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## Repairs to dam complete

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

The repair of the Lake Auman Dam is complete, Director Mick Herdrich reported during the Tuesday, May 26 General Meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA], and the project turned out to be a bit larger than anticipated.

He explained that the initial remediation plan developed by Dr. Dan Marks called for a slurry wall and average of 22 feet deep and 1200 feet long, stretching across the center of the dam. Herdrich likened the slurry wall to a shower curtain — a barrier designed to prevent the passage of water through the upper

portion of the structure. But this "curtain" is made of a flexible mixture of concrete, bentonite, and other additives.

As the repair crew moved slowly across the dam, inserting a vibrating beam into the earth until it met substantial resistance. Marks' expectations about the depth required held up for 900 feet. Then the beam hit a soft spot, plunging more than 40 feet before the slurry could be pumped in. That depth continued for another 200 feet, the projected termination point for the repair, prompting Dam Engineer Marks to recommend extending the length of the wall.

Ultimately, the repair stopped at 1,300 feet at a depth of 19 feet,

Herdrich said. Herdrich told *The Times* that the extra length and depth of the slurry wall may not add to the overall price of the project, though he is still waiting for confirmatio on that point.

Marks met with the SLWLA Dam Committee on May 21 and expressed "complete satisfaction" with the work of contractor Hayward-Baker. The engineer is now preparing a submission to state inspectors, in order to have the repair certified, a process that could take one to three months, Herdrich said.

He added that the roadway across the dam will likely reopen for pedestrian and golf cart travel in early June.

(See "Westside," p. 12)

## Moving on up!



**Miss Greater Sandhills Lisa Mace** debuts her wardrobe for the Miss North Carolina Pageant Sunday, June 7 at West Side Park Community Center. [See page 2.]

## Speed enforcement begins

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

"Slow down!" was the message Security Director Gary Caulk conveyed during the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] General Meeting on Wednesday, May 27.

"Watch your speed, because we have Moore County Sheriff's Deputies coming in," Caulk said, noting that that Roving Patrol was responding to an increased number of calls about speeding vehicles.

Caulk also reported on a recent accident that involved a vehicle crashing in to a boat that was parked in a homeowner's yard.

Roving Patrol officers recently completed additional training in North Carolina Boating Safety and reviewed safety rules and regulations as established in the Bylaws and security operations manual.

During the busy Summer months, Caulk said, residents should call their guests in early to prevent unnecessary delays at the gate.

### Sequoia Point

Director Sally Kindsvatter voiced concern that kids were using tables and benches to dive off the dock, which is not allowed, and that discarded cigarette butts and empty cans

continue to be a litter problem at Sequoia Point.

"Can't Roving Patrol talk to these people?" she queried Caulk.

He responded that a proposed ban on smoking and alcohol in community playground areas had been poorly received, prompting Director Kent Droppers to argue that littering and consumption were too different issues and should not be comingled.

Caulk also reported that all recent complaints involving juveniles had been quickly and cooperatively resolved.

"Now if we could just get the

(See "SLLA," p. 14)

## Tax cut opposed

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Scores of citizens attended and dozens spoke during a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Moore County budget in Carthage, Monday night, May 18; and there was a remarkable consistency in the comments directed to the Board of

Commissioners:

- "I disagree with the one cent tax decrease," Kim Vonnannon, Vice Chair of the Moore County Planning Board said. The \$16 savings in property taxes, the tax cut would provide to the owner of a \$160,000 home "is so miniscule to so many of

(Tax cut," p. 26)

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# WSL Tourney benefits two children's programs

by Jo Nicholas

## Women of Seven Lakes

Over one hundred golfers participated in the Women of Seven Lakes third annual golf tournament to benefit the Backpack Pals Program for Moore County Public Schools and First Health Children's Care Dental Fund. The event was held at Beacon Ridge Golf and Country Club

on Friday, May 15, featuring lunch and a shotgun start at 12:30 pm with Captain's Choice format for the golfers.

With the help of the tournament participants and many sponsors, the Women of Seven Lakes presented the Backpack Pals Program with a check for \$4,100 and Children's Care Dental Fund with a check of \$4,100 to help

with their programs.

Event sponsors were Lee Electrical Construction, Inc and North Carolina Electric Cooperatives. Additional corporate sponsors were Candy Alderman, DDS; Financial Analysts, Inc.' FirstHealth of the Carolinas, J & L Home Services, Lee Electrical Construction, Inc, North Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance, Per-

formance Anesthesia, PA, PowerServices, Inc and Jim and Linda Terrill.

First place winners, with a

score of fifty-six, were Bill Pollard, Dewey Meshaw, Raymond Davis, and Garry Baker. Second place,

(See "WSL," p. 4)

## Mace will preview wardrobe

The Seven Lakes community is invited to a special preview of the Miss North Carolina Pageant with a wardrobe showing featuring Miss Greater Sandhills 2009, Lisa Kristen Mace, on Sunday, June 7 at 3:00 pm. The event will be held in the upper level of the West Side Park

Community Center. Refreshments will be served and there is no fee to attend. Please RSVP by Thursday, June 4 to 673-0093.

"Seven Lakes has always been so supportive of me even when I was just a little girl. This community has just been a huge support system for me throughout my pageant career," Mace said. "I look forward to seeing everyone – those who remember me and new friends as well."

A graduate of East Carolina

University with a degree in dance, Mace is the daughter of Kenny and Gayle Mace of Seven Lakes West. She developed her community service platform, 'Take the Lead: Partnering Dance with Education,' while attending college.

Mace will be modeling six pageant outfits including her evening wear and finale gown. She will compete in the Miss North Carolina Pageant in Raleigh on June 23-27.



Dean Allgeyer of Beacon Ridge Golf & Country Club is flanked by Linda Hubbard of Backpack Pals and David Williams of FirstHealth Dental Clinic Children's Crisis Fund.

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# More court space sought

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Moore County needs a larger courts facility, Superior Court Judge James Webb told The Moore County Board of Commissioners during their Monday, May 18 regular meeting.

Webb had been asked to weigh in on the question as the Commissioners debate where to locate a new jail and new county administration building. While a previous board purchased a site in downtown Carthage to accommodate both, conversations that Commissioners Tim Lea and Nick Picerno had with court officials suggested the site may need to host a new courthouse and, possibly, additional space for the Clerk of Superior Court and District Attorney. It's not clear whether the site will accommodate all three facilities.

Webb began with statistics. With a population of 85,600, Moore County had 8,373 cases pending on April 30. Though 4,249 of these were relatively uncomplicated motor vehicles cases, Webb said even these generate a large amount of paperwork in the clerk's office. The judge cited an email to the Board of Commissioners from former Clerk Catherine Graham noting the inadequacy of the current clerk's office, which has no facilities for long-term storage of biological evidence now required by the state.

The actual courtrooms and related areas are also inadequate, Webb said, noting the absence of a jury assembly room and the lack of rooms in which attorneys can confer privately with their clients. As a result, such conferences often take place in public, in crowded hallways. Even victims and victims families risk encountering defendants in these public spaces, Webb said.

Webb referred to an October 2005 letter from then Fire Marshal Carlton Cole to then Clerk of Court Graham, warning the clerk about the danger of overcrowding in the courts facility. "Exceeding the posted capacity is dangerous and unlawful," Cole wrote the clerk.

The two larger courtrooms on the upper floor of the current courthouse are adequate for jury trials, the judge told commissioners, but the county needs at least three additional smaller courtrooms for the more routine matters handled before a judge in District Court. The current courts facility has only one such courtroom. Webb noted he had informed County Manager Cary McSwain of this need in a 2007 meeting that also involved DA Maureen Krueger and Clerk Graham.

In addition to the need for more space, Webb told the board that the new courts facility should be connected to the new county jail. Both Union County and

Randolph County have detention facilities located four or five miles from the courthouse. "That wastes time, and it wastes money," Webb said, adding that the ability to move prisoners from jail to courtroom and back within connected structures offers significant security advantages.

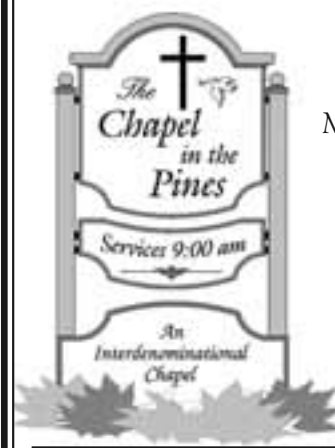
Noting that Superior Court Judges are required to rotate among districts, the judge said he had held court in 45 courtrooms in 44 counties in his 19 years of service.

"I have seen the good, the bad, and the ill-advised," Webb said. "It would be ill-advised not to plan now for the needs of a new courts facility and to locate it by the jail."

After some additional discussion with Webb, Commissioner Lea moved the formation of a committee to study the court's needs, document it, and report back to the Commissioners. Members of the committee will include Webb, Krueger, Graham, Clerk of Court Susan Hicks, Picerno, Lea, and other court

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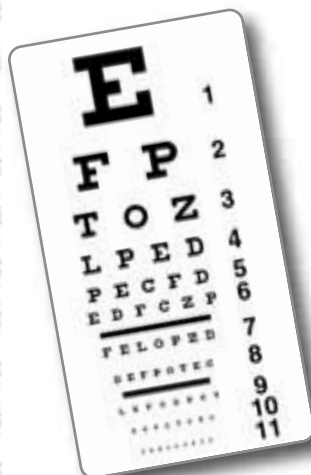
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# Jill Hartsell will lead Seven Lakes Day Camp

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Popular art teacher Jill Hartsell of West End Elementary will coordinate the Seven Lakes Day Camp this Summer. She will be assisted by Wanda Wiggins, who recently completed an undergraduate degree in teaching.

The Seven Lakes Day Camp is held Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm; with a half-day option from 8:30 am to noon. Fulltime fees are \$100 per week and \$80 for the second child.

Half-day fees are \$40 per week with no discount for additional children. Daily fees are \$20 per day or \$8 for half-day. Drop-ins are welcome and all first time vis-

itors must complete a registration form.

"Jill is very good with kids and so energetic and well-educated," said Chad Beane, Assis-

tant Community Manager for Seven Lakes Landowners Association. "We are very excited to have a certified teacher with an artistic background running our camp. We're trying to put a fresh look on the program and I think she is the person to do that."

Each week the camp will focus on a new and different theme, beginning with "Share the Spirit." Other weeks will encourage fun and games through various themes such as "Sailing the Silly Seas," circus, super heroes, and animal weeks.

Hartsill said art activities will be included each day, along with swimming in the morning, and

afternoon games. Art mediums will include painting and coloring, chalk drawing, collage, and air-dry clay. Camp participants will also assist in making blankets again this year for Project Linus.

"We've been putting together a calendar of activities based on talking with kids and asking them what they want to do and what they've enjoyed when at camp," Hartsell said.

A native of Maryland, Hartsill served in the U.S. Army before completing her undergraduate and Master's degrees at UNC-Pembroke. She and her husband Robert live near Foxfire with their three children.



Jill Hartsell

## WSL

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with a score of fifty-eight were Mike Finney, Randy Embler, Ralph Clark, and Bill Sherk. Finishing in third, with a score of sixty-one were Jim Terrill, Linda Terrill, Bob Van Houten, and Kathy Van Houten. Placing last, with a score of seventy-six, were Alice Shaughnessy, Linda Debrine, Carol Skau, and Katie Swain. Winning Closet to the Pin awards on #5 was Brian Benjamin, #7 was Jo Nicholas, #12 was Glenn Davis, and #15 was Dewey Meshaw. Most Accurate Drive on #10 was Paul Cipar. Longest Drive on #18 for the men was Don Gerhardt and for the women was Candy Alderman.

The Tournament Committee was chaired by Ginger Finney with Jo Nicholas serving as co-chair. Members were Larry McCallum, Peggy McCallum, Mike Finney, Pat Weber, Linda Hubbard, Sue Sikes, and Nick Nicholas.

The Women of Seven Lakes would like to thank Dean Allgeyer, General Manager of Beacon Ridge Golf and Country Club, for his assistance and support throughout the tournament.

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# SLCC Hosts Juniors Tour Championship

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

"A parade of perfect," is how Stuart Taylor of the Eastern Junior Golf Association described the Tour Championship played at Seven Lakes Country Club on Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17. Eighty-five junior golfers participated in the event.

"We were thrilled with the golf course and feel like we found a

permanent home at Seven Lakes," Taylor enthused. "The course is beautifully-designed and it was in very good condition."

With thirty member volunteers assisting, Taylor said the Club was incredibly generous and accommodating.

"The members gave us the course for the weekend and bent over backwards with the kids – they treated them like

grandchildren."

Founded in 1999 to provide affordable, high quality, professionally conducted junior golf

tournaments, the Eastern Junior Golf Association organizes two-day tournaments throughout North Carolina from August to

May. Both boys and girls ages eight to eighteen are eligible to join. For more information, visit [www.ejga.net](http://www.ejga.net)



**Stuart Taylor of the Eastern Junior Golf Association** is joined by siblings Katie & Cody Roberts of Whispering Pines, and Bryan Stewart of Pinehurst, during the Tour Championship event held at Seven Lakes Country Club.

## Kids Tennis Camp

The Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Center is taking applications for summer camps.

The first session will begin on July 13 followed by a second camp starting on July 27. Each session runs from Monday thru Thursday with Friday being the rain date.

The camp includes both tennis and swimming. Daily sessions begin at 12:30 pm and campers are picked up at 4:00

pm. Each camper receives tennis instruction, camp t-shirt, and daily snacks are provided. The cost is \$60 per session.

This camp is under the direction of SLCC Tennis Professional Bruce Adams and his staff.

Applications are being distributed in the Seven Lakes mail houses and at the Tennis Center. For information call the Tennis Center at 673-1096.

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Cancer Survivors Day

As a part of a nationwide celebration of life, our community will join together Sunday, June 7, 2009, and recognize the 22nd Annual National Cancer Survivors Day. The event is free and open to cancer survivors, their families and friends as well as physicians and other medical staff who treat cancer patients.

National Cancer Survivors Day brings together living people – not cancer victims – to share their smiles, tears and victories. Join us in our celebration of life and triumph over cancer by being a part of our fun-filled event.

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The Rev. Chris Singleton and the Rev. Mark Storz officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Johnnye Waller of Seven Lakes West, and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Waller of Mt. Olive and the late Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas of Beulaville.

The bride graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is a kindergarten teacher with Wake County

Schools.

The groom is the son of Donnie and Susan Oldham of Sanford, and the grandson of Delores Register of Sanford, and the late Harry Register, and Maxine Matthews of Sanford, and the late Norman Oldham. He graduated from North Carolina State University and is employed by Sanford Contractors.

Following the ceremony, the bride's parents hosted a reception at the Cardinal Ballroom in the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst. Guests were greeted by Dr. and Mrs. Don Binz of St. Louis, Missouri.

Courtesies: A china tea at the

Carolina Inn at Chapel Hill was hosted by Clara Robbins, Delores Register, and Dianne Koontz. A tea in Beulaville was hosted by Betty Frazelle and Mary Edwards, aunts of the bride. A honeymoon shower was hosted by Jason and Nikki Waller. A his-and-hers shower was hosted by friends of the groom's parents in Sanford. A bridesmaid's luncheon was hosted by Pam Edwards, Brittany Kildow, and Marilyn Thomas at the Magnolia Inn in Pinehurst. The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's family at the Holly Inn in Pinehurst.



Jennifer Blair Oldham

## Kids Government 101

The Moore County's Public Information Office and Moore County's Cooperative Extension are pleased to announce that registration for the 2009 Kids Government 101-Leadership is now open.

This exciting 3 day leadership program is geared towards the younger Moore County residents between the ages of 10-18, who want to understand and share in the workings of our local government.

The participants in this pro-

gram will get a first hand experience by shadowing with different departments during this event as well as question and answer sessions with County Manager and Directors.

There will be emphasis in Wellness, tour of the Jail, Sheriff and special projects relating to GIS. Lunch and snacks will be provided for the three days, at a fee of \$15 per participant. The

event will be held July 7 thru July 9, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, in Carthage.

For further information and registration contact Eli Arroyo-Allen 910 947-6363 or Linda Gore 910 947-3188.

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Children will experience the lesson not only in a classroom setting but also in art, music and game activities. Call the church office, 673-4341 or Ann Chase, 673-3434 for information and registration forms. To ensure the churches have ample student materials, registration deadline is June 10.

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# WEPC volunteers help Katrina victims

by Judy Kullberg  
West End Presbyterian  
Church

Members of West End Presbyterian Church have joined the national response of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) program in bringing help and hope to survivors who are working to rebuild their lives.

Twelve members of the church recently returned from a week of volunteer work in the Gulf Coast

where they hung drywall, painted, replaced a ceiling, and redid a bathroom in several homes in Gulfport, Mississippi.

"We were amazed at how much remained to be done even after almost 4 years," said Jim Kullberg, a leader of the work team. This is the third team that members of West End Presbyterian Church have sent to Gulfport for Hurricane Katrina recovery work.

The team did the most work at the home of a couple who took in foster children. They currently have 6 children. The father had a heart attack shortly after the hurricane so he has been unable to do much repair work himself. They had two bathrooms in dreadful shape, with lots of rotting wood barely holding them up. The team was able to do most of the work on one bathroom, as well as replacing doors and a ceiling in the living room.

The work team is grateful that the West End Church was able to provide extra money, so that supplies for the rest of the work could be purchased. Word has been received that almost all the remaining work has been completed by other volunteers since WEPC's departure.

The homeowners were very grateful and showed such wonderful southern hospitality. Even though the group brought lunches, the family insisted on providing delicious meals. It was very rewarding to be a volunteer.

The team stayed at the Orange Grove Presbyterian Volunteer Village in Gulfport. PDA operates six volunteer villages along the ravaged coast providing hospitality to work teams and connecting them to families in need.



Members of the work team shown with the homeowners are Jim Kullberg, Virgil Reid, Pete Chase, Ann Chase, Bill Judge, Cathy Huddleston, Bill Price, Coe Huddleston, and Judy Kullberg. Not shown are Don and Barb Gerhardt.

## Seven Lakes Garden Tour is June 6

This is a great opportunity for everyone to visit and view the beautiful plants, flowers, and unique landscapes of Seven Lakes South and West. The tour is from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The tour features five West side homes sites and two South side home sites plus the West side entrance gateway (for a leisurely stroll of the gateway ponds & plantings, please park at the adjacent Pinnacles subdivision).

Maps are available at gate entrances and signs within the communities will assist in locating the gardens.

There is also a raffle for an original painting by Sherry Kieling.

Purchase raffle tickets during the tour at the West side home of Tom & Johanna Moran for \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

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# Weed problems? First figure out what weed

The beautiful weather the past few days has allowed numerous outside activities including gardeners, golfers, and others to enjoy their favorite outdoor pastime. Frequent showers, temperatures, and climate conditions have produced rapid plant growth and gorgeous May flowers. Also these favorable growing conditions have aided grasses and weeds to emerge in large numbers in lawns, vegetable gardens, pine straw area, flower beds, and in almost every other area of the landscape.

Numerous questions have been asked, how to control these pesky weeds and grasses?

One method, although not the easiest, is to dig or pull them out manually. In areas where broadleaf weeds grow in ornamental annual or perennial flower plantings, hand weeding is necessary. If you have grassy weeds such as bahia, fescue, crabgrass, or goose grass in your plantings, there is a herbicide available to use which will control these grasses. Vantage is a post-emergence grass killing herbicide that can be applied on top of most broadleaf flower plants. Use Vantage and all herbicides and other pesticide chemicals according to label instructions.

There are two troublesome broadleaf pests throughout the Sandhills. The sorrels are similar in name but are different in appearance and biological factors. They are namely the red sheep sorrel and the yellow wood sorrel or oxalis. The red sheep sorrel is a perennial mem-

ber of the buckwheat family known by a number of common names; sour weed, sheep sorrel, red stem, and old field weed. It is classified as a broadleaf and is found in mine and numerous others' flowerbeds and lawns



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throughout the Sandhills. It has a prolific, shallow, extensive, bridle but complex network root system and can be controlled by hand pulling or digging it out of flower beds. Fortunately, it can be controlled in the lawn and others areas with a broadleaf herbicide such as 2,4-D, Weed-B-Gone, Weed Out, Homeowners Southern Trimac and other phenoxy.

The other sorrel, common yellow wood sorrel is an annual or perennial and a member of the wood sorrel family. It is also found in flowerbeds and lawns. It somewhat resembles common lespedeza, although not a legume, but is sometimes called wild lespedeza. Often it is referred to as simply oxalis. The seeds are small, spread by birds, wind, and irrigation water from lakes. Here again, these weeds must be hand pulled when present in flower beds. Oxalis or yellow sorrel is prevalent or present in many Sandhills lawns. It is resistant to some of the broadleaf

herbicides and it takes the proper rate and formulation of phenoxy mixtures for control. Either Weed-B-Gone or Weed Out will give partial control. These two herbicides normally control most broadleaf weeds. Care should be taken when using them on St. Augustine and centipede since they are sensitive to 2,4-D. An effective product brand name

Homeowners Southern Trimac, distributed and sold by Cardinal Chemical Company in Aberdeen and their dealers, has been found to be moderately successful in controlling wood sorrel.

Round-Up or glyphosate is a non-selective herbicide, which means when used properly it will control almost everything it is applied upon on contact. This herbicide is generally used to control weeds, grasses, and other vegetation on driveways, pine straw areas, vacant lots, etc. Again, remember to follow all chemical labels and use product as directed to keep all chemicals out of our lakes.

The trunk of my dogwood tree looks bad...what can I do?

If the trunk shows signs of damage, I recommend chemical treatment. The dogwood borer egg hatch season is just around the corner. Apply Permian or another special tree borer spray beginning the first week in early June and repeating three treatments at two-week intervals. This special tree borer spray is also available from Cardinal Chemical Company or their dealers. Healthy trees adjacent to the infested ones should be sprayed as a precaution to prevent material to wounds and crotchets along the tree trunk and limb tributaries. The best control is to prevent damage to the dogwood trunk. Be careful and avoid hitting the trunk when mowing or using other tools.

Permian is also recommended for borer control on fruit and nut trees.

### May reminders:

Prune azaleas, camellias, rhododendrons, and other spent blooming plants as needed; and if you haven't fertilized them, do it immediately.

If you have neglected fertilizing your Bermuda and zoysia lawn, do it now.

If you centipede lawn needs a boost, a light application of special centipede plant food will help.

Check your trees, shrubs, and vegetable plants regularly for insects and, if present in damaging numbers, use the proper control.

In May, you can plant okra, (See "Garden," p. 9)



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# Seven Lakes 'Moms' learn a new racquet

by Barbara Horan  
Seven Lakes Tennis

It all started out to be just an hour of tennis instruction but oh my, my, how it grew! The hour of instruction led to an hour and a half on Monday night . . . then they added Thursday night . . . yep, it is "Mom's Nite Out!"

When a group of young Moms brought their kids to the Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Center to learn how to play tennis, it was a "change in life style."

Sitting there, watching the kids and reading a book – that wasn't working, and the tennis looked like fun – so they would take to an open court to try it out.

After a couple of weeks of this, SLCC Tennis Professional Bruce Adams said a beginners clinic for the Moms might just work.

We began the first session of "Mom's Nite Out." Mom wanted to share in the fun their kids were having. The group started out small, but grew it did, very quickly. What started out to be

"their" night out soon became my mine too!

This has gone on for a bit over a year and the current group has progressed to USTA league play at the 2.5 level.

Together with the Country Club of North Carolina ladies team these "young" ladies have had six matches against each other — of course on Monday nights. Fitting this in between car pools, soccer, baseball, football, school functions, homework and of course, dinner. Daddy must be on time on Mondays because tennis begins at 7:00. Some rush in around 7:00 in hospital scrubs, some in office clothes and some even have on tennis clothes.

In fact, our "Moms" won the league. This is their very first time ever in a tennis league and did they have fun. Each tennis facility hosted three matches, each consisting of one singles and two doubles matches. Now, they are "fine tuning" their skills to participate in the North Carolina State Championships in July that will be held at various tennis facilities all over Moore County.

They will compete against the winners of each districts champion. All this because Mom got to share a passion for a sport with their children – tennis!

It was not just the game but a camaraderie between eight young Mom's, every practice is followed by a "social hour" in which they solve the problems of the world and yes, Seven Lakes. And by the way, all eight are

"Seven Lakers!"

By now you are probably wondering who these young Moms are: Captain of the team Marjorie Nurnberg, Sally Fessenden, Kim Matthews, Tammi Smith, Carol Munro, Lisa Boomgarden, Melinda Scott, and Tricia Cox. Between them they have twenty kids — from infants to college age and some of their children even compete on the West Pine School and Pinehurst High School tennis teams.

Some of these ladies belong to the Seven Lakes Country Club and others play under the new Access Card program that makes participating in this tennis program very affordable.

So you see, tennis is not just for the kids or retired people, anyone who can walk can play, since this program has been so successful just recently a new "bunch of Moms" are putting a group together to share in the fun, one told me it is "the hottest ticket in town" that is if you're a Mom.

SLCC Tennis Pro Bruce Adams said this is one of the best programs ever for fun, learning, exercise, laughing, socializing, and it doesn't get any better than that!

So if you are interested in participating in the next "Mom's"

program, you can get additional information by calling the Seven Lakes CC Tennis Center at 673-1096.

I will be glad to help or you can always stop by on a Monday

night around 7:00 pm and take a look for yourself. Better hurry, there are Dads looking for their own "Dad's Nite Out" and what's next, I'm sure it will turn out to be "Date Nite" and everybody wins!!



Some of The 'Mom's Night Out' tennis aces

## Garden

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pumpkin, cantaloupes, watermelons, sweet corn, cucumbers, Summer squash, Southern field cowpeas, crowder and clay peas, all types of beans; both bush and pole, lima, and butter beans. It's time to set out sweet potato slips and plants, and if you haven't planted your tomato and pepper plants, there is still time to do it.

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# In memory of . . .

**Preston B. Stackhouse**, 90, of Seven Lakes, died Wednesday, May 27, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mr. Stackhouse was the son of the late Issac Preston Stackhouse and Mary Lane Stackhouse of Marion County, SC.

He was a member of the West End United Methodist Church, and retired to the Seven Lakes area in 1983. He served his country during WWII in the US Navy in the battle of Okinawa.

A funeral service will be held Friday, May 29, at 3:00 pm at the West End United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dr. Won S. Namkoong officiating. A visitation will be prior to the service from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Burial will follow in the Seven Lakes Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Vonadora Baker Stackhouse of Seven Lakes; son Jimmy Stackhouse of Seven Lakes; daughter Gayle Stackhouse McElroy, Winston Salem; his brother Cecil Stackhouse, Siler City; two sisters Mary Alma Briggs of Reidsville; and Virginia Jones of Dillon, SC; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the West End United Methodist Church, at P.O. Box 276 West End, NC 27376.

Arrangements by Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes

**Jennifer L. Benson**, 17 of Seven Lakes, died Tuesday, May 26. She was the daughter of Bobby and the late Georgia Anderson Benson.

Miss Benson was in the nursing program at Pinecrest High School. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Aberdeen.

A funeral service will be held at First Baptist Church in Aberdeen on Friday, May 29, at 11:00 am. The Rev. Mike Branscome will officiate. Burial will follow at Bethesda Cemetery.

Miss Benson is survived by her father Bobby Owen Benson of Seven Lakes; two half brothers Brian Benson, Marietta GA; and Jarrod Anderson, Southern Pines; her grandparents Mary Smith of Southern Pines; and George and Audrey Anderson of Aberdeen.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes is serving the family.

**Ruth King Perlman**, 90, of Seven Lakes, died on May 24.

Mrs. Perlman was born in St. Paul's NC. She was the daughter of the late James Troy King and Jesse Butler King of St. Paul's.

Mrs. Perlman was raised on her family's farm. At age sixteen, she entered Duke University where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Science in 1938. Her passion for History and Social Studies led her back to college where she earned her Masters Degree in History from University of Illinois in 1967.

Mrs. Perlman was an innovative

educator designing games, programs and creative tools used today in the classrooms. She was part of a select group focusing on curriculum development for gifted 7th and 8th graders. She and her husband Raymond, retired to Seven Lakes in 1983.

Mrs. Perlman was preceded in death by her brother James King and her sister Elizabeth Thompson.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Chapel in the Pines, Seven Lakes, on Friday May 29 at 2:00 pm.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Mr. Raymond Perlman, Seven Lakes; sisters Rachel Lucas and Ellen Grace Strauch and her brother Alton King; her daughters, Nancy Perlman Simonds of Kansas City, MO, and Leslie Perlman Schaitberger of Alpharetta, GA; three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to FirstHealth Hospice, 5 Aviemore Drive, Pinehurst NC 28374 or The Chapel in the Pines, 2125 Seven Lakes South, West End NC 27376.

Family served by Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes.

**May Gridley**, 100, died May 20, at Fox Hollow Senior Living.

Ms. Gridley was born in Queens, NY, the daughter of John and Beulah Hendrickson.

A celebration of her life will be Saturday, June 20 at 11:00 am at The Chapel in the Pines in

Seven Lakes.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold.

She is survived by her daughter, Alice Shaughnessy of Seven Lakes, son Peter Gridley of Reston, Virginia, three grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Chapel in the Pines Community Fund, 2125 Seven Lakes South, West End, NC. 27376.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes is serving the family.

**Al Crisp**, 88, of Foxfire Village, died May 18 at his home.

Mr. Crisp was born in Grover, NC, the son of the late Sidney Allen and Lucy Fellers Crisp.

He was a graduate of Grover School and attended Boiling Springs Junior College. He served in the US Navy from 1943-1946 on the US Naval Ship Destroyer Dennis J. Buckley DD808.

He worked for Southern Railroad and Hunter Paint Company and Hanna Paint Company of Charlotte.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 22, at McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church on Foxfire Road. The Rev. Don Welch and Fran Stark officiated. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers S.A. (Buster) Crisp and Matthew Bryson (M.B.) Crisp and by sisters Sarah E. Crisp, Ruth C. Hambright, Mary C. Rollins, and Majorie Crisp.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Angell Kincaid Crisp; a son, Stanley Albert Crisp; his grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church, at 1374 Foxfire Road, Aberdeen, NC 28315.

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# In memory of . . .

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**Joseph Wellington Adams**, age 80, of Seven Lakes died at Kingswood Nursing Center on Thursday, May 14.

A native of Moore County, he was the son of the late Edward G. Adams and Beatrice Adcox Adams.

Mr. Adams was involved in church activities at Pinebluff United Methodist Church and West End United Methodist Church. He worked for the NC Division of Highways. He was a volunteer firefighter in Pinebluff and was Moore County's first Fire Marshall from 1973-1986.

Mr. Adams was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty Averitt Adams, a son Joseph W. Adams, Jr., sisters Alice Howie and Dolly Leach, and a brother Edward G. Adams, Jr.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 17 at West End United Methodist Church. The Rev. Dr. Won S. Namkoong officiated. Burial followed at the Pinebluff Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife Sue Bobbitt Adams, son Spencer Adams of Seven Lakes, stepson Steve Sumerford of Greensboro, Don Sumerford of Richmond, VA, Mark Sumerford of Greensboro and Douglas Sumerford of Ames, IA; stepdaughter Fran Harris of Monrovia, MD; brother Jerry Adams of Cary, NC; sisters Carmen De Rose of Butler, PA, Gladys Lester of

Woodbury, NJ, Linda Adams of Anderson, SC and twelve grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to West End United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 276, West End, NC or Pinebluff United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 365, Pinebluff, NC 28373 or a charity of your choice.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

**Robert Dale Knight**, 90, of Foxfire Village, died Tuesday, May 12, at his residence.

Mr. Knight was born in Fazeysburg, OH, the son of the late Charles A. and Ollie Knight.

He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran. While in the service he was a member of Blue Jacket Choir, served as a radio operator aboard the USS Ancon in the Pacific Theater.

He graduated from Muskingum College, New Concord, OH, as an industrial engineer. Coaching the local high school basketball team led him into education as a teacher and principal in Licking and Muskingum counties in Ohio for fifteen years. He retired to Foxfire Village in 1982.

He was preceded in death by his wife of thirty-one years, Fern Goss Knight; three brothers and two sisters. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Fazeysburg, OH.

He is survived by his wife of thirty-seven years, Gladys; two sons, Robert D. Knight Jr., of

Almont, MI, and Larry C. Knight, of Alta Loma, CA; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to FirstHealth Hospice, 150 Applecross Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374, Page Memorial United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 695, Aberdeen, NC 28315 or to a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements were handled by Boles Funeral Home of Pinehurst.

**Rosemary Tuttle Fuhrmann**, 67, of Seven Lakes, died Friday, May 8, following a brave battle with lung cancer.

A native of Buffalo, NY, she was the daughter of the late Mary and Theodore Tuttle and had resided in North Carolina for


eighteen years.

She is survived by her husband of twenty-three years, Edward; four children, Brett Peters, of Montreal, Quebec, Alison Brennan, of Hendersonville, Kirk Peters, of Colorado Springs, CO, and Kristen Stocking, of Holly Springs; her sister, Ruth

Frawley, and brother, Robert Tuttle, both of Buffalo, NY; and four grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the FirstHealth Hospice Foundation of Pinehurst.

Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines served the family.



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# Westside

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## Security

Westside speeders will shortly find themselves in possession of traffic citations courtesy of the Moore County Sheriff's Office, Security and Safety Director John Hoffmann told members attending Tuesday's meeting. A mobile speed display will be deployed in the community for a few weeks to help drivers reorient their thinking about appropriate speed, after which sheriff's patrols will begin setting up radar and issuing tickets — with no "warning" citations in the mix.

Hoffmann said he had recently met with the Area Representatives in order to share his plans for improving Westside safety and security and asked for their feedback over the next couple of weeks. He will incorporate that feedback and then make a presentation of his plans to the Board of Directors during their June 12 Work Session.

Hoffman said he had begun forming a Security & Safety Committee that will include the Community Manager, lead guard, and representatives of the Community Emergency Response Team, Lake Patrol, Area Reps, and Sheriff's Office, as well as the captain of a Neighborhood Watch that is under consideration. He said the Moore County Sheriff's Office can help the West Side organize a Neighborhood Watch.

Hoffman encouraged residents

to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the front gate guards, who will notify the Sheriff or other appropriate authorities. He reminded landowners that open fires are prohibited within Seven Lakes West and that control of fires contained in grills or patio hearths are the responsibility of the landowner.

## Infrastructure

Director John Goodman said a new contract has been signed for the maintenance of Lakeway Mall. Goodman said he has been working with former infrastructure director Ray MacKay on approval of paving in the Parkwood subdivision, as well as working to resolve drainage issues on Butterfly Court and on Pittman.

Bids are currently out for perimeter fencing for areas behind West Side Park and in the Banbridge area of Beacon Ridge, Goodman said. The 1200-foot sections are expected to be installed in August.

## Community Activities

Karen Milligan reported that the 13 folks who attended the Support Our Troops craft day made 160 get well and thank you cards that were delivered to veterans at the Fayetteville veterans hospital on Memorial Day. She said she hopes to make the activity an annual event.

Two Summer activities currently in the works are a family movie night at West Side Park and a Girls' Night Out Golf Clinic and Social at Beacon Ridge Country Club.

## Other Items

Also during the Tuesday, May 26 SLWLA meeting:

- Director Herdrich reported problems with folks not cleaning up after their dogs at Johnson Point. He reminded residents that dogs are allowed at the Point only when accompanying their owners to their boat.
- Herdrich said boat registration has gone relatively

smoothly, though 150 – 200 boats that were registered last year have yet to be registered this year. Landowners registering boats after June 1 will be charged a \$25 late fee.

- Shepard said a crew of "brave souls" attempted to eradicate the fire ant population on Pine Island but were unsuccessfully in completely eliminating the pests. Professional help is being sought for fire ant control on the island and at Johnson Point, where signage was posted warning users of the danger.
- The Community Emergency Response Team [CERT] continues to train and work behind the scenes to ensure the com-

munity is ready for natural disasters or other emergency situations, Shepard said. Recently a CERT group has been mapping radio coverage in the neighborhood in order to map any dead zones that could interfere with emergency communication. Another group of volunteers recently completed a first aid training session. Shepard urged those interested in CERT to contact coordinator Terry Riddle to become a part of the group.

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# SLLA Meeting

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adults to follow the rules," he added.

## New Playground Equipment

Community Manager Dalton Fulcher reported that three bids were received for a new modular playground to be installed at Northside Park, with Miracle Recreation presenting the recommended bid at \$38,867.

"Both Recreation Committees, this year and last, feel for the money this is the best buy," Fulcher said.

The price includes a thirty percent sales discount, free shipping, and three park benches. As proposed, the playground piece includes multiple slides, decks, and climbing structures.

Fulcher also recommended having the playground installed by the maintenance department, for an estimated savings of \$4,360.

The Board unanimously approved the purchase. The playground will be delivered in approximately six weeks and will take 160 man hours to install.

## Meeting Minutes

During public comment, John McCarthy expressed displeasure that attachments to minutes for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 were not available on the SLLA website.

Community Manager Dalton Fulcher confirmed that attachments to minutes from that period were not available on the website but could be reviewed in

the book of minutes kept at the office. However, current minutes and all attachments are being posted to the web once they are approved by the Board.

Most attachments are formatted to .pdf files, a format that local computer expert Ray Ulansey applauded.

"Stay with .pdf and do not go with the new .xml format," he cautioned. "Don't change the format for at least the next two years."

## Finance

A financial review – a recap, as it was termed – of Fiscal Year 2009 was presented during the meeting. [A copy of the full report is available on the SLLA website.]

"It [the report] breaks it down to unique or material items. It's a different format that I hope is understandable to everyone," Treasurer Denny Galford said.

During the Manager's Report, Fulcher went into the report in more detail, specifically noting that, while maintenance was four percent over budget, overall the capital items approved this year were good investments for the Association.

Galford also stated that the auditors' report is in process, and the Finance Committee continues to review results of last Winter's landowners survey with an immediate goal of establishing a timeline for road repaving.

## Maintenance

Director Bud Shaver reported that bids by S&ME and Thomas Trucking for dam maintenance projects have been approved. Temporary erosion control measures at Timber Dam and Sequoia Dam, at \$16,600 and \$32,400 respectively, are moving forward.

In addition, fifteen to eighteen piezometers will be installed; and later in the year, when lake levels are lower, video will be recorded inside the overflow pipes of both dams.

Shaver reported the Maintenance Committee will be turning from a day-to-day operational focus to long term planning – taking a specific interest in Sequoia Point and other common areas that will face ongoing maintenance issues due to lim-

ited acreage and increasing usage.

## Recreation

The pool is open and Water Aerobics classes are held mornings from 8:30 am to 9:15 am, reported Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane. Registration for swim lessons and the Seven Lakes Stingrays swim team are underway. Landowners can contact the office for additional information on these programs.

Beane also reported the baby pool has not received final approval, as required by the State, so its opening will be delayed.

The North Carolina Open Water Swim is this weekend, Saturday & Sunday, May 29-30 on Lake Echo. The dam will be

closed all day Saturday; however, the community is invited to attend this exciting annual event. Several hundred competitors are expected to participate.

The Seven Lakes Dance program annual recital is open to the public and will be held Saturday, June 13 at Sandhills Community College.

"We are really proud of this program," Beane said. "To give you perspective, the first two years we held the recital in the North Clubhouse and now we're at the college auditorium!"

The Seven Lakes Stables will be closed June 1-5 and June 8-10. During this period, work will be completed in the office and bathroom areas.

Registration is also underway  
(See "SLLA Meeting," p. 15)

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## SLLA Meeting

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for the Seven Lakes Summer Day Camp program. West End Elementary art teachers Jill Hart-sill and Wanda Wiggins are serving as co-coordinators for the program.

Director Bruce Keyser, Jr. thanked his fellow Board members for their support and approval of the new playground equipment for Northside Park. He encouraged anyone interested in joining the Recreation Committee to contact himself or Beane at the SLLA office.

### Architectural Review

Kindsvatter reported a new home construction on Hastings

Lane was approved pending stipulations, including a landscaping plan and foundation review.

She reminded lot owners that cleared brush must be removed within ten days, as it poses a fire hazard.

### Community Standards

The new policy of providing a courtesy telephone call regarding violations of Community Standards prior to issuing a formal letter was working well, reported Droppers.

"Generally we're punitive, which I don't want to be," Dropper said. "So each month we will bring up a property that is particular-

ly nice and will send them a letter and have it published in the Interlake."

### Community Manager Search

Droppers said he has been in contact with eight management companies and has conducted extensive telephone interviews with several.

"This is a two prong decision. Outsourcing research is a longer term proposition, so we're putting it in front," explained Droppers.

He reported that face-to-face interviews with management companies will be scheduled in thirty to forty-five days.

During the meeting, it was also announced that, with the

Board's approval, Beane is attending management classes and will present an overview of his coursework at a later date.

### Other Items

A speed bump, or possibly two, will be installed in the guest lane at the North Gate. The purpose, explained Director Caulk, is to slow down cars entering from Seven Lakes Drive to allow for the five-second delay on the gate arm. The commercially made speed bumps are 2 ¼" high and will cost approximately \$200.

By unanimous vote, the Board reappraised the Letter of Understanding with the Seven Lakes

West Landowners Association. The document included several minor revisions suggested by the SLWLA.

Former SLLA president Dennis Roberts was appointed to serve as an alternate member to the Greater Seven Lakes Community Council. The temporary post, for sixty days, will allow for meeting coverage in the event President Randy Zielsdorf is unavailable to attend. Once Bylaws are complete, a permanent alternate will be appointed.

Immediately following the Open Meeting, the Board met in Closed Session to discuss a minor legal issue.

## Literacy Council Training

The Moore County Literacy Council offers twelve hour workshops for volunteers who would like to become adult tutors. Volunteers must attend Orientation prior to a training session.

All sessions will be at the Emmanuel Youth House, 385 E Indiana in Southern Pines. Orientation: June 1, 1:00- 2:00 pm. Tutor Training: June 8 and 11 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Donations will be accepted to defray the cost of materials. Please bring a lunch. Please register by the week prior to the session. Registrations may be made by phone, (910)692-5954 or e-mail, pammclc@nc.rr.com.



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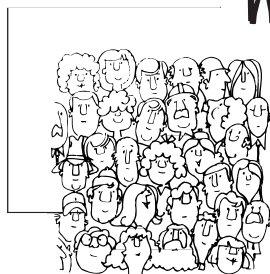
- **NC Open Water Swim** – 4 pm to 7 pm, on Lake Echo in Seven Lakes. 700 swimmers, competing. (The dam on Echo will be closed to traffic.) The Sandsharks invite all residents to come out and cheer their team on during the event.
- **Hampton Inn Golf Tournament** – to Benefit Temple Theatre at Carolina Trace (Lake Course). Registration and Lunch at 11:00 am. Shotgun start at 1:00 pm. Entry Fee: \$55/person; \$200/team. Included: Greens Fees, Cart, Lunch, Prizes, and Post Round Hors D'oeuvres and Entertainment by the Temple Teens. For reservations, Dennis Woodruff at Hampton Inn 919.775.2000.
- **Spaghetti Dinner** – 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, sponsored by the West End United Methodist Men. Tickets \$7, available from United Methodist Men or at the door. 673-1371.

**SATURDAY, MAY 30**

- **NC Open Water Swim** – 6 am to 5 pm, on Lake Echo in Seven Lakes. 700 swimmers, competing. (The dam on Echo

will be closed to traffic.) The Sandsharks invite all residents to come out and cheer their team on during the event.

- **Health Fair** – 8:30 am - 2 pm at Fairview Baptist Church, Carthage Rd. Health Screenings, Health Displays, Information From Local Health Care Providers, Food, Door Prizes



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- **Bird Walk** – 8:00 am. 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. Take a two mile hike to look for these winged wonders. Learn to identify birds by sight and sound. Bring binoculars, bug spray, sunscreen, and field guides. Meet at the park office.
- **Jazzercise Cancer Fundrais-**

er – 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, held at the Carolina Hotel's Carolina Hall. Local Jazzercisers will be "Working out for Cancer" a day of dancing to support the Cancer CARE Fund of the FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital Foundation and raise money for local services.

Door prizes awarded throughout the day. All-day admission \$15. Contact Debby Higginbotham 215-0402.

- **"Hawaiian Luau"** at the Seven Lakes Country Club. You do not have to be a member to attend this fun event. Festivities begin with cocktails at 5:30pm, a fabulous Hawaiian buffet at 6:30 pm. Music provided by Glen Davis at 7:00 pm. Member's pricing \$26 inclusive and Non-Members \$31 inclusive. Reservations 673-1100. Dress code Muu-muu's, Hawaiian shirts cool and casual.

**SUNDAY, MAY 31**

- **Ticks, Chiggers and Spiders** – 3 pm, Weymouth Woods, Southern Pines. Learn how to protect yourself from ticks and chiggers. Learn to identify the poisonous spiders and why spiders are beneficial to us. Bring bug spray, sunscreen, and water.

**MONDAY, JUNE 1**

- **Moore County Literacy Council Workshops** – Orientation, 1:00 - 2:00 pm for volunteers who would like to become adult tutors. Volunteers required to attend Orientation prior to a training session. Tutor Training starts June 8 and 11, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Bring a lunch. Register by the week prior to the session. Sessions are at the Emmanuel Youth House, 385 E Indiana, Southern Pines. Registrations may be made by phone (910) 692-5954
- **NAMI Speaker Linda Evans Wells** – 7:00 pm. Ms. Evans Wells of Wallace, NC, was

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**TUESDAY, JUNE 2**

- **L.I.G.H.T.S. Meeting** – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, Seven Lakes Baptist Church. Ministries meet from 6:30-7:30, Coffee Break from 7:30-7:45, and Enlightenment Classes from 7:45-8:30. Tonight's Enlightenment Classes: Lessons from J. Hopson, Let's Juice!, and Really Bad Girls of the Bible Book Study. Last L.I.G.H.T.S. meeting until Fall – please join the group for a great evening.

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**THURSDAY, JUNE 4**

- **Wine Tasting** – at Sandhills Winery 5:00 to 8:00 pm. South American Wines selections. Located in Seven Lakes Plaza (next to Peking Wok, Seven Lakes Plaza).

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5**

- **Ms. North Carolina Senior America Pageant** – 1:30 pm, at Moore County Senior Enrichment Center. One will be crowned Ms. North Carolina Senior America 2009 and represent NC in Atlantic City, NJ in October. The winner and other state Queens will compete for the National title of Ms. Senior America 2009-10. Entertainment – performance by the “Sophisticated Ladies” 910-944-8171.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

- **Standard First Aid + Adult CPR/AED** – 8:00 am-2:00 pm, Certification fee \$60. American Red Cross Moore County Chapter Introductory Certification Course. Fees must be paid in advance. Class size is limited. Fees are nonrefundable. American Red Cross

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- **Sixth Annual Blue Jean Ball** – 6:30 - 11 pm, at Fair Barn, Pinehurst. Proceeds will go to the Moore Regional Hospital Foundation's Cancer CARE Fund. The evening will include music by The Cowboys and The Sand Band, a barbecue buffet, beer, wine and other refreshments. Tickets are \$50 person, and table reservations are available for groups of 10. Tickets (910) 695-7510.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7**

- **Seven Lakes Lions Club Golf Tournament** – 1:30 pm, Seven Lakes Country Club. Event is \$70 per golfer, with chicken & burgers and dinner served at the conclusion of the tournament. All proceeds support programs for the sight and hearing impaired. Hole sponsors are \$110. Information, Bill Seldomridge at 690-9500.
- **Meet Miss Greater Sandhills 2009** – 3:00 pm, Seven Laker Lisa Kristen Mace, will compete for the Miss North Carolina crown in Raleigh, June 23 - 27. The Seven Lakes Community is invited to a special preview

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- **National Cancer Survivors Day Celebration** – 3 pm – 7 pm, Fair Barn, Pinehurst. Doors open at 3:00 pm. Program will follow at 4:00 pm. Event will conclude with a Southern-style picnic dinner, 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Sponsored by FirstHealth. Event is free and open to cancer survivors, their families and friends, and to the physicians and other medical personnel who treat cancer patients. 800-213-3284.

**MONDAY, JUNE 8**

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Work Session** – 8:30 am, Conference Room.
- **National Active & Retired Federal Employees** – (NARFE) Sandhills Chapter 1895, 11:00 am, quarterly “Eating Meeting” at the Fried Green Tomatoes restaurant on Rte 211, Aberdeen. Info: Vilma Geisert 215-5898 or George Sandoval (910) 246-9881.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 9**

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Work Session** – 9 am, West Side Park Community Center.
- **Donate Blood for American Red Cross Moore County Chapter** – 9 am-1:00 pm, Ag Building, 707 Pinehurst Ave., Carthage. For appt. 947-6362.

- **Donate Blood for American Red Cross Moore County Chapter** – 1:30-6:00 pm, at Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst. Sponsored by Pinehurst Rotary. Appt. call 692-8571
- **Computer Club of Seven Lakes** – 3pm, North Club House. Corinne Walls from Sandhills Community College will present “Open Office, free downloading and it's features.” Comparable to Microsoft Office.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 11**

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**Kevin "Adam"  
Byrd**

Union Pines High School  
Cameron, NC

Adam is the son of Andy and Paige Byrd of West End. He is the grandson of Jim and Jean Schrum of Seven Lakes. He was a member of National Honor Society, Marching Band, Track team, and a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Adam will attend Appalachian State.



**Dustin Lee  
Hannel**

Mitchell High School  
Spruce Pine, NC

Dustin is the son of Charles (Bert) Hannel III and Pamela Heath of Hillsdale, MI. He is the grandson of Charles and Sue Hannel of Seven Lakes. He will attend Western Carolina University to major in accounting.



**Kaylon Kirk**

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Kaylon is the daughter of Tammy Lyne of Foxfire and Forrest Kirk of Pinehurst.

She was a member of National Honor Society and President of the Young Republicans.

Kaylon will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel for Political Science.



**Emily Morgan  
Kline**

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Pinehurst, NC

Emily is the daughter of Tim and Cindy Kline of Seven Lakes. She was active in the theater program at Pinecrest and the Presbyterian Youth Council Rep from West End Presbyterian Church. Emily will attend UNC - Pembroke majoring in elementary education.



**Jacob Hunter  
Koll**

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Jake is the son of Roger and Pam Koll of Seven Lakes. His grandparents are Bob and Marty Lockwood of Seven Lakes.

He will attend the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in the Fall.



**Emily Grace Kullberg**

Lake Region High School  
Winter Haven, FL

Emily is the daughter of Steve & Ann Kullberg and the granddaughter of Jim & Judy Kullberg of Seven Lakes. She was President of Tri-M Music, a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Lettered in Track for Pole Vaulting. Emily will attend Colorado State University in the Fall.

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# Congratulations to the Class of 2009



**Kelly Lang**

St. Ignatius High School  
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Kelly is the daughter of Steve and Allison Lang of Mill Valley, CA.

She is the granddaughter of Richard and Dee Dick of Seven Lakes.

Kelly will attend Cornell University in the Fall.



**Logan Ross McDonald**

Pinecrest High School  
Pinehurst, NC

Logan is the son of Carol McDonald of Seven Lakes and Angus McDonald of West End. His grandparents are Gilbert and Maxine Matthews and the late Alice Matthews of Sanford, and Virginia Cary McDonald & the late Allan McDonald of West End. He will attend NC State University.



**Allison Leigh Miller**

Grosse Pointe High School  
Grosse Pointe, MI

Allison is the granddaughter of DeWitt and Tinkie Peterson.

She will enter Elon University in the Fall. Allison will participate in a special Business Program for undergraduates at Elon.



**Kelsey Paige Thomas**

Pinecrest High School  
Pinehurst, NC

Kelsey is the daughter of Vickie Thomas and the late Tommy L. Thomas of West End. She is the granddaughter of Robert & Lee Muse, and the late H.H. and Leora Thomas all of West End. She was a member of the Pinecrest Choir for four years. Kelsey will attend Sandhills Community College.



**Morgan Zoellner**

Pinecrest High School  
Pinehurst, NC

Morgan is the daughter of Steve and Patti Zoellner of Seven Lakes. She is the granddaughter of Howard Zoellner of Seven Lakes and Paul and Betty Rabaut of Michigan. She received an IB Diploma. Morgan will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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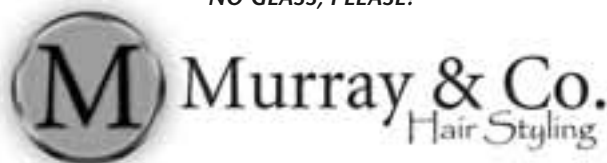
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**Ellen Carey**

University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, VA

Ellen is the daughter of Ben and Shelley Carey of Virginia Beach, VA.

She is the granddaughter of Richard and Dee Dick of Seven Lakes.

Ellen received a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

She will begin her career at Georgetown University Hospital.



**Katelin Downer**

Elon University  
Elon, NC

Katelin is the daughter of Greg and Jean Downer of Seven Lakes.

She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Broadcast Communications.

Katelin achieved the President's list or the Dean's list each semester at Elon.



**Jennifer Harrell**

University of NC  
Charlotte  
Charlotte, NC

Jennifer is the daughter of Phil and Pam Harrell of Seven Lakes and Rob and Rita Menzies.

She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Business Management and a minor in Psychology.



**Sara Elizabeth Humphrey**

University of NC  
Wilmington  
Wilmington, NC

Sara is the daughter of Victor and Mary Susan Humphrey of Seven Lakes. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication with Honors. Sara will continue to live in Wilmington and work with Hedrick, Gardner LLP Law Associates.



**Nicole Blair Jones**

East Carolina University  
Greenville, NC

Nicole is the daughter of Harold and Joanie Jones of Seven Lakes.

She received her Masters Degree in Health Education and Promotion.



**Kristin Martina Lancaster**

Boston College  
Boston, MA

Kristin is the daughter of Dora Lancaster of Seven Lakes and the late Jon Jay Lancaster.

She received a Masters of Business Administration.

Kristin is the Manager of Boston Utilities for Boston College. She hopes to relocate to the South someday.



**Kassie Rose**

NC State University  
Raleigh, NC

Kassie is the daughter of Bob and Leslie Rose of Seven Lakes.

She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biomedical Engineering.

Kassie is currently attending East Carolina University pursuing a doctorate degree in Physical Therapy.



**Stephanie Nicole Wells**

University of NC - Greensboro  
Greensboro, NC

Stephanie is the daughter of Larry and Wanda Wells of Seven Lakes.

She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree with a concentration in Art Education.

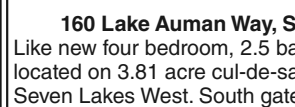
Stephanie plans to teach middle school art in the area.



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# OPINION

Seven Lakes Times

May 29, 2009

## A purr-fect addition to the Douglass clan

### Day One

This really wasn't what I had in mind for a Summer project: the new kitten, I mean. I was just minding my own business last week and boom . . . or rather, meow.

No that's not quite right, it was more like MEOW, MEOW, MEOWWW! From atop a narrow concrete ledge near the heart of our village, this bundle of claws and fur voiced his discontent, loudly.

I'll just take him home, clean him up, and drop him off at the shelter, I told myself. I do not want another cat!

### Day Two

All terror and bones, the tiny guy valiantly hisses whenever I approach. Undeterred I wash

him, once, twice, thrice. A clean kitty is a happy kitty.

I left a message with a local animal shelter checking hours. I do not want another cat!

### Day Three

The dog is thrilled. A friend . . . and he likes me, he really likes me! Fulfilling the Labrador retriever breed motto, "I lick therefore I am," Biscuit has taken over kitten clean-up duty.

My first call has not been returned, so I leave a message with a different local animal rescue. I do not want another cat!

### Day Four

In a stunning reversal of policy, kitty has decided that I am okay. Heck, I'm even grand! Purring like a chainsaw, he busies himself with exploring the far

reaches of the living room.

The shelter is probably busy: I'll give them another day to call back. I do not want another cat!

### Day Five

I type, the dog snoozes, and kitty spends the day batting around pieces of paper and yarn: so cute.



## Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

I'm caving, I can feel it. Must. Call. Shelter. Now. I do not want another cat!

### Day Six

"County Animal Center Overwhelmed" screams the morning headline of that other paper. Uh-oh, this can't be good. Reading further, I learn that seventy-four kittens were dropped off in the first two days of last week. At least now I know why my phone has been mysteriously silent.

I do not... want another cat?

### Day Seven

Cradled between the giant paws

of his surrogate mother, my grey visitor slumbers upended with four feet stretched out towards

heaven. He intuitively knows what I've refused to see all week: he's already home.

I have another cat!

Sticking to family tradition, I reluctantly grab my coffee mug and head for the kitchen for some naming inspiration.

This odd habit also serves as a useful daily reminder of all these extra mouths I've agreed to feed; Milkshake, Licorice, Biscuit and . . .

Gravy!

Y'know that extra condiment that we don't actually need on our plate but always adds the perfect finish; or I'll just stick with slang, "Gravy: it's all good."

## Lakes need more testing in swim season

Dear Editor:

On May 3, I wrote our SLLA President and expressed my concern about the haphazard testing, or lack thereof, of our designated swimming beaches for the presence of E-coli, a type of fecal coliform. I suggested that it seemed irresponsible to test these waters as we have done over the years, just prior to Memorial Day and then simply "forget it" for the balance of the summer months, a period when bathing at our designated beaches is most frequent. I attached a

document published by the State of Vermont describing just why and how often they test their fresh water beaches. I offered my help. I received no response, not even an acknowledgement of my e-mail.

On May 13, I expressed my reservations once again, both in person and in writing to our Assistant Manager and promptly received a reply that he would pass my concerns along. He didn't tell me to whom. I attached the same document. Once again, I received no further response.

The literature referred to clearly states that Vermont tests the waters off their designated fresh water beaches for E-coli, a form of fecal coliform bacteria, every week. I might also add that while on the Lakes & Dams committee, an exchange of e-mails last summer with those in New Hampshire responsible for testing their waters, revealed precisely the same procedure.

The presence and quantity of E-coli can vary daily and can be influenced by such things as water temperature, geese and other water fowl, dogs running loose, aging septic systems, rainwater runoff, and even bathers themselves. The States recognize these facts as does the EPA. All have suggested standards for the frequency of testing for E-coli and the quantity in terms of parts per million at which they will close their designated swimming areas.

Our waters are warmer than those of the New England States. Bacteria will grow more rapidly. We have all of the contributing elements listed above in great abundance, yet we monitor the waters just off our designated beaches once prior to Memori-

al Day, and don't do so during those months when the beaches receive their most frequent use. This is ignoring the health and welfare of our residents, particularly that of the infants

(parts per million) and test again the following day. The EPA standard is a very generous number. New Hampshire and Vermont close their beaches if and when an E-coli count of 88 and 77 respectively is encountered.

While testing waters off designated beaches is a community responsibility and should be done at community expense, each test is relatively inexpensive, perhaps \$20 or \$25. For this reason, I would also like to suggest that, if feasible, a program be established which would offer any lakeside resident, on any of our lakes, the opportunity to test the waters off his/her dock at his/her expense. Aging septic systems alone would suggest that this is important. A Lakeside Residents' Association might well be established to develop and implement such a program. If such is the case, I would be happy to volunteer my services.

Thanks for listening. I would certainly appreciate any comments you might care to make.

Ron Erskine,

rrskine@nc.rr.com

Ad hoc Lakeside Residents' Association

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who frequent our beaches, frolic in the water and who are most likely to ingest it. And, they are the ones who have the least immunity to this form of bacteria. Don't we owe them something better?

While testing once a week may be unnecessary, we certainly should be testing the designated swimming areas in Sequoia, Longleaf, Echo and Big Jupiter for E-coli at least once every second week from May through September. And, at the very least, we should adopt the EPA standard of closing/posting any area if a single reading reaches 235 per ml



# Need a manager? Chad Beane's the man

Dear Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board Members:

I would like to take a moment of your time to consider something. After reading the April 3 *Seven Lakes Times* in regards to President Randy Zielsdorf's "areas of focus," specifically, locating a management company search, I have to ask myself and question you with why this is necessary? We have a candidate sitting in the office with all of the qualifications and experi-

ence needed to guide us in the "future direction" that Zielsdorf is quoted to say.

My wife, Pam, and I have been Seven Lakers going on 30 years and feel that we can offer some insight into this aspect of change to the Board. We have seen Seven Lakes grow, and become one of the premier communities in Moore County. The reality and uniqueness of Seven Lakes is the simple fact that it is not Pinehurst, it is not Pinewild, or any of the other surrounding

resort community. The Medlin family and other veteran "Lakers" will tell you that the aforementioned is why we chose to live here.

Chad Beane understands this. Beane is a former student of my wife and has been an integral part of Seven Lakes, beginning with the Summer Recreation program back in the early 90's. Our two sons attended this program, with Beane as the director and have an admiration for him as well. Chad has done things the right way for the benefit of Seven Lakes and, in our opinion, it would be a mistake to by-pass him for other "searches."

It is my hope that Zielsdorf and the board members will indeed follow the statement made in regards to "being totally open-minded" when making the decision on our Community Manager. I am much more interested in your open mindedness than being "open bill-fold" when bringing in a management company. The thoughts of spending money on a management company on the heels of a two year dues increase resonates a sour note in my head, as it does with other Landowners.

In closing, I would offer a suggestion. Hire Chad Beane as an interim Community Manager

with your newly established job description. Allow him enough time to implement the vision of the Board and outlying committees. Then evaluate him at the end of this process and if it does not work, then have an alternative plan in place. For me, this plan would be a little more digestible than spending money on a search team when our roads are literally crumbling beneath us which is a whole different story.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Bill Medlin  
Seven Lakes North

## Yes to tax cut!

Dear Editor:

The education community is asking the commissioners to ask the tax payers to forego a deserved tax cut in the tax rate and to instead put that money into education.

Why? The Moore County Schools and Sandhills Community College are still getting more money than they did last year. Now granted the math was figured differently in terms of debt financing. The schools think that money has disappeared when in reality it is being funded by the county.

If anything, we need some fiscal responsibility for our schools. I went to a little private school called Calvary Christian School. We received no government handouts, our teachers were paid far less than the nor-

mal state or county school teacher, and I turned out just fine.

Someone please explain to me why we can't fund our education system when we have the highest gas taxes and income taxes in the southeast, we have a lottery and we still can't fund education?

Go over to Sandhills Community College and look at the Dempsey Student Center. The wasted space in that building could have been used to have more offices and administrative room.

I don't know, I guess I have too much common sense to make heads or tails of this mess. All I know is that schools need to be more responsible.

Joe Garrison  
West End



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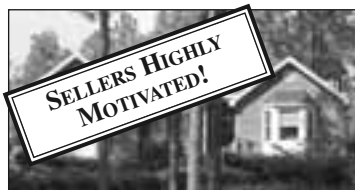
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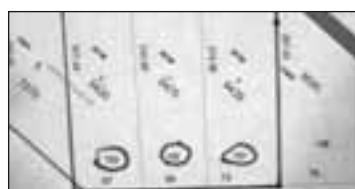
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# Slalom course will be great addition to lake

Dear Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Seven Lakes Landowners Association for working with us and allowing us to form the Seven Lakes Slalom Ski Club.

It has come to our attention that there has been some discussion around the neighborhood regarding this club and we felt that this would be a good time to

educate people about the club and invite anyone that might be interested to join the club.

What is the club? It is a group of individuals that love to slalom ski (ski on one ski, for those that aren't familiar with the term) and want to take our abilities to the next level.

How? Glad you asked. After an individual has been slalom skiing for awhile they may want

some way of measuring how quickly and how hard they can make turns from side to side.

Here enters the slalom ski course.

It is a series of buoys in a straight line in which the skier tries to make turns around them. Sounds easy? It's not!

As the skier gets better they can make it more challenging by shortening the rope, therefore,

having to make the turns faster. So what does this have to do with Seven Lakes?

We have obtained permission to put out a portable (completely removable) ski course on Lake Sequoia for up to eight sessions a month.

When will the course be out? Glad you asked that too. First, we need to explain that serious slalom skiers do not like rough water. Large waves and strong winds make it difficult to make quick turns and make it difficult to keep the course tight. Therefore, we do not want the course out during "peak" times.

The course will not be out on weekend afternoons or holidays because that is peak times for our beautiful, but small, lake. We have asked for permission to put the course out for the approved 8 sessions per month on a flexible schedule of early morning sessions or weekday evenings.

The club will determine times for the week depending on member availability and weather conditions. The course will take

approximately 20 minutes to set up and take up, once we've gone through the learning curve.

How much does it cost to join the club? Yearly dues will be \$30 for an individual or \$50 for a family with up to 5 interested members. All boats to be used on the course must be properly registered with the SLLA.

Members that want to join but do not have a boat that can be used in Lake Sequoia can be pulled by other club members. If you want information about joining the club or have questions regarding the club please contact us at 910-673-1129 or [trngodwin@nc.rr.com](mailto:trngodwin@nc.rr.com).

We look forward to seeing you out on the lake!

*Rodney & Tonya Godwin  
Seven Lakes Slalom  
Ski Club*

## Say 'No' to county tax cut

Dear Editor:

The proposed budgets cuts in the Moore County school system are alarming and should be a concern for all of our community. I don't think anyone wouldn't enjoy a tax decrease but by cutting education in our area, we will be paying a much higher price in the long run. Although the argument can be that the school system budget cuts only affect a small minority of our county residents, I don't think we are looking at the big picture. Even if you don't have a child or grandchild in our school system, the budget cuts will affect you directly as well. When education suffers in any area, the economic downturn is right around the corner. Without the draw of a good school system, you will not have young professionals moving into our area. This will affect new businesses and current businesses from booming. Also, when we short-cut our children, we cripple their future potential.

They won't be prepared for the competitive nation we live in and won't be able to support

future healthcare and economic conditions in our area. All of us will suffer from this decision for many years to come and our area may never recover. While the Southern Pines/Pinehurst area has largely been supported by tourism and impressive healthcare and residents may feel that we have a rich community, who do you think is working in these areas? It is young professionals with children. If their children's education is suffering, what is going to stop them from moving to another area? Jobs will be lost, healthcare will decline, and businesses won't

have the support needed to prosper. We need to realize that as a community, we have a responsibility to make sure that we protect our resources. Children, families, tourism, healthcare, and business growth are our resources.

Please let's make sure our county commissioners know that we are not willing to pay a big price for our future for a small price today. Contact your commissioners and tell them you vote for education. Do not delay as the decision will be made in early June.

*Julie and John Lawson*



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In all aspect of living, like caring, striving, reflecting, and thanking God for the priceless gift of life in its many forms moving across the surface of the Earth, or flying overhead, or swimming in brooks, rivers, ponds, lakes, or oceans, or the earth-yielding examples of floral diversity, or the impact of the sun, the moon, the stars.

I'll always be awed by the immensity and diversity of the universe. Occasionally, my head becomes bowed by it all. I give silent thanks where I stand, or sit, or lie.

What is a greater stimulus on our path than to open the door to living and loving, and welcome the reflection the rising sun creates upon those gorgeous little flowers we assisted



## Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

into thriving.

Bullets fly. Soldiers and children die. Mosques are shattered.

Hatred persists between and within nations.

Vitriol becomes habit.

Peace so often seems just beyond the fingertips. But that fledgling little petal is once again emerging. Yes, flowers continue to bloom. They are all named "Hope."

# Evans is NAMI speaker

The NAMI-MC Educational meeting will be held on Monday, June 1, at 7:00 pm. The guest speaker will be Linda Evans Wells of Wallace, NC, who was diagnosed with bipo-

lar disorder in 1972. She is accomplished pianist and vocalist.

She will present a 30 minute program of music and a discussion of how she overcame the

effects of her illness and became successful. This is an inspiring story for all to hear.

In addition, the program, will include NAMI-National's 2009 Annual Exemplary Psychiatrist of the Year will be presented to Dr. Fernando Cobos, Medical Director of Outpatient Behavioral Services at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

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# Tax cut

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our individual lives . . . Even if you were going to cut taxes three cents, now is not the time to do it."

- "I don't think this is the time to cut," Ernie Hansford told the Board. "It will do some people a little good, but the county needs that money. Why cut it now, when next year it will jump right up again?"
- "[The money from] that one cent tax cut would do our schools a great amount of good," Tessie Taylor said. "I would not want to see classroom size raised so that the teacher doesn't have time to give my child that little bit of extra time he needs."
- "I'm concerned that schools have gotten into the business of fundraising rather than educating our children," Southern Pines Primary PTA President Rolie Sampson said. "Schools are starting to compete with their PTAs in raising money" in order to buy supplies that aren't funded in operating budgets. Sampson said her school, when it came to time to assemble kindergarten orientation packets, had to decide whether to give children scissors or crayons.
- "I am here to ask you to please not reduce the tax rate, but use those funds for the public schools and the college," former School Board member Jennifer Garner said. "It has taken us an awful long time

over the past twelve to fifteen years to get our schools into shape."

In all, more than two dozen citizens took to the microphone, all of them urging the Commissioners to forego a planned cut in the property tax rate in order to fund the schools or restore other programs that would be cut if County Manager Cary McSwain's \$78.5 million budget is approved. Not a single speaker rose to support the proposed tax cut; and, when one asked those opposed to a tax cut to rise, almost no one in the overstuffed courtroom remained in his or her seat.

## More funding sought for county programs

Speakers asked the Commissioners to fund a number of programs eliminated in the manager's budget, including:

- A major update of the county's comprehensive land use plan, which is now ten years old. The Planning Board sought \$100,000 to hire outside consultants to help with the process.
- Longevity pay, which Nancy Rogers, a collections assistant in the county tax department, asked the Commissioners to restore to the manager's budget. That's a once-a-year payment, calculated as a percentage of salary, paid to county employees, with the percentage varying based

on years of service. Chairman Nick Picerno, in a work session on Friday, May 15, asked McSwain to rework the budget adding back half of the funding for longevity pay.

- Funding for Sandhills Community College. Chairman George Little and other members of the SCC Board of Trustees argued that the tough economy has pushed up college enrollment — by as much as twenty-percent — at the same time that the county is cutting \$189,000 from its contribution to the college's operating and capital budgets.
- Four part time positions at the Moore County Animal Center, which allow the

facility to receive strays and adopt out pets on the weekends. Mary Jo Morris told the Board that "the work ethic of these employees is exceeded only by their compassion for the animals in their care." Picerno asked McSwain to add back in two of these positions when he reworks the budget.

## Speakers seek funding for schools

The great majority of speakers wanted to talk about schools, encouraging the Commissioners to restore \$840,000 in funding that the County Manager had cut from the local funding request submitted by the Board of Education.

The schools are funded large-

ly by the state, and it has not been a good year for state funding, MCS Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser told Commissioners. Between cuts in the current year's budget and cuts planned for next year, the schools have lost \$3.5 million to \$4 million in state funding, Purser said — the equivalent of 51 teaching positions or the loss of two full schools.

Purser said McSwain's budget cut \$400,000 in requested capital funding — used to repair roofs, purchase smart boards, and so on — and \$440,000 in operational costs. She noted the county had found away to add back in the \$400,000 in capital, but said the \$440,000 operational cut was the equivalent of

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# Facing state cuts, Purser wants local support

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Dr. Susan Purser is the consummate professional. From her no-nonsense, business-like demeanor to her careful crafting of a school bond initiative, no one

has ever doubted, in the five years of her tenure in Moore County, the professionalism of the Superintendent of Moore County Schools [MCS].

So, when state budget cuts bring Dr. Susan Purser to tears,

you know the outlook is grim.

Purser's tears — which she quickly and characteristically recovered from and apologized for — came during a Thursday, May 21, Moore County Board of Commissioners Work Session on

the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget. The county manager's budget offers MCS \$440,000 less than the beleaguered school system requested.

"It's the \$440,000 that is giving you the heartburn?" Commissioner Cindy Morgan asked.

"Really, it's the fact that we are getting all these other reductions, and, typically, what you do is turn to your local people to help you through the tough times," Purser responded. "The

\$440,000 does equate to nine people, and I'm just doing everything I can to hold onto people."

The Superintendent had received earlier in the afternoon an update on the education budget moving through the North Carolina House. The House budget increased the \$3.5 million to \$4 million cuts MCS was anticipating from the Governor's and Senate budgets to a potential \$6 million, which could require

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losing another nine teachers. [The county determined that the \$400,000 capital expense — used for roof repair — could be paid for with interest earned on the proceeds from educational bonds, County Finance Officer Lisa Hughes told *The Times*.]

"We are not asking county to make up the state deficit, but respectfully request not cutting the \$440,000," Purser told the Commissioners.

### Picerno: Budget will increase school funding

After the public hearing was closed, Chairman Nick Picerno offered a different perspective on county funding for the schools, noting that the Manager's budget proposes spending \$32,286,322 on the schools, compared to \$31,798,652 last year.

"That's \$487,670 more this year than last year," Picerno said, "and that doesn't include the \$400,000 the manager found them in capital."

The difference in the Superintendent's numbers and the Chairman's numbers comes

down to one point: debt service. The county has taken on indebtedness — approved by the voters — to fund the construction of new schools; and the payments on that indebtedness are expected be just over \$7 million in the coming year — \$1.1 million more than last year.

When Picerno says the county expects to spend an additional \$488,000 on the schools next year, he's including that debt service, because it is included in the county budget and must be paid for by county taxpayers.

But Purser's math doesn't include the debt service. Even though MCS and the School Board decide where and when to build the schools, the cost of building them is not a part of the MCS budget. Under state statutes, building schools is a county function.

In other words, the County Manager is looking at \$1.1 in additional debt service next year

and carved that out of the schools capital and operational budgets. But from the perspective of the schools, that money just vanished.

Although Picerno didn't make the point during the meeting, much the same pattern is at work in the proposed funding for Sandhills Community College. The county's overall budget for the college anticipates a \$189,000 increase in funding, but debt service will increase by twice that figure. The manager found the other \$189,000 by cutting the college's appropriation for operational expenses.

Though Picerno made his point about increased overall funding for the schools during Monday night's meeting, he did so only after the scores of folks who showed up for the public hearing on the budget had already left. At that point, the only members of the public present in the courtroom were reporters.

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# Schools

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the elimination of 51 teachers and 44 teachers assistants (out of the 800-plus MCS employs), as well as cutting five days out of the school year next year and ten days the year after. [Raleigh has since backed away from the idea of shortening the school year. MCS employs over 800 teachers.] Funding for summer school could be cut \$309,000; transportation funding, \$150,000; textbooks, \$315,000.

"We have been digging in," Purser told the Commissioners. "Part of what we put in place was to brace ourselves for what was coming. We cannot avoid an impact on the classroom. This is not a scare tactic, this is not fun and games, we are in a desperate situation."

"The Commissioners have been very supportive," the Superintendent continued. "This is a time when we step up and we tighten our belt. That \$440,000 equates to nine positions that I can hold on to. But mostly it is about the support. Our community needs to see the support for education . . . We are asking this \$440,000 to say to us, 'We understand the plight that you are dealing with, but we are going to be there with you.'"

Once Purser had completed her remarks and the four commissioners present had an opportunity to speak, it was clear they were with her emotionally, but it was by no means clear they

would provide the \$440,000 Purser sought.

Purser and the Board of Education presented the Board of Commissioners with what they considered a flat budget request. But the MCS budget does not include funding for debt service on school bonds approved by the taxpayers and used to build new schools. The county budget does include the tax dollars that are used to pay down that debt. The \$440,000 hole in Purser's budget is \$440,000 the county is using to pay for school bonds.

So, paradoxically, Purser sees a looming shortfall in county funding in next year's budget, while the number of county tax dollars devoted to funding the schools will actually increase, if the county manager's budget is approved.

## County Dollars Spent Last

Chairman Nick Picerno asked MCS Finance Director Mike Griffin why the schools had failed to spend more than \$1 million in county funding last year. Roughly three-quarters of the \$100 million MCS budget is comprised of state funding; the county provided \$26 million or \$27 million of the total. So far this fiscal year, Picerno noted, MCS has spent only \$20 million of the \$27 million budgeted.

Griffin explained that state funding is more restricted than county funding, with various revenue streams from the state directed to specific funding objectives — from pay for teachers to pay for buses. County funding is much more flexible, so MCS always spends state dollars first, filling in at year-end with county dollars.

"You have \$500,000 allocated in your fund balance for this year. Do you anticipate spending that?" Picerno asked Griffin. "No," Griffin replied. Later in the meeting, he noted that is was important for MCS to maintain some fund balance — the money the school system has in the bank — in order to meet on-going cash flow needs.

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## County hosts municipalities

Earlier in the meeting, the Board of Commissioners hosted the first of what are expected to be quarterly meetings with officials from local governments from throughout the county.

Foxfire Mayor George Erickson brought the Board up to date on the Stonehill Pines development, thanking the Public Works staff for working with the Village and developers to bring a water line from Pinehurst to serve the new community.



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