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## Pool policy roils meeting

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

The debate over new policies and fees for use of the Westside swimming pool erupted in and sometimes nasty squabble during the Tuesday, April 28 general meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA].

In the course of developing a fee schedule for the coming fiscal year, the Westside Board has both raised the cost of pool use by guests and ended an exemption that allowed the non-resident children and grandchildren of landowners to use the pool without paying guest fees. During their April 14 Work Session, the SLWLA directors were presented with a petition signed by 591 residents, asking

for a return to the FY 2008-2009 policies and fee schedule or a public meeting in which the matter could be thoroughly aired.

Tuesday night, Longleaf Drive resident Bob Horne touched off

number of pool guest passes provided to landowners from 14 to 21 and clarified that \$200 annual passes are really good for 120 visits the pool by any number of people, rather than a season pass for a specific individual.

"That's fine," Horne told the Board Tuesday night, "but that's not the issue. The issues is denying the children and grandchildren the right to

use the pool."

"We gave you over half of the residents of this operation that signed a petition to either go back [to the prior year's policy] or have a public meeting. Just putting it [the Board's decision]

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the debate when, in member comments, he told Board members their response to the petition was inadequate. Horne and his wife Linda were among those active in gathering signatures.

After the petition was presented, the Board increased the

## Board gets down to business

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

The first meeting of the newly seated Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board of Directors was a low-key affair on Wednesday, April 29.

The anticipated six-month maintenance report by Bob Darr was postponed due to computer problems, reported President Randy Zielsdorf. He explained that a report on the community plan was also

delayed by computer problems, but that the original source documents were safe and would be distributed next month.

The Board quickly moved

Dams.

Thomas was the low bidder using a set of specifications, developed by engineering firm S&ME, and recommended as part of ongoing dam maintenance. Community Manager Dalton Fulcher suggested that the Board should also consider negotiating with Thomas to reseed the other community dams while they are working on site.

"We met with Thomas Trucking and went down each item and are very satisfied and comfortable with them. We need to

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through approving several action items, including a \$48,060 contract with Don Thomas Trucking to provide top soil, seed, and fertilizer on Sequoia and Timber

## Breaking ground



Mayor George Erickson & Barbara Gentles break ground for Foxfire Village's Woodland Circle Extension Project. Gentles was the first to build on the Circle. [See page 3.]

## Got Grads? We want 'em!

We'll be publishing photos of graduates in the May 15 issue of *The Seven Lakes Times*. To make sure your grad is included, get us the following by May 8: a photo of the grad, full name, name and location of school, degree, names of parents, grandparents, or other Seven Lakes/West End/ McLendon Hills/Foxfire connection, something about the grad's next big step in life (college, job, etc.) and anything else you think brag-worthy. Please include a phone number, so we can contact you if we have a question. See the box on page 2 for our address, location, phone number, fax number, e-mail address, etc. Please use the drop box beside our office door if you find us out of the office.

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# Country Club's Chili wins People's Choice Award

The Seven Lakes Business Guild 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off held on Saturday, April 4 was, by all accounts, a huge success. The weather was perfect and 25 chili teams cooked up their secret chili recipes. Numerous vendors were also available to promote their businesses or sell their wares.

The judge panel consisted of Jamie Boles of Boles Funeral Home, Susan Hicks, Clerk of Courts, and Chris Dunn of the Arts Council of Moore County. These intrepid volunteers tasted every chili entry.

When the day was over and the beans were counted, the people's choice winner was Seven Lakes Country Club.

The first place winner was Virginia Horner who was an indi-

vidual entrant, second place to the Relay for Life Team from Bensalem Presbyterian Church, third place was awarded to Angie Huber with Simply Grace Jewelry; and The President's Award for the best decorated booth went to Quality Care Pharmacy and their volcano.

Many local businesses, some guild members and some not, contributed time and resources in order to make this a success. Thanks go to Master Kleen Dry Cleaners, Seven Lakes Heat-

ing & Air, Short's Electric, Lakeview Construction, Seven Lakes Contracting, Carolina Waste Services, Seven Lakes Friendly Mart, Knats Creek Nursery, Italian Table, Frank Maroun, Harris Printing, *The Seven Lakes Times*, and Food Lion.

Thanks is also extend to the bands that provided entertainment throughout the day and the Moore County Sheriff's Department for providing the drug dog demonstration.

## WSL Bridge Luncheon



The Women of Seven Lakes Bridge Awards Luncheon will be held Thursday, May 21 at Seven Lakes Country Club. Check in at noon, lunch at 12:30 pm.

For reservations, call Betty Parker at 673-1959.

Cost per person is \$14 and payment will be accepted for complete tables [\$56].

Lucy Ingram, Margie Ruddle, and Betty Parker (pictured above) are chairing the event.

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October 16	October 9
October 30	October 23
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Nov. 24*	Nov. 19*
Dec. 11	Dec. 4
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\*Early publication or deadline due to holiday.

## Tickets still available for 'Night in Paris' Dinner Dance

"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.

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# Foxfire begins largest-ever public works project

by Laura Douglass,  
Times Reporter

Construction of the Woodland Circle Extension project in Foxfire Village kicked off Monday,

April 20 with a formal Ground-breaking Ceremony.

The 7,500 foot long extension will begin at Eagle Drive, where Woodland Circle currently ends,

and provide a paved roadway, as well as access to the Village water system, for the 14 property owners and 350 acres along its length.

The owners of the properties along the route will eventually be assessed for the cost of the project, which Mayor George Erickson told *The Times* would likely total \$2.3 to \$2.4 million. That includes engineering fees, as well as the expected \$1.6 million paving cost. Erickson said the Village expects the work will be completed by November 15.

Among those present at the groundbreaking was Barbara Gentles, who was the first to build a home on Woodland Circle.

Tom Collins, who has spearheaded the project for Foxfire, told *The Times* that the extension is the largest public works project ever undertaken by the Village.



Council members Page Coker, Vic Koos, Ed Lauer, Mayor George Erickson, and Councilwoman Leslie Frusco

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# Advisory board skeptical of 3-cent tax cut

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Moore County's Government Efficiency Advisory Board [GEAB] isn't convinced that the Board of Commissioners can cut the property tax rate, but at least one Commissioner isn't convinced the advisors had all the facts when they reached that conclusion.

GEAB Chairman Dick Westcott walked the Commissioners through an analysis of county revenue and spending projections during their Monday, April 20 regular meeting. The commissioners had asked Westcott and the members of his committee to reflect on two questions: whether county expenses can be cut by five percent in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and whether the county can cut the property tax rate by three cents. Both moves were proposed by Commissioner Tim Lea in a February Commissioners meeting and have been an ongoing topic of discussion in most of the Board's meeting since.

Westcott said the County's FY 2008-2009 budget, as amended on March 23, showed expenses of \$90.3 million, which means a five percent reduction would amount to \$4.5 million. That yields a target expenditure budget of \$85.8 million for FY 2009-2010, if Lea's suggestion is implemented.

The staff had, by April 15, already identified cost reductions that brought it within \$80,000 of the \$4.5 million goal, Westcott reported, giving the GEAB committee confidence that the five percent expense cut could realistically be achieved next year.

Turning to the proposed three cent reduction in the tax rate, however, the committee found that "a tax rate reduction is not feasible at this time," basing that conclusion on County staff calculations that show FY 2009-2010 revenues projected to total \$85.7 million — just shy of the \$85.8 million in expenses achieved through a five percent budget cut.

Westcott noted that, because of the current state of the economy, projections of FY 2009-2010 "have continued to decline and the risk of additional revenue loss remains."

The five percent reduction in expenses could support a four cent tax cut, if next year's revenues were the same as this year's, Westcott told the Commissioners. But, instead, rev-

enue estimates have fallen, wiping out the potential tax benefit of a \$4.5 million cut in expenses.

Once Westcott had finished his report, Commissioner Lea said another group of financial consultants, Davenport & Associates, had provided the Board last Thursday with a report that suggested taxes could be cut one cent with no adverse impact on the county's reserves or its ability to fund the construction of a new jail, public safety building, and county administration building.

Westcott said the GEAB had not had an opportunity to meet directly with Davenport, and Lea asked if that would be possible. The meeting of the two groups has since been scheduled for Wednesday, April 29 at 1:00 pm

in the Historic Courthouse in Carthage.

## Schools ask for no funding increase

Other organizations that look to the county for a portion of their funding were clearly aware of the Commissioners' inclination to cut costs and, possibly, the tax rate. Moore County Schools [MCS], Sandhills Community College [SCC], and the Sandhills

Center for Mental Health all presented FY 2009-2010 budget requests during the Monday, April 20, meeting seeking no increase in county funding.

MCS Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser told the Commissioners the School Board was asking for just over \$26 million in county funding — the same as this year — despite the fact that the schools know they will have

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# Cook, Cain are teacher & assistant of the year

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Kelly Locklear Cook and Angela Cain share a passion



Kelly Locklear Cook

for learning and a love for children. Both spend their days teaching third grade at West End Elementary, where they were recently honored for their work: Cook as Teacher of the Year and Cain as the Teacher Assistant of the Year.

"Third grade is a very important year," Cook said, explaining that students must complete North Carolina state testing standards for math and reading proficiency. "The lower grades tend to focus on learning how to read while we focus on comprehension."

To prepare her class, Cook said she conducts weekly practice tests working on specific reading skills such as identifying the author's purpose or drawing conclusions. Third grade

math skills focus on multiplication, division, and solving word problems. In science, the students study soil, plants, and the



Angela Cain

solar system, while in Social studies the focus is on government and the community.

"The children keep me young. They teach me what is going on in the world," said Cook. "As a teacher, you realize how much things have changed and I look forward to these changes. It's exciting! Change can be good."

A Moore County native, Cook has taught elementary school for nine years including the last three at West End Elementary. She and her husband, John, live in Aberdeen with their son,

Jackson, who will begin Kindergarten next year.

Fellow Moore County native Angela Cain has worked as a teacher assistant at WEE for seven years. She and her husband, Robert, live in West End with their daughter Kyona, a junior at Pinecrest, and Caleb, a third grader.

"I love what I do!" exclaimed Cain. "I enjoy interacting with the children, getting to know them, and helping them learn. I feel honored to represent West End Elementary."

## WEE PTA hosts Spring Fling

On Friday, May 8, 5:00 – 8:00 pm, West End Elementary PTA will host a Spring Fling with activities for everyone. Come out and enjoy the food, games and prizes and support the PTA in this fun-filled fundraiser!

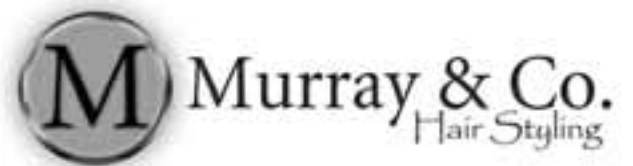
Pizza, popcorn, snow cones, nachos and more will be on sale in the food court. Games and activities like a sack race and three-legged race will be held on the grounds around the school. There will be face and hair painting and

lots of games where everyone wins a prize!

Look for the giant inflatable jumping house as well as an inflatable slide for kids of all ages!

The dunking booth is always a main attraction as students get the chance to see their friends or favorite teacher make a splash! Raffle tickets will be on sale the night of Spring Fling as well!

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# Business neighbors are soon to be wed

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

The Fourth of July fireworks over Carthage will be extra special this year for local business owners Val Scantlin and Lorraine Rogers, for they are engaged to be married on the historic day.

Starting their new lives together, the couple decided to move their individual businesses, from Asheboro and Aberdeen respectively, to the Seven Lakes Business Village in March and are

now busy working side-by-side.

Scantlin owns Hearing Solutions, a hearing aid service located on North Trade Street. Rogers moved in right next door with The Healing Place, a massage and wellness center.

"When we met it was divine intervention," said Rogers. "We were both widowed in 2006 after twenty-five years of marriage."

Encouraged by business and church friends, the couple began chatting and were surprised to find they shared even more in

common, from their mother's first names — Carol, to each having a son attending NC State, to their street addresses which were identically numbered.

"We're different only that Val comes from a small family and I came from a tribe," laughed Rogers, one of nine children.

A native of Massachusetts, Rogers has three sons and two grandchildren and has been a licensed massage therapist since 1997. She specializes in medical and orthopaedic care massage.

"People need to know they can get relief through massage therapy for both acute and chron-

ic injuries," she said, explaining that many of her clients have been involved in automobile accidents or workplace injuries.

In addition, The Healing Place also offers other personal care services including hot stone and deep tissue massage, salt scrubs and mineral wraps, toning wraps, and nutritional and skin care line products. Rogers said her newest service is Galvanic spa treatments which can decrease wrinkles, lines, cellulite, and hair growth.

Glenda Parsons Garrison, an associate with The Healing Place, is also a licensed massage ther-

apist and has been trained in twenty-nine different massage and body wrap techniques.

The Healing Place is open five days a week with some weekends and Saturdays. Walk-in service is available but appointments are preferred. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 673-3246.

Next door is Scantlin's Hearing Solutions office and workshop. He also maintains an office in Asheboro and, as a second generation licensed hearing aid specialist works cooperatively with

(See "Hearing," p. 9)



Lorraine Rogers of The Healing Place and Val Scantlin of Hearing Solutions

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# Debris site: An amenity for all, abused by a few

by Manila G. (Bud) Shaver  
Seven Lakes Landowners  
Association

In the recent Association Amenity Survey the "Yard Debris Site," which is open from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Mondays through Saturday and 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Sundays, was listed as the third most important Association Amenity next to the Gates, Lakes and Beaches. It was also listed as the number one amenity most frequently used by residents and the amenity least wanted for elimination.

Next to Salaries and Benefits, the Contract for Debris Site operations is the second major

cost factor (17.1%) in the Streets and Grounds 2009-2010 year-end expenditures. Not included in that

cost figure is the Maintenance Department's additional labor cost for separating authorized

and unauthorized materials.

Authorized materials for disposal at the Debris Site are just that – "Yard Debris" (tree limbs less than 4 inches in diameter, leaves, pinecones, etc.) — unauthorized are unwanted or used lumber, plastic bags and other similar trash. Believe or not we even have residents who dump

their trash by the Sequoia Point trash receptacles for Maintenance to pick up for disposal. The accompanying photographs illustrate part of the problem.

Please be a good Association neighbor and dispose only "yard debris" materials at the Association Yard Debris Site.



**Oversized logs, construction debris, and even household garbage are not welcome at the Northside yard debris site.**

## Hearing

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his mother who manages offices in New Bern and Morehead City.

"I grew up in Arizona but retiring from the military is what brought me out here. I first joined my mother's practice and then opened my own," Scantlin said.

He credits friend and client Ricky Harris with helping him relocate to the Business Village.

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## Seven Lakes Garden Club

The Seven Lakes Garden Club will meet on Thursday, May 14, at 7:30 pm at the Seven Lakes North Club House.

Jerad Williams and Brandon Bunce of Land Concepts LLC of Candor, NC will provide information about "Landscaping in the Sandhills" ranging from design, irrigation, waterscapes, outdoor lighting, and landscape boulders. Immediately following the program the Club will proceed with the annual plant exchange. Bring in a plant to share with your fellow gardeners. Take a plant home that you may not have. Everyone has a great time in this exchange and you do not have to bring a plant to receive one. The meeting is open to interested public and visitors.

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# In memory of . . .

**C. Douglas Aycock**, 64, of Seven Lakes, died Tuesday, April 28, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

He was the son of Mildred Scott Aycock and the late Elton O. Aycock of Goldsboro NC.

A native of Wayne County, he was a graduate of Brogden High School and Wake Forest University. He was a Vietnam War veteran, serving in the United States Army as a Captain in the Quartermaster Corps. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

His career in the textile industry spanned from 1972 until the present, where he was Vice President of Manufacturing at Gulistan Carpet, Aberdeen, since 1996 and was previously with Fieldcrest Canon, Karastan Bigelow, and Mohawk Industries.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 1, at Pinehurst United Methodist Church, 4111 Airport Rd, Pinehurst. Burial will be private.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Casey Aycock; two sons, Gary Patrick Aycock, of Laurinburg and Randall Scott Aycock, of Birmingham, AL; his mother, Mildred Scott Aycock; brothers, Elton F. Aycock, George A. Aycock, T. Eugene Aycock, all of Goldsboro; sister, Beverly Aycock Ricks of Oak Island and two grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Deacon Club, Wake Forest University,

499 Deacon Blvd, Winston-Salem, NC 27105 or The Methodist Home for Children Foundation, 1041 Washington Street, Raleigh, NC 27605.

Arrangements by Boles Funeral Home in Pinehurst.

**William Q. Judge**, 81, of Seven Lakes, died Sunday, April 26 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mr. Judge was born in Morristown, NJ the son of the late Allan B. and Mary T. Judge.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served immediately after WWII in Berlin as a member of the 16th Infantry Honor Guard under General Clay. He was a lifetime member of the Society of the First Infantry Division.

He graduated from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA with a BS degree in metallurgical engineering. He worked in industry as a metallurgical engineer. His professional achievements included a patent for Alcoa and being the featured speaker for several MPIF short courses. The last half of his career was as staff of a powder metallurgy company, Engineered Sintering and Plastics in Watertown, CT. He retired with a professional engineering license from Connecticut.

He was active in his church and community, he at one time was senior deacon in the Watertown Connecticut Congregational Church; Elder of the West End Presbyterian Church in West


End. Mr. Judge was a past president of the Seven Lakes Lions Club, and voted the Lion of the Year in 2005-06.

He is survived by his wife, Nell (Johnson) Judge, his children Dr. William Q. Judge Jr. of Virginia Beach, VA; Nancy Schlegel of

Camarillo, CA; Carol Burger of Northfield, CT; and his brother Allan B. Judge of Livonia, MI; and four grandchildren

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at 2 pm Saturday, May 16 at West End Pres-

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byterian Church with the Rev. Dr. Larry Lyon officiating. interment will be for immediate family members only.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to West End Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 13, West End, NC 27376 or to the American Heart Association, 2711 Breezewood Ave., Ste. A, Fayetteville, NC 28303.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes is assisting the family.

**Donald Edward Bright**, 64, of Jackson Springs, died Sunday, April 19, at the VA Hospital in Durham.

A memorial service was held

Tuesday, April 28, at 1723 Belford Church Road in Jackson Springs.

**Arne L. Olson**, 78, of Foxfire Village, died Saturday, April 18, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mr. Olson was born in Clear Lake, Iowa, son of the late Fern and Arne Olson. He graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 1952 with degrees in mathematics and physical education.

He was a veteran of his country and served in the United States Army from 1952-1954. He began his career in education in Clear Lake, Iowa. He earned a master's degree in education from the University of Iowa in

1956 and a doctorate from the University of Oregon in 1961.

His careers in education took him to the University of Illinois, Temple University, and East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania. A memorial service was held Thursday, April 23 at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Southern Pines. The Pastor Scott G. Homesly officiated.

Survivors include his wife of fifty-six years, Jo Ann Olson of Foxfire Village; four sons, Gary Olson, of Stroudsburg, PA., Kirby Olson, of Delhi, NY, Arne J. Olson, of Zephyr Hills, FL, and Stephen Clark Olson, of Falls Church, VA; one half-sister, Irene Boland, of Lakeland, FL. He is also survived by eleven grand-

children.

Memorials may be made to Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Preschool Education Fund, 1517 Luther Way, Southern Pines, NC 28387.

Boles Funeral Home of Pinehurst assisted the family.

**Joanna C. Lukonis**, 61 of Seven Lakes, died Monday, April 20, at First Health Moore Regional Hospital. She was born in Philadelphia PA the daughter of the late William C. and Annie Hadfield Porter,

In 1992, she and her husband relocated to Corolla on the Outer Banks of NC for thirteen years and then they moved to Seven Lakes in 2005. Mrs. Lukonis was

active in the community. She was a member of Sacred Heart Choir, Ladies of Sacred Heart, Red Cross Blood Drive, Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, Chapel in the Pines and Women of Seven Lakes.

She is survived by her husband Edward Lukonis, Jr., her father in law Edward Lukonis, Sr.; a Sister Sandy Heston and four children.

Funeral mass was held Thursday, April 30 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pinehurst. The Rev. James M. Labosky officiated. A rite of committal will be at a later date.

The family was served by Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes.

## Lion's Eye Van @ 7 Lakes

Area residents will be offered free eye screening when the North Carolina Lions' "See the 21st Century Van" will be in Seven Lakes Saturday, May 9.

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The van will be in the Seven

Lakes Food Lion parking lot from 9 am to 3 pm. Residents of all ages are welcome, but persons under 18 must have a parent or guardian provide written consent for the screening.

The van is owned and operated by the Lions of North Carolina through the North Carolina Lions Foundation. The Seven Lakes Lions Club is sponsoring this screening.

The van was purchased in June 1999 with funds raised by individual clubs and grants from Lions Clubs International and the Kate B. Reynolds Foundation.

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**Brownie Troop 1301 with leaders and Jeff Clay of the Multiple Sclerosis Society**

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Top seller Da'Shawna Dunlap of Seven Lakes Brownie Troop 1301 presented a check to Jeff Clay of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

"This money will be a tremendous benefit. I can't thank you enough," Clay said. "It is really wonderful of you all to do this."

Troop 1301 is led by Lori Cooper of Seven Lakes West, with co-leaders Christy Hunt and Kristy Kimball.

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# Gina Piper's quilt to be raffled at Blue Jean Ball

Joe Piper describes his late wife as a "social creature," someone who could take a ride on a crowded elevator and get off with a couple of new friends.

Gina Piper was also a talented quilter who discovered her quilting skills almost by accident.

"She thought she was taking a sewing lesson," Joe says. "It turned out to be more than that. She enjoyed it so much that she became active in it and was quite a talented quilter."

A forthright Southwest Philadelphia girl who had no trouble speaking her mind, Gina loved movies (especially John Wayne's), knitting, exercising, and walking and dancing with Joe, her husband since Valentine's Day 1976. She doted on her three granddaughters.

"Mostly, she quilted," Joe says. "She really got into it. She loved it. She took over a room in our house. I called it Bernina-ville (for the sewing machine line). It was jam-packed with quilting materials, machines and accessories."

In January, when Gina Piper lost the seven-year battle she had waged against endometrial cancer, she left an unfinished quilt that several of her quilting buddies decided to complete in tribute to her.

The cream and rustic red Lone Star piece will be raffled during the Sixth Annual Blue Jean Ball. The fundraiser for the Cancer CARE Fund of the FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital Foun-

dation will be held Saturday, June 6, at the Fair Barn in Pinehurst.

Joe, who calls the quilt "Gina's Star Performance," has written the copy for the card that will detail its features for Blue Jean Ball-goers. In that copy he describes the quilt like this:

"It was likely the most complex and challenging design she had ever worked on ... (It) features the Lone Star pattern, one of the oldest designs in the craft and one Gina had always admired. It's known by other names as well, including 'The Star of Bethlehem,' 'Star of the East' and 'Morning Star.' The pattern features a central medallion, the star, with elements of diamond-shaped fabric to form the star points. While the basic design is an established one, Gina added personal touches that make it uniquely hers."

In addition to her personal quilt-making, Gina also worked tirelessly — making quilts and recruiting volunteers — for Project Linus, a national organization that gives "security blankets" to children in hospitals and shelters.

One of Gina's donated quilts went to a fundraising auction at Academy Heights Elementary School, where it was bought by

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Kuzma. Dr. Kuzma, an anesthesiologist at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital, knew Gina from his work at the FirstHealth Back & Neck Pain Clinic. Laura Kuzma coordinates FirstHealth's CARE-Net program, which connects trained volunteers with people dealing with chronic illness. She knew Gina as a CARE-Net patient.

Joann Hanley got to know Gina through a Wednesday quilting group at RoseMary Hansult's Quilting Room on Linden Road, where her friends good-naturedly dubbed her "the queen of scrap."

"She could take leftovers and put them all together beautifully," Hanley says.

The unfinished quilt Gina left behind needed just a little more work, so Hanley, Hansult and Gina's other Quilting Room friends (Suzanne Sullivan, Judy Leslie and Bobbie Marder) each made a square and put them together. Sullivan did the corners before the piece went to a professional in Greensboro for machine finish-layering. Quilting group members did the binding and finishing work when it was returned and now look forward to seeing it at the Blue Jean Ball.



Joann Hanley, Judy Leslie, Joe Piper, Suzanne Sullivan, Bobbie Marder and RoseMary Hansult with Gina Piper's Lone Star Quilt.

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Women of Seven Lakes

"How should we measure school success?" was the topic for the Thursday, April 2, meeting of the Women of Seven Lakes.

Moore County School Superintendent Dr. 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 sound, Purser said NCLB tests are limited to reading and math proficiency and do not fully measure or demonstrate school success.

Later in the meeting, proceeds from the recent Women of Seven Lakes 'Taste of the Town' event were presented to two local non-profit organizations. JoAn Moses accepted a \$3,100 gift for the FirstHealth Cancer Care Fund and Carmela Chase accepted a \$3,100 gift on behalf of the West End Methodist Church Food Pantry. Currently the Food Pantry feeds over 240 local families every other week.

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.

## Upcoming Events

The WSL Bridge Awards Luncheon will be held Thursday, May 21 at Seven Lakes Country Club. Check in at noon, lunch at 12:30 pm. For reservations, call Margie Ruddle at 673-2154 from April 16-30, or call Betty Parker at 673-1959 after May 1. Cost per person is \$14 and payment will be accepted for complete tables [\$56].

The WSL 3rd Annual Golf

Tournament to benefit Back-Pack Pals will be held at Beacon Ridge Golf and Country Club on Friday, May 15. Lunch at 11:30 am, Shotgun start at 12:30 pm. Format is Captain's Choice and entry fee is \$65.00 per person. Corporate sponsorship is available at \$300.00 for four and includes name in program. Hole sponsorships are available at \$100.00. For entry form or information, call Ginger Finney at 673-1330, Jo Nicholas at 673-3604, or Linda Hubbard with Moore County Schools at 947-2342.



**JoAn Moses, of Women of Seven Lakes, with Rebecca Ainslie, Director of Hospitality Services of the Foundation of FirstHealth.**



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# Local Vets Share their Experience of the War in Vietnam

by Doug Tableman  
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The Vietnam War. What comes to mind? Is it America's attempts to contain communism on a global scale? The problems created by the media's first extensive coverage of military operations? Or perhaps the controversy over Lyndon Johnson's decision to extend the fighting?

I'm not here to talk about any of that. From my high school perspective, it seems that the dissertations provided by history books and scholars on this matter are always lacking one important detail: the soldiers. Their pasts, their trials, their experiences: these are required in order to grasp the bigger concepts. What I am here to talk about is precisely that, through the stories of Joe Kristek, Mike Shapiro, and Bill McNeill.

All three are Vietnam veterans who currently live in Seven Lakes. All come from families with military backgrounds. During the war in Vietnam, Joe signed on and served as a radio operator in Europe, while Mike and Bill were drafted as infantrymen (at ages 21 and 19, respectively). I'll

be mostly focusing on the experiences of these infantrymen, as I think the perspectives of those forced onto the battlefield can yield the greatest understanding. Keep in mind that my account can only go so far as to recount the tales of two

Brothers. Bill agreed; their relationship with other soldiers had been more impersonal. He had fought the uniformed North Vietnamese Army regulars, while Mike was up against Vietcong guerillas. The differences in their ordeals can be

fish still frying in the pan.

Asked to describe Vietnam, the first thing Bill and Mike mentioned was the heat; that and the shock of seeing dead torn up bodies everywhere. They told me it was indescribable to someone who was-

moments I was home. I don't think I ever listen to it without getting a tear in my eye."

In school, one of the things we always hear about is the controversy over the media coverage of the war. However, when I asked Bill and Mike about it, they told me they never really noticed any photographers or journalists. As Mike said, "Wouldn't have been something that stuck in my mind. Wasn't important at the time."

Throughout our interview, I noticed something else that conflicted with my original perception of the Vietnam War. Given that many consider US involvement in Vietnam a mistake, and that Bill and Mike were drafted into the fight, I had expected them to have a sense of bitterness at getting drawn in. However, I couldn't detect a hint of that. They didn't seem concerned with why they had to fight; they were just two kids who wanted to survive. As Bill explained, it was "An experience that I would never do again for nothing, and I would never trade it for nothing. But I have two arms. If I was in a wheelchair with no legs, I might feel differently."

Thrown into a world where death is probable yet unpredictable, you'd obviously need to change the way you think. Mike explained that, mentally, you had to "click off." And just focus on staying alive. Bill said he hated to see a comrade get killed, but that as any veteran will tell you, there was always relief it wasn't him.

Although that may sound harsh, remember that it comes from men who lived in an environment where, as Mike put it, latrine cleaning detail was considered good duty. He said that on his way home, he could care less whether or not his plane crashed, that he had accomplished his goal of surviving his tour.

Therein lies the problem: that, upon returning home, soldiers didn't always "click back on."

## Vietnam Veterans of America

Such was the case with Bill and Mike. For a few years, they "drove too fast, drank too much." Of course sometimes it's far worse than that. Shell-shock, battle fatigue, post traumatic stress disorder, whatever you want to call it, comes with any war, especially ones involving a draft. For this reason, the Vietnam Veterans of America [VVA] was created. It currently has over 600 chapters and 60,000 members. It is also the only Congressionally chartered veterans organization.

When I first heard of the VVA, my immediate question was "Why didn't the veterans simply join the Veterans of Foreign Wars [VFW]?" As the three Seven Lakes vets told me, there was some discrimination among veterans. It wasn't that way everywhere, but the message in some places was that those who served in Vietnam hadn't fought a "real war," and were thus excluded.

This explains the VVA's motto, "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another." Joe, Bill, and Mike are all members, with Joe as the chapter's President, and now the state President. "We don't have funny hats. We don't have a bar. We're social, but really just a community service veteran's organization," Joe said.

One of their recent projects was a homeless veterans stand down. They supplied Vietnam veterans who were homeless with survival kits, including sleeping bags, boots, and McDonald's gift certificates. They also sponsor a routine bingo night and a nursing home for Vietnam veterans.

Also, in living up to their motto, they've been helping Iraq War veterans. For two men who came back injured, the VVA took care of their rent, Christmas presents, car bills, and food. Joe explained that as IED's become more commonplace, veterans have a whole new set of injuries to deal with.

When I asked about their opinion of our current army, they said they were very proud. Bill and Mike added that they were particularly impressed with the recruitment standards. They said that this was a professional army, and that they would not have been allowed in had the standards always been like this.

Joe has two sons in active duty, a Marine and a Navy Seabee. The latter will have returned

(See "Vets," p. 29)



Joe Kristek, Bill McNeill, Mike Shapiro — Vietnam Veterans

young men who went through hell, and 40 years later were confronted by a teenager asking "So what's the deal with this Vietnam thing?"

## Not a Band of Brothers

Mike began by telling me that his past was nothing like that portrayed in the book *Band of*

summed up by Mike's jealousy at finding out Bill's company had access to steam baths, while he had waded through mud to bathe in the South China Sea.

Bill worked out of firebases, lived in a fort. He commenced operations either on foot or by helicopter, but luckily never hit a hot zone (area where you came under fire right after landing). Mike's company was stationed in the Mekong delta, and always used helicopters. They focused mainly on search and destroy missions. This was difficult, since his enemies weren't uniformed and could leave at the drop of a hat. At times, they stormed Vietcong bases and found that night's dinner of

n't there, so instead of trying to recreate their experience, I'll focus on a few illuminating vignettes.

As I mentioned earlier, their experience was not like the "Band of Brothers." Draftees came and left alone, and weren't trained with the men they ended up fighting alongside. It was a lonely time, especially guard duty. It was, as Bill put it, "the loneliest time of the whole war. You are alone with your thoughts and alone with your fear. I had a little radio. They'd play the national anthem. For a few brief



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The article above is the final product of a Graduation Project undertaken by Pinecrest High School Seniors Doug Tableman and Connor Sullivan, working with Times Editor Greg Hankins as their mentor.

Doug handled the interviewing and writing chores, stretching his academic writing skills into a new journalistic arena.

Connor handled photos and illustrations, as well as developing the layout, stretching his artistic skills into new areas and learning to use both image illustration and page layout software.

Doug, Connor, and Greg are all grateful to the three Vietnam vets who shared an afternoon telling us their stories.

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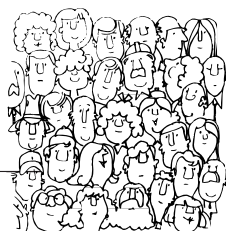


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- **Passport International Festival at West Pine Middle School** – 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Public is invited to sample foods, dances, and games from countries around the world with hands-on lessons in making Chinese dumplings, rolling sushi, and kneading pasta, dance lessons in merengue, salsa, tango, or shag, plus origami and a language lab. Proceeds will be used to purchase SMART boards. Tickets \$10 per passport or \$40 for a family of four or more. Information, 673-1464.
- **Annual Salad Supper** – 6 pm, West End United Methodist Church. Hosted by the WEMC Women, tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children twelve and under. Tickets must be purchased in advance – no tickets will be sold at the door. To purchase, call Trudie Vaughn 255-6158 or Dorothy McIntyre 673-0092.
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- **Bird Walk** – 8 am, Weymouth

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- **Sandhills Winery** (135th Running of the Kentucky Derby) –

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**SUNDAY, MAY 3**

- **Marcus United Methodist Church** – 1:00 am, dedication of a modern digital chime system by Chime Master will welcome persons to the 97th Homecoming of Marcus United Methodist Church, 2081 Windblow Rd, Jackson Springs. Chime system was given by Ruth Spivey and Doris Bennett

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**MONDAY, MAY 4**

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 5**

- **L.I.G.H.T.S. meeting at Seven Lakes Baptist Church** – 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Ministries meet from 6:30-7:30 pm, Coffee Break from 7:30 to 7:45 pm, Enlightenment Classes, 7:45 to 8:30 pm. Tonight's Enlightenment Classes: The Importance of Exercise – Part 2; The Perfect Cheesecake, and *Really Bad Girls of the Bible* Book Study.

**THURSDAY, MAY 7**

- **Women of Seven Lakes Meeting** – 1 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.
- **Moore County Planning Board Meeting** – 6 pm, Historic Courthouse, Carthage.
- **Sandhills Winery** – 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Wine Tasting – Pinot Night. Located in Seven Lakes Plaza (next to Peking Wok, Seven Lakes Plaza)

**FRIDAY, MAY 8**

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**SUNDAY, MAY 10**

- **Mother's Day**
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**MONDAY, MAY 11**

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Work Session** – 8:30 am, Conference Room.
- **National Active & Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Sandhills Chapter 1895** – 10:30 am, Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St., Southern Pines.

Dee Johnson, Coordinator, Landscape Gardening Program, Sandhills Community College, guest speaker. Vilma Geisert 215-5898 or George Sandoval 246-9881.

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 12**

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Work Session** – 9 am, West Side Park Community Center.
- **Belford Baptist Church community outreach program** – for 55+. 10:00 am, join the Church for Bible study. Lunch, games, and program begin at 11:00 a.m. sponsored by Montgomery Senior Center. Call 572-4464 by May 7 to reserve your lunch.
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- **Foxfire Village Council Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Town Hall.

**THURSDAY, MAY 14**

- **Sandhills Winery** – 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Wine Tasting – Cabernet Night. Located in Seven Lakes Plaza (next to Peking Wok, Seven Lakes Plaza).
- **Garden Club Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes North Club House (NCH). Jerad Williams & Brandon Bunce of Land Concepts LLC of Candor will provide information about "Landscaping in the Sandhills" ranging from design, irrigation, waterscapes, outdoor

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# Commissioners

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an additional \$773,000 in expenses that are beyond their control. Those cost increases include \$145,000 in support for new elementary and middle schools, \$333,000 in salary and benefits mandated by the state, and a \$295,000 increase in energy, utility, and maintenance costs. MCS has already identified "maintenance decreases, position reductions, and operational cuts" that will make up for that additional \$773,000 in mandated spending, Purser told the Commissioners.

As a result, she said, the zero-increase request for county funding effectively represents a 3.1 percent cut in local funding.

She noted that the state provides sixty-one percent of MCS funding — and exactly what that funding will amount to remains very much in doubt, as state lawmakers and Governor Beverly Perdue wrestle with their own funding shortfalls.

Cuts to education funding in the governor's budget would result in a \$2 million reduction in funding for Moore County, Purser said. A budget proposal in the Senate would cut twenty-five to thirty teachers, as well as other positions, and a House proposal could result in even deeper cuts.

Commissioner Jimmy Melton thanked the schools for "understanding the condition this county is in. We are still struggling also."

"I don't think you are going to find that this board is going to ask you to do anything that we won't do ourselves," Commissioner Tim Lea added.

## Jail, Public Safety Building will be on May 4 agenda

During County Manager Cary McSwain's report at the end of the Monday, April 20, meeting, Commissioners discussed how to forward the decision making process regarding siting and design considerations for a new detention center, public safety building, and administration building.

Earlier in the afternoon they had visited the county-owned Carriage Oaks Shopping Center with representatives of consultants LandDesign, to explore the suitability of that site for the new administration building. The coun-

ty's planning and inspection departments, department of social services, and wellness center are already located in the converted storefronts of the shopping center.

"The one thing that came from LandDesign is that there is land enough there to build the building," based on the parking and zoning requirements imposed by the Town of Carthage, Commissioner Lea said.

Chairman Nick Picerno said the committee that had worked with architects to develop the space and facilities requirements

for the administration building should be reconvened to provide input to the Commissioners on site selection.

"We're going to get one shot at this," Picerno said. "I want to do it right. I think, to do it right, we need to get that committee back in action and give them the same opportunities and goals that we did with law enforcement . . . I'm not sure we have had that process with the governmental center."

A key decision point is whether to build a two-story jail.

A committee formed to study

the issue recommended a two-story detention center during the April 16 Work Session, but that choice could add \$500,000

to \$1 million to the cost of the project.

"We have to be accountable for (See "Commissioners," p. 22)



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## Westside meeting

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in *The Times* does not answer the petition."

"We have more people who want to sign," Horne added. "What percentage will it take for you people to take notice?"

President Ron Shepard explained that the Board had taken the concerns of the petitioners into account in upping the number of free passes.

Jim Embler echoed Horne's question about how many peti-

tioners it would take to get the Board's attention.

"When it comes up next year, I guess we are going to have to have a petition of everyone in here," Embler said. "You have 60% now."

Horne asked which members of the Board had voted to approve the new policy — and to modify it in the April 20 Work Session. Shepard said the decision was unanimous. Horne then asked how the membership

could go about recalling the sitting Directors. He was asked to read the bylaws.

"The only issue on the petition was about the children and grandchildren," Horne said.

"Why does a grandchild weigh more than a guest from New York," Shepard replied.

"We can stand here all night and I don't know that we are going to change anything," Shepard replied, at which point Horne called the Westside President "arrogant."

Shepard struggled to maintain an orderly discussion, as residents opposed to the new pool policy tried to engage the Board in debate about the issue and other residents called for order. To make matter more complicated, members who wanted

to address the pool issue were interspersed at the mic with others with completely different concerns. Several current and former Board members also offered thoughts on the new policy.

Among the comments:

- Linda Horne asked what the policy would be this Summer for use of the Westside Pool by North and Southsiders. Shepard replied that members of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association would be able to use the pool as guests, having paid the guest fee.

- Ann Marie Venancio asked why special guest fees attached to the pool and not to the tennis courts or lake. She objected to the expense of implementing the Board's plan to hire someone to check folks in and out of the

pool.

- Both Shepard and Vice President John Hoffmann called into question the notion that the petitioners represents a majority of members. Hoffmann said there are 1718 member lots, and assuming that most are owned by a couple, that potentially represents more than 3,400 people. The nearly 600 signatures on the petition would the represent a little more than fifteen percent of the membership, he said.

- Hoffmann also argued that every amenity has its own cost/usage profile. A relatively small percentage of members use the pool, he said, but it is very expensive to operate. So it makes sense to attach a user fee to it. "The policy we have approved is

(See "Westside," p. 23)

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every dollar we spend," Commissioner Lea said. "If we are going to save \$500,000 [with a one-story structure], then we need to do that."

### Robbins Water

County Manager McSwain asked the Commissioners for guidance on the next steps to take in talking with the Town of Robbins about upgrading its water treatment plant and reservoir to provide an additional source for the county water sys-

tem.

McSwain noted that Robbins had received a report, prepared by McGill and Associates, on the cost of bringing the moth-balled water plant back into operation.

After some discussion the Commissioners agreed to invite the Town of Robbins and other interested parties to a May work session devoted solely to the issues surrounding Robbins and Moore County cooperation.

Tuesday, May 12, was suggested as a possible date for the meeting.



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# Westside meeting

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absolutely fair, and I won't change my mind on user fees," he added.

- Bob Horne questioned Hoffmann's logic on user fees, noting that the Board has not budgeted any significant income from user fees at the pool.
- Kay Haggard suggested the Board had made its decision in the absence of any data on pool usage. She suggested they return to the 2008 swim season policy and gather usage data before making any change.
- Mick Herdrich pointed out that he has two grandchildren, but also seven nieces and nephews who are as dear to him as grandchildren — and should not be treated differently. "This is an equality issue," he said.
- Former SLWLA President Mary Anne Fewkes explained that the policy of allowing non-resident children and grandchildren to use the Westside pool without paying a guest fee is only two years old — something the Board two years ago tried as "an experiment."
- Former Recreation Director Betty Milligan said the result was "more children than you

could ever imagine," including many "grandchildren," who were clearly not grandchildren. "The problem was the dishonesty of some people who live here," she added. "I was on the Board. I saw it."

At the end of the meeting, Legal Director Ed Silberhorn told the crowd he was disappointed in the tenor of the discussion, "because I feel people aren't wanting to be civil." Noting some instances of name-calling and raised voices, he said, "I am really disappointed tonight in the way this discussion has been conducted."

**Other business**

In other business during the April 28 General Meeting:

- Shepard reported that the Lake Auman Sprots Club had cleaned up the dam and cove areas, as well as Pine Knoll Island. He encouraged those who visit the island to take anything they bring with them back when they leave.
- Treasurer Kathy Kirst said the Association has sold two of its brokered CDs — at a premium — in preparation for cutting a

\$200,000 check in May to go toward the remediation of the Lake Auman Dam.

- Director Herdrich said the work on the remediation of the dam should be completed by mid-May. Silberhorn noted that the community has a ten-year bonded warranty on the work.
- Community Manager Joan Frost said the Association office will be open to process member dues payments from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm during the weeks of May 4 and May 11.
- Infrastructure Director John Goodman said he is looking for volunteers to serve on one of three committees: Landscape maintenance, Roads & Drainage, and Capital & Special Projects. He encouraged anyone with expertise or an interest in those areas to contact him at 400-5131.
- Security Director John Hoffmann said he will be working to strictly enforce those rules

and regulations that have to do with safety.

- Recreation Director Karen Milligan reminded members of the upcoming Support our Troops Craft Day on Saturday, May 2; the Night in Paris Dinner Dance on May 16, and the Seven Lakes Forum on May 21. Details on all events are available on the SLWLA website.
- Former Director Jan Patton asked the Board to develop a written policy on the posting of memorials on the entrance gate

bulletin boards. She noted that the posting on death notices for North and Southsiders has sometimes been refused, even when there is ample space on the board. She called the refusal unsociable, immoral, and disrespectful. "We are one community," Patton said.

- Charlie Flinchum asked for a policy on who could use the mailhouse for the gathering of petition signatures or selling of tickets. He was told the Board has that question under review.

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You see, those still standing in line had to wait a full ten minutes before barbeque reinforcements arrived from catering central.

[Note to self: next year come

early or come in disguise.]

Anonymity is a luxury no one can afford in this town!

Facing down my poultry-deprived neighbors, it became painfully obvious that I really do get



### Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

out too much. Singles, couples, and families alike: I seemed to know them all and they were all watching me eat!

I've always joked that you know you live in a small town when you don't

use turn signals — since everyone knows where you're going anyway. Or that news of your

car breaking down makes it back to town before you do. Or that people read the newspaper just to see if the reporter actually got her facts straight — ouch!

Indeed it seems life around our lakes can sometimes be just a wee bit cozy, to say the least.

Over the last few years, I've learned to pad my schedule with a few extra minutes in the grocery store knowing I'm bound to bump into someone who likes to chat as much as me. Ditto for the

bank, coffee shop, and the town dump. Even my daily visit to the mail house often resembles a beverage-free happy hour!

In fact, I'll tell it plain. A Southern-style supper on Styrofoam eaten at a picnic table inside an ambulance bay with a hundred or so of my fellow Lakers for company — well, that suits me just fine.

Winner, winner...oh whatever. Just come on over, we'll have dinner!

## Pate & Cline helped create great SLCC course

Congratulations are in order to the Seven Lakes Country Club membership and staff. Recognition as the 89 best golf course in the State of North Carolina by the Golf Panel is an outstanding achievement and shows a commitment to maintain a quality golf course. I am sure that Pete Tufts would be very proud that a course that he had so much to do with has achieved this level of recognition.

Club President Gordon Zeller appropriately recognized all the people involved that he knew played important parts in the course being what it is today. The commitment of the membership to maintain the course at the highest level possible is certainly the most important aspect

of achieving and maintaining this rating. There cannot be enough credit given to them for that commitment. The course is a major community asset.

Zeller is likely not aware of the involvement of an individual who had almost as much to do with the routing of the golf course as Pete. Without the wisdom of our design engineer, James C. Pate, the golf course would be significantly different than it is today.

Pete gave Jim the "final" plan for "Tuftstown," the planning name, for the golf course on a Friday in the summer of 1974. Jim went to work on the land-planning and called me into his office on the following Monday morning. Jim's conversation went something

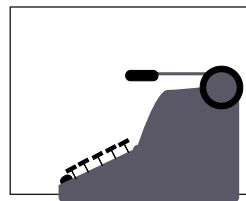
like, "Alan we have got to change the routing of the golf course to achieve better utilization of the land for lots."

For the next week, Jim and I spent every day working with the topographic map and attempting to figure out how to address Jim's concerns with Pete's final

plan. The following week, I called Pete in and told him that we had to go back to the drawing board. Surprisingly, he took the news well. The following week, Jim, Joe Cline (another one of the original developers) and I spent the entire week re-routing

the golf course. From Pete's original plan, there remained 6 or 7 holes that were as originally drawn.

Routing the course is only a



### Your Turn

D. Alan Shaw  
Seven Lakes South

small part of the design. Pete then took charge with the construction and gave the course the character it now has with bunker placement and shape, green size and shape, and tee design. Not to diminish Pete's importance, I would like to acknowl-

edge the contributions of Jim Pate and Joe Cline, who also made important contributions to the original design of what became Seven Lakes Country Club.

As noted, the most important part of the equation is the membership that has committed to maintaining the facility and the staff that has done the work. Good Job.

A note of interest to me is that there were two holes that gave us a major amount of indigestion. We simply could not get a handle on them as being quality holes. One of them turned out to be a great hole. That hole is #9. The other one, is the only weak link on the entire course — #8.

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# Smiles

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that's about all he has left – a smile." No, people reflexively respond, despite my age.

This "smiling back" business is all about a lady who had the look of someone with a heavy burden on her mind as she rolled her shopping cart in the direction of her traditional first stop: the banana table. A bit later, a store worker passed by as she was trying to isolate a couple of unblem-

ished apples from the heap in the display box. "How you doin' today?," he asked with a grin as wide as the ocean.

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unaware of the heavy burden of supplies she was carrying. She thought about it a moment. Yes, a smile – especially one

at the right time – reveals the inherent goodwill we're all capable of.

Why not extend that gift more often to those who cross your path?

Let's resolve to make it a habit, because there's a double dividend: one to those who give a smile, and one to those who receive one.



## Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

# Thanks for the support!

Dear Editor:

I would like to say "Thank You" so much to all the people who came out to Salon 7 and supported our first annual Cuts for Cancer. It was an extremely suc-

cessful day! We collected over \$4,100 to be donated to the American Cancer Society!

I would also like to thank Ashley Eggen, Stacey King, Brooke Smith, Erica Monroe, and Jose' Schmidt for donating their time and talent. Without their hard work and dedication to the cause, the event wouldn't have been possible!

It was my pleasure to organize the day with Holly Camplin,

captain of the Bensalem Believers team.

Thanks to the entire congregation of Bensalem Presbyterian Church for rallying behind us and making this day much bigger than we imagined!

Please continue to support the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life in their efforts to find a cure!

Angie King  
Salon 7

## Hawaiian Luau at SLCC

Everyone's invited to the "Hawaiian Luau" on Saturday, May 30, at the Seven Lakes Country Club. You do not have to be a member to attend this fun event. Just imagine a night in Paradise without spending money on airfare.

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# EMS says 'Thanks' for a great Chicken Dinner

Dear Editor

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you from Seven Lakes Emergency Medical Service, Inc. to everyone who made our chicken dinner an outstanding success. The friendship and support from the community is a great encouragement to us.

I would particularly like to thank *The Times* for its help in publicity, Food Lion and Mac's Breakfast Anytime for donations of supplies, Jordan Distributing Company for a great job with cooking, Randy Hussey for sell-

ing us fantastic chicken, the office staff at the Seven Lakes Landowner's Office, Dennis Mueller for taking the initiative for posting it at the North & South Gates, Seven Lakes Hardware for posting it on their marquee, The West End United Methodist Church for loaning us their flashing sign, and all of those business around town that allowed us to post our flyers.

Thanks to all of our members and their spouses who helped to make it a success. Thanks to Wayne and Henny Hansen and

Sherri Bloom from the community for volunteering to help.

Above all, thanks to all of you who turned out to buy dinners, telephone books and to offer us donations. Without you we could not make it a success. It was fun to visit with all of you. We are

sorry that we ran out of chicken and had to offer you barbecue that "tastes like chicken." And we apologize to those that we had to turn away after we ran out of barbecue. We promise to order an additional 100 pieces of chicken next year.

We continue to look forward to the opportunities that we have to be of assistance to our residents when they are in need of our help.

*Robert L. Haan, Chief  
Seven Lakes Emergency  
Medical Service, Inc.*

## Thanks for Nicaragua mission trip support

Dear Editor:

My goal has been reached and with the help of your donations I made it on my Spring Break trip to Nicaragua! This experience truly was life-altering and something I will never forget for the rest of my life. In fact, I know in my heart that I will return one day and am even considering living there for a more permanent amount of time in the future.

Without all of you supporting me I could have never gotten to experience this. And not only did you help me personally, but in me being there I was able to reach my hands and heart out and help the children and communities of Nueva Vida [a Nicaraguan slum from the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch], Casa Bernabe orphanage, the pros-

titutes of Managua and their families, and the children who live in La Chureca, the city dump. I saw things and conditions in Nicaragua that were unfathomable to me prior to this trip and are still today hard to conceive even though I saw them with my own eyes, but yet the people I met who are living amidst this impoverishment were the most joyous and loving people I have ever met.

Again thank you all so much for donating and ultimately sending me to Nicaragua! I can never truly express how much this trip meant to me and fully changed me and I will always hold a special place in my heart for all of you in supporting me in this endeavor.

*Brienne Williams  
West End*

## Garden Club looking for gardens for tour

The Seven Lakes Garden Club is continuing its search for gardens for this year's garden tour. Would you like to be on tour?

If you have been working hard to develop a beautiful garden or yard and would like other people to see its beauty, then please volunteer for the garden tour this year. Do you know someone with a beautiful garden?

Let us know.

Seven Lakes Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, June 6. The Garden Club is looking for gardens from the North, South, and Westside of Seven Lakes to make this year's Seven Lakes Garden Club tour a success.

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# SLLA Meeting

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seed as early as possible and it would be beneficial to us to contract this work," Fulcher said.

## Reciprocal Agreement

Zielsdorf reported minor changes to the West Side Letter of Agreement that were mainly for clarification of content rather than policy decisions.

After discussion, the Board agreed to modify the section pertaining to outdoor recreation to exclude the stables.

A discussion on updating the guest fees policy was tabled until the May Work Session.

## Committee Appointments

Melinda Scott, a resident since 2006, was appointed to the Architectural Review Board [ARB]. Temporary members Mike Cummins, Mark Widman, and Edie Starkey were unanimously approved for permanent status.

Judicial Committee members Dean Charles, Ed Chapman, Frank Krohn, Carolyn Follansbee, and Dave Kinney were also approved for permanent status.

## Dues Collection

Twenty-eight accounts, representing approximately \$51,000 in delinquent dues, were turned over to the Association lawyer for collection, Fulcher reported.

Property owners were given thirty days to comply before fore-

closure proceedings begin.

Fulcher said that, of those contacted, seventeen or eighteen property owners have not responded. Four of the properties are improved with residences, of which two are already in bank foreclosure proceedings.

"Most of these accounts are lots and most are on the Southside," Fulcher said. "They go back to when a number of lots were purchased under time-shares. There may be more owed than what they are worth, but we'll need to do some title searches before we can do anything further with them."

Immediately following the Open Meeting, Zielsdorf called a Closed Meeting to discuss two properties.

## Road Shoulder Mowing

Road shoulders in front of residences will continue to be mowed only if the property owner requests the service, reported Director Bud Shaver.

"The point is to minimize the amount of mowing. Landowners also should recognize the mowers we use have safety features that do not allow for a quality cut," Shaver said.

Zielsdorf clarified that the mowing policy changes only apply to residential areas. All common areas will continue to be maintained and mowed on a regular

schedule.

## Recreation

Director Bruce Keyser, Jr. announced that new playground equipment would be ordered the first week of May and that the committee had met and discussed future issues and programs. Recreation Committee members are Laura Douglass, Amanda Keller, and Tammi Smith. Keyser said anyone else interested in joining was welcome.

The Spring/Summer Recreation bulletin is available at the SLLA office, reported Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane.

He reported the Easter Egg Hunt was very successful, with approximately 150 children participating.

An upcoming trip to IKEA in Charlotte is scheduled for May 15. Space is limited, so please call the office at 673-4931 for more information.

The NC Open Water Swim will be held on Lake Echo May 29-30. Both the lake and dam will be closed for the day, and over 375 swimmers from around the state are expected. Spectators are welcome.

Horse camp and soccer program registration are underway.

Beane also announced that Jill Hartsell, the very popular art teacher from West End Elementary School, will head up the SLLA Summer Day Camp

program. Full and half-day options are available.

Seven Lakes native Ed Hill will manage the pool. "He grew up here and competed at NC State. Hill is very talented and very experienced," said Beane.

He reported that pool maintenance projects were right on schedule and the pool would officially open on Saturday, May 23.

## Finance

Director Denny Galford expressed his appreciation to the community for approving the dues increases.

"The two years dues increase gives us the opportunity to do some financial planning," Galford said.

He also thanked his committee members, Jerry Grout, Gil Jones, Ed Sanchez, and George Temple.

He reported the committee will be following the same financial policies implemented this past year: "It will be business as usual."

Meeting on April 28, the committee discussed a number of issues related to the SLLA survey; however, Galford said no action was taken.

He said an inventory of all assets, including those valued under \$2,500, would be completed in January, immediately following Fulcher's retirement. Additionally the committee will be setting up procedures to obtain estimates for road repaving projects. He anticipates sealing work next Winter and actual major repaving to commence in September 2010.

Galford said the annual audit will commence May 18, and he distributed a report on the recent

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# SLLA Meeting

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purchase of three vehicles.

"I hope that those interested will pick up copies [of the document] and understand that the Finance Committee and management did follow adequate procedures," said Galford. "There has been publications indicating we didn't have written bids or follow procedures."

## Maintenance

"The yard debris site is for yard waste — it's not a place for garbage, or lumber, or used railroad ties!" exclaimed Director Bud Shaver. "It takes time and money for our people to go in and dig this stuff back out. Please, please, it's only for yard waste."

Shaver said each member of the Maintenance Committee was given a brief orientation on procedures and equipment. Members include Mike Cummins, Mike Pennington, Andy Smitley, and three members from the former Lakes & Dams Committee, George Stahl, Jim Allen, and Don Truesdell.

Fulcher reported that maintenance staff was completing many smaller projects including work around the gates, road shoulders, and painting.

## Community Standards

The Community Standards Committee held an organizational meeting on April 13, reported Director Kent Droppers. Members are Ray Pardue, Nancy Blythe, Nancy Welch, Charles Peterson, Mary Ellen Krohn, and Lucy Ingram. Additional members are welcome and encouraged to join.

Droppers said the committee discussed hosting twice annual open house meetings to assist landowners with frequent questions and issues. He also said the tracking spreadsheet that lists violations was tweaked to provide a more complete historical documentation of repeat offenders, and that violators will now first receive a telephone call rather than a letter.

"This is less confrontational," Droppers explained.

He also said the committee is exploring a "three strikes you're out" type clause that would fast-track repeat violations to the Judicial Committee for resolution.

Other changes include having

Roving Security Patrol report violations that occur over the weekend and reviewing boat and boat trailer rules and regulations.

## Security

Director Gary Caulk reported Security Committee members are retired School Resource Officer William Cullifer, Detective Brian Edwards of the Town of Southern Pines Police, and Lt. Mike Tew of Pinehurst Police.

Five new gate guards are in place and Caulk asked residents to be patient as they learn procedures.

## Community Manager Report

Fulcher reported revenues, as of end of March, were ninety-eight percent collected. However, expenditures are expected to go over budget, estimated at 104%.

"There have been no budget amendments made this year and the Board approved several capital projects," reported Fulcher. "There will be some increase but not too much over what we anticipated."

Dues statements were mailed last week and Fulcher said over \$100,000 has already been collected.

## Drainage Project

Repairs were made to an underground drainage pipe located on Hastings Lane. Originally estimated at \$75-\$85,000 to replace the existing pipes with two new 36" pipes, Fulcher said the maintenance department was able to install a new sleeve for \$4,500.

"It didn't make the drainage any less or any better but this [repair] will last ten to eighteen years.

Fulcher said there is an ongoing drainage problem at this location and eventually will need more substantial repairs.

## Other Items

Chemicals will be added to the lakes the week of May 11. More information will be available in the Interlake and posted to the community bulletin boards.

Open Meetings of the SLLA Board will be held the last Wednesday of the month, with Work Sessions to be held on Monday mornings, sixteen days prior. Exceptions to this schedule include no Work Session in November, and December meetings on December 7 and 16.

The Board unanimously approved the recombination of lots 2178 & 2179, as lot 2178.

# Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All — May 8 & 9

A one-woman play starring Jane Holding based on Alan Gurganus' best-selling novel, "Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All" will be presented May 8 and 9, at 7:00 pm on the grounds of the historic Shaw House in Southern Pines.

Gurganus, co-wrote the play with Holding, whose performance will be 75 minutes long, without intermission.

Gurganus will attend both evenings to sign copies of his book at 6:00 pm with a wine reception accompanied by the Java Mules playing Civil War-era music.

Lucy Marsden tells the story many years after the Civil War, when her now-dead husband served as a Confederate soldier. Though the war was long since finished, Lucy gives a haunting account of how our

nation's tragic conflict affected those who lived through it and their loved ones for the rest of their lives.

The Moore County Historical Association is bringing the performance to Moore County. The MCHA will use proceeds from the \$20 ticket sales for upkeep to the Britt Sanders Cabin that is one of several restored and preserved historic dwellings on the Shaw House grounds.

The Shaw House is located at the corner of Morganton Road and Old U.S. 1/South West Broad Street in Southern Pines.

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# Kiwanis briefed on 'Partnering with Patient'



**Ken Jenkins, President of Seven Lakes Kiwanis and Jane Lee, Director of Infectious Control at FirstHealth**

by Frank Krohn

Seven Lakes Kiwanis

Ms. Jane Lee, Director of Infectious Control at First Health, spoke to the Seven Lakes Kiwanis on April 14th. She was championing the cause of "Partnering With the Patient," a program aimed at increasing the patient's involvement in his/her treatment, especially in the hospital.

She stressed the importance of the patient's awareness of why they are in the hospital, especially for such things as joint replacement surgery. Also knowing what prescriptions they are taking and why they are taking them was stressed as a means of reducing errors. Ms. Lee, in her position of controlling infections in the hospital, continually mentioned the impor-

tance of washing one's hands by the doctors, nurses and other personnel who are in physical contact with you while in the hospital, and encouraged everyone to speak up if they were concerned about any aspect of their treatment. Reduced infec-

tions is the goal of every hospital, and patient awareness and involvement is being encouraged everywhere to help in this effort.

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

## Lions Golf Tourney

Seven Lakes Lions annual golf tournament will be Sunday, June 7 at Seven Lakes Country Club. Shot-gun start 1:30 pm. The tournament will be Captain's Choice with: 4 person flighted teams (men, women or couples). Hole-in-One prizes on Par 3 Holes include: \$10,000 Cash, Golf Resort Vacations, Airline Tickets, Golf Equipment.

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Proceeds benefit Sight-Hearing Conservation, Boys & Girls Home of North Carolina, Eye Research, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Backpack Pals, Youth Outreach, Chapel Xmas Fund, Coalition for Human Care, Literacy Council and others.

## Vets

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from Iraq by the time this is published. Ironically, Joe's opinion of the media comes from his son's experience, not his own. According to his wife, Shirley Kristek, MSNBC had called twice upon their son Tim's first return home. However, they declined the interview, saying "they would only take one sentence out of what you said. What they would report would not be what was happening."

At this distance, it's impossible to accurately capture "what happened in Vietnam." However, it is possible to deduce that not every man had the same

experience. Bill's steam baths were certainly a far cry from Mike's muddy wade out to the South China Sea. Yet, both agreed that the rapid turnover rate of draftees left little time for camaraderie and creating memories.

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