will be expected to handle the job themselves.

Maintenance Director Bud Shaver told Board members that investing in a mower deck with short chains that hang off the sides would eliminate any problem with stones kicked up by the mowers and allow crews to do the job more quickly and efficiently. President Zielsdorf instructed Community Manager Dalton Fulcher to begin notifying residents of the pending change

in practice.

Management Search

Director Droppers, who is organizing the search for a new community manager or management company, passed out a rough draft of a timeline for that process, noting that he presented it only a starting point and fully expected substantial changes once he had gathered suggestions from other Board members.

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"This is what we call a 'dead cat," he explained. "You put a dead cat in the middle of the table and no one wants it to stay there, so it gives us something to talk about."

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Droppers said the process would require a good bit of due diligence to make sure that the Board is comparing apples to apples in evaluating different management companies — and in comparing management companies with continuing with inhouse management.

"The first question is: 'What kind of management structure do we want?'" Droppers said.

"Most companies you are going to bring in will put a manager here and everything else will be outsourced," he continued. "[They] won't say 'We are going to put a manager and an assistant manager here.' Then you have the whole maintenance question."

"It would be unfair of us to compare our current level of staffing to what a company will propose, because it will be apples and oranges. They are going to have some economies of scale that we don't have. They will have their own accounting office. I would be surprised that they would put a receptionist here."

"We are going to have to decide what we want, and compare apples to apples," Droppers said.

Reciprocity with West Side

President Zielsdorf said a new agreement for reciprocal use of amenities needs to be negotiated with the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA], which has recently increased fees for use of its pool.

Zielsdorf explained that the last agreement between the two associations was signed in 2007, and includes a provision that it would continue in effect until modified by either side. Last year, the SLWLA Board suggested a revision in which the members of each community, when visiting the other after dark, would need to obtain a guest pass. In other words, the reciprocal honoring of vehicle stickers would apply only during the daytime.

The SLLA responded that they preferred not to change their policy, and that was the end of the matter.

"As far as I am concerned, we should just leave our policies as we are," Security Director Caulk said. "I'm not about shutting them out at all. . . . We are a community and we should leave it as that."

Fulcher noted that the West Side had substantially increased their fees for guest use of the pool — and may be planning to treat SLLA members as guests. Moreover, if the West Side's guest fees are higher — and their residents still have open access to the SLLA Pool — that could increase crowding at the Northside facility, he said.

"One problem we see is that kids on this side and that side are good friends," Fulcher explained.

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"So all the kids are going to go to the pool here, because it is going to be basically free."

The SLWLA plans to charge \$200 per person for a full season pass to the Westside pool, whereas the SLLA charges \$25 for season passes that allow four guests access to all amenities.

Fulcher noted that the SLWLA Board would likely be discussing the issue of pool fees during their Tuesday, April 14 work session -- and that the SLLA Board needed to reach a decision before annual dues invoices are mailed and members begin to show up at the Landowners Office to buy their guest passes.

"We can't wait until the May Work Session to make a change," Fulcher said, "because we have to start collecting on the fees; but we can wait, if the board wants to wait, until after they [the SLWLA Board] meet tomorrow. We can wait to decide after we see what the West Side does." Fulcher said the Board could hold a special meeting to make a decision in time to avoid interfering with the fee collection process for Fiscal Year 2009-

2010.

Director Shaver suggested asking the Recreation Committee to come up with a recommendation. "Why don't you hold a special meeting in the next ten to fifteen days and email this Board back," he suggested to Assistant Manager Chad Beane. "You people are supposed to be the experts."

Beane agreed that the Recreation Committee was best equipped to address the issue, and President Zielsdorf deferred further discussion until the committee produced a recommendation.

Other business

In other business during its April 13 Work Session the Board:

- Turned down a request from the Architectural Review Board [ARB] that Bob Darr be retained as a member of the committee. Several Directors said the fact that Darr is an employee of the Association creates the potential for a conflict of interest if he also serves on the ARB.
- Deferred a discussion on how to increase the involvement

of younger families in community

- Heard from Vice President Sally Kindsvatter a suggestion to form a committee that would bring the Board recommendations of several possible candidates for "Citizen of the Year," an honor conferred each year at the Annual Meeting.
- Heard from President Zielsdorf that County Manager Cary McSwain has offered to meet with a group of up to thirty Seven Lakers to talk about water. "I don't want to meet until they tell me what the meeting is about," Director Shaver said, encouraging Zielsdorf to get an agenda for the meeting from the county before agreeing to set a
- Accepted assignments from President Zielsdorf to review sections of a draft Community Plan.
- Heard from Treasurer Denny Galford that the Finance Committee is working on a standard format for financial analysis that can be used, for example, in comparing the cost of in-house

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North Carolina, was awarded the contract to extend Woodland Circle. Vaughn presented the lowest bid at \$1,611,124 million. The project is expected to last nine to eleven months, beginning in May.

"We think we have a pretty good designed project and we are ready to go," said Tom Collins, who consulted on the project for Foxfire Village.

During the Public Comment portion of the meeting, Tommy McCaskill expressed concern about the safety of children residing near Woodland Circle where construction vehicles will be accessing the work site.

Mayor George Erickson said the majority of heavy truck traffic would be routed through a construction entrance and that Chief Campell and Collins would ensure all safety regulations and appropriate signage was in place.

Water

The newest well in the Foxfire

SLLA

(Continued from page 28) versus outsourced maintenance functions.

- Heard from Community Manager Fulcher that past due accounts more than a year old totaling more than \$51,000 have been turned over to Association Attorney Hunter Stovall for collection.
- Heard a request from Director Caulk to add to the agenda of the May work session a discussion on banning alcohol use in playground areas.

system is also its most productive, reported Lauer. Producing 50 gallons per minute, the new well will be connected to the well under radium remediation once test results are received.

Erickson explained the well site, which is located off Woodland Circle, had previously been tested in the 1980's and found to be unproductive and abandoned.

"We don't know where this water came from but we're happy about it," joked Erickson.

Swimming Pool

Family membership fees for non-resident families will be increased from \$100 to \$200 this Summer, reported Pool Manager Leslie Erickson. Daily passes will be available for \$2 for adults, \$1 for children six to thirteen, and free for those under five years. Opening weekend hours are Saturday, May 23, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, Sunday, May 24, 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm, and Monday, May 25, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Reduced hours will be in effect until June 11.

This year, passes may be purchased directly at the pool and the pass and check-in system will provide a way to track the number of visitors and passes sold. No money will remain on the premises after hours

Erickson reported the pool complex has been treated throughout the Winter months for fire ants.

Website update

An updated Village website will be on-line in May, reported Deputy Clerk Lisa Kivett. She encouraged residents to submit photographs of pretty green areas around Foxfire Village.

Tickets on sale for 'A Night in Paris'

"A Night in Paris," a formal dinner dance will be held Saturday, May 16 at the West Side Park Community Center.

The evening begins with a BYOB cocktail hour from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, followed by a four-course dinner and live entertainment by Barron Maness. The menu features mini quiches & stuffed mushroom caps appetizers, fresh

croissants and salad Nicoise, beef of filet, potato au gratin & peas with fresh herbs, and crepes with strawberries & crème, coffee & tea.

Tickets are on sale now for \$35 per person. Seven Lakers from the North, South, and West Sides are cordially invited. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 673-5314.

The new website will include application downloads, meeting minutes, and access to municipal codes and ordinances.

Committee Awards & Appointments

Norman Sickles and Jean Brown were honored for their longtime service to Foxfire Village. Sickles resigned from the Board of Adjustments and Brown from the Appearance Committee.

Carl Munro and Robert Thorne were appointed to serve on the Board of Adjustments [BOA]. Thorne will chair. There are also three vacancies for Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction residents to serve on the BOA.

There is also a vacancy on the Appearance Committee.

Any resident interested in serving on a committee is welcome to submit a letter of interest.

Other Items

Approved a request by John and Louise Quella to install and maintain an eight foot wide horse trail across the narrow, undeveloped western portion of the Village Green. The trail will parallel Tufts Vista Road. The path will be marked as a Horse Trail.

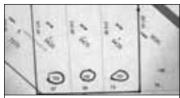
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Approved a request to rezone a one acre parcel of Pineland Preserve [Lot 12] to the Village Business District designation. Owned by Pete Mace and contiguous to a larger four-acre tract in the VBD, Erickson explained the property had been considered for and eventually discarded as a potential well site.

Approved a request to name an easement on Shamrock Drive. The road, which will be legally known as Candlewood Lane, accesses a newly constructed home owned by Lloyd Navarro.



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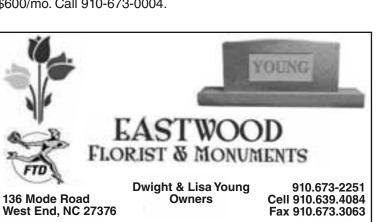
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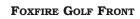
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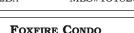
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