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## Board mounts two-track effort to replace Fulcher

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

The search for new Community Management was on the minds of the landowners who spoke during the Wednesday, July 29, Open Meeting of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA].

"I don't know why we are looking for a new manager or new system when we have the best possible manager right here, in Chad Beane," Ron Richmond, who served on the SLLA Board for eight years, told Directors during the public comment period. "Chad is far and away the most knowledgeable, most helpful, most thorough person I have ever had the pleasure of dealing with."

### A Two-Track Process

The SLLA Board has been engaged for several months in a

two-track process, managed by Director Kent Droppers, evaluating two options for replacing Community Manager Dalton Fulcher when he retires at the end of the year. One option is to simply replace Fulcher with

company's headquarters. The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] hired such a company — Community Association Services, Inc. [CAS] in October of last year.

"Looking at a company is harder," Droppers explained during Wednesday night's meeting, "because we have never done that before. So we started by looking at compa-

### Seven Lakes Landowners Association Meeting 7/29

another full-time, on-site manager heading up a staff that works directly for the Association.

The other option is to hire a community management company that would provide a full-time, on-site manager; a complement of other office staff; and accounting, legal, and other services through a centralized "backroom" operation at the

nies." He said three management companies had made presentations to and been interviewed by Board members. The next step is for the Directors to individually rank those companies. Then two, or possibly all three, will be asked to make more extensive presentations describing how they would pro-

(See "Manager," p. 26)

## Food from the Angels



Volunteers Terri Purvis and Benny Brown, with the Angel Food Ministry of Seven Lakes Baptist Church, share a smile over a large box of fresh fruit and vegetables — just one of the many nutritious options available to the wider community through the program. For information, visit [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com) or drop by the church.

## West Side celebrates Thirtieth Anniversary

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Security was at the top of the agenda for the Tuesday, July 28 General Meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA]. An advertised appearance by Moore County Sheriff's Detective Kip Dennis to discuss vandalism and other security issues sparked a turnout of well over one hundred landowners.

The community also used the occasion to celebrate its thirtieth birthday, complete with cake and punch. Vice President John Hoffmann, presiding in the absence of President Ron Shepard, explained that developer Fred Lawrence signed the original covenants for Seven Lakes West on July 27, 1979.

Hoffmann briefly recounted

the origins of Seven Lakes as a whole, noting that Lawrence

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first envisioned the community while on a bird-hunting trip to Moore County in 1971. Lawrence

began with a 1200-acre purchase that provided land for the North Side and most of the South Side, later adding another 400 acres to accommodate the Seven Lakes Country Club golf course.

Land for Seven Lakes West was purchased later from Clyde Auman, Billy Johnson, and Alan MacDonald. At the time, there was a five-acre lake on the property. But testing suggested there

was water enough to build a large lake, and that gamble paid off on Memorial Day 1994, when Lake Auman was dedicated after the water level reached its maximum height.

Hoffmann said lakefront lots were originally sold for \$35,000; interior lots, for \$10,000. Though Lawrence suffered financial reverses as a result of his investment in the community, Hoff-

(See "West Side," p. 27)

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# Still time to get in on Guild Golf Tourney

There is still time to sign up for the 5th Annual Seven Lakes Business Guild President's Cup Golf Tournament. The event is scheduled for Saturday, August

15 at Seven Lakes Country Club with an 8:30 am shotgun start and the traditional 3 person team Captains Choice format. Entry fee of \$65 per player includes range

balls, golf, on-course refreshments, dinner and prizes.

The proceeds from this year's tournament will be applied to the ongoing business village

roadway project. The project's goal is to not only improve the condition of the roads but to eventually fulfill all of the requirements necessary to be able to turn them over to the state as public roadways.

If you have been looking for a way to have fun and do something to benefit the entire Seven

Lakes community at the same time, then this event is the one you have been waiting for.

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## Guild Plans Fall Festival

The Seven Lakes Area Business Guild will celebrate the arrival of Fall with a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 10, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, featuring live local music, great food, and booths featuring local merchants and organizations.

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Ten by ten booths are free for Guild members; \$35 for non-members. Sponsorships are available.

Contact Shirley Sikkima at 910-690-3664 to reserve a booth or for information on sponsorship opportunities.

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# Board hears concerns about Sequoia Point

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Overcrowding at Sequoia Point — and the bad behavior it seems to spawn — were hot topics of conversation during the Wednesday, July 29 Open Meeting of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA].

Both Don and Donna Fentzlaiff took advantage of the public comment period to acquaint Board members with problems at Sequoia Point. Mr. Fentzlaiff described persistent violations of the rule against swimming by the boat slips — and complained of half-hearted enforcement by Security.

Mrs. Fentzlaiff brought along a gallon-sized plastic bag half-full of cigarette butts that she said she had picked up off the Sequoia Point beach in a two-day period.

"The beach at Sequoia Point is like a giant ashtray," she said. "I would like to see the Board eliminate smoking on the beach. This is supposed to be an amenity. It's absolutely awful."

"We're getting more and more

people moving in who use Sequoia Point," Director Bud Shaver responded. "We're trying to address that. Can we expand the swimming area? Can we put in more boat slips? More parking? We've got a real problem there at Sequoia Point because of the large number of people that now use it. We rec-

ognize the problem but exactly what we're going to do, I can't answer."

Director Gary Caulk said there were 400 people at Sequoia Point on the Fourth of July — and another 100 on the island.

**Usage Fees the Answer?**

One way to control overcrowding would be to make it more expensive to use the Point, but the Board heard from several residents who objected to a plan, proposed by Community Manager Dalton Fulcher during the July 13 SLLA Board Work Session, to charge a fee for group rental of the picnic shelters at Sequoia Point: \$25 for up to 25 people or \$50 for 25 to 50 people.

"We shouldn't have to be charged to use it," Mrs. Fentzlaiff said. "That is one of the things that makes this all attractive. That's not going to keep the people from going there. We shouldn't be charged for something that is one of our amenities."

Her comments were echoed by Ray Ulansy, Karen Enloe, and George Temple.

"The way I understood it, charging for Sequoia Point was going

(See "Sequoia Point," p. 26)

## SLLA Board Notes

by Randy Zielsdorf  
SLLA President  
Sequoia Point

Now that we are more than halfway through the Summer, your Board of Directors would like to thank all the residents who have been using Sequoia Point to help keep it litter free. This Summer we are using more trash receptacles and have had more frequent trash pick ups. As a result, Sequoia Point has remained somewhat litter free this season, but this could not have been accomplished without the many visitors to Sequoia Point being careful to place their trash and cigarette butts into the appropriate receptacles.

### Questions and Comments

Please direct any correspondence you may have first to the Landowner's Association. The email address and mailing address are given below. Upon receipt of your correspondence, the office will send you an acknowledgment of your email or letter. If appropriate, the Community Manager will bring your correspondence to the Board of Directors. If you correspondence has not been acknowledged within a reasonable period of time, please notify the Board of Directors, or appropriate Board Member.

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# Committee plans SLLA repaving

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

A joint committee on road paving has been formed, drawing members from both the finance and maintenance committees, Treasurer Denny Galford reported during the Wednesday, July 29 open meeting of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA].

Two members of the maintenance committee have walked the entire road network looking for key problem areas — like Dogwood and the curbing at the Northside parking lot. Their two-page report will be attached to the Association's published minutes once they have been approved by the Board.

A key decision point, he said, is whether to begin repaving sooner, in order to improve the appearance of the community, or to delay for several months because the road deterioration is not critical in most areas. In either case, crack-sealing, which is best done during the cooler months, is expected to go forward in January and February.

Using a target date of September 2010 for the beginning of repaving, the committee has worked backward to identify critical decision and action points: when to put the project out for bids, when to make an application for loans to cover part of the costs, etc.

Paving the twelve miles of primary roads is expected to cost roughly \$800,000, Galford said, of which \$300,000 to \$400,000 would be borrowed. "That financ-

ing is available," he added.

## Committee Reports

Those who attended the July 29 SLLA Meeting heard several committee reports:

**Finance.** Galford reported that the finance committee had met on July 14 and reviewed the current financial reports, trial balance, income statement, and invoices. The five-to-ten-year financial plan was also reviewed. Galford explained that one member of the committee reviews the plan monthly, the full committee reviews and updates it quarterly. A revised version will be published annually for review by the membership.

Galford reported that a draft audit of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is in hand and the final document is expected in short order.

The funds statement, which tracks the allocation of Association funds among various bank accounts, is now computerized, Galford said. It is prepared monthly by the staff, reviewed by the finance committee, and reconciled by one member of the committee.

Work on the FY 2010-2011 budget will get underway in October, the Treasurer reported, noting he expects finance committee members to play a larger role this year because of Community Manager Fulcher's impending retirement in December.

Reviewing the income statement in Fulcher's absence, Galford reported that dues are eighty-

(See "SLLA," p. 25)



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# Board approves design for jail, safety building

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

In a three-to-two vote Monday night, Moore County's Board of Commissioners approved schematic drawings for a new detention center and public safety building in downtown Carthage, despite protests from Carthage residents.

Commissioners Tim Lea and Cindy Morgan voted against the drawings, both saying the recognized they need for a new jail but objected to the location.

Earlier in the process, Morgan and Lea voted to place the detention center further down the hill on the Grimm property, rather than adjacent to the existing jail.

The County purchased the 21-acre Grimm Property, down McNeill Street from the Courthouse, for \$1.5 million in 2007 as a site for the new buildings — a decision that Lea opposed at the time, arguing that suitable property was available at a much lower price.

Carthage resident Bert Patrick, who is a candidate for mayor in this November's municipal elections, used the Public Comment portion of the Commissioners' Monday, August 3 meeting to deliver a lengthy statement opposing a downtown location for the new jail.

Patrick said the proposed facility is, technically, a "detention

center" rather than a jail and thus could be used to house state and federal inmates, including convicted felons awaiting transfer to more secure facilities.

Patrick said she had been assured by the Sheriff's Office that these more dangerous inmates would not be housed in the new detention center. "But I believe, if you build it, they will come," she said.

Noting that, in a July 20 meeting, Commissioner Morgan had opposed placing a new County Administration building on the Grimm Property near the jail because of safety concerns, Patrick asked, "What concern is there for the safety of the citizens of Carthage, and our children?"

"We're in too much of a hurry here," she added. "We need to slow down and think about this and do what is right for the people of Moore County."

Patrick's concerns were echoed by both Libby Moodie and Beth McNeeley, also Carthage residents, who said they would not feel safe if the detention center is located downtown. McNeeley said she had heard from residents of Concord that a new downtown detention center there had depressed the values of historic homes nearby.

**Committee  
recommends approval**

Technically, the Commissioners had already decided on the

downtown location for the jail, in  
(See "Commissioners," p. 21)

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# Pinehurst plans to buy water, sewer plants

The Village of Pinehurst seems determined to get into the water business, and that determination took a big step forward today when the Village Council approved the \$5.5 million purchase of industrial water and wastewater treatment facilities on the Lumber River near Wagram in Scotland County.

Council members voted unanimously, during their Tuesday, July 28 meeting, to approve a letter of intent that provides for the purchase of a water intake, a water treatment plant, a wastewater treatment plant, 198 acres of land around those facilities, and 7.2 acres of easements that will allow the Village to reach the nearest state road with water and sewer pipes. The water and wastewater plants were part of a West Point Pepperell manufacturing complex that is no longer operational.

## Water for the Next 50 years

Councilman Jeff Dawson told reporters after the meeting that the purchase "solves the problem of Pinehurst water for the next 50 years."

Pinehurst currently consumes an average of roughly 2 million gallons of water per day; usage can jump as high as 3.25 million gallons per day when dry summer days spark more use of water for irrigation. The Pinehurst system also supplies water to Seven Lakes, through a water main and booster pump station on NC Highway 211. Seven Lakes users can consume nearly 900,000 gallons on peak usage days.

The West Point water treatment plant is currently permitted to produce seven million gallons of water per day — twice Pinehurst's peak usage. Its only current customer is a Gulistan Carpet manufacturing operation that occupies a portion of the former West Point facility. The letter of intent obligates the Village to continue to supply Gulistan's needs, as well as up to 500,000 gallons per day to any future tenants of the West Point plant.

## Partners Needed

Pinehurst's goal in purchasing the plant is to provide more water — and, wastewater treatment capacity — to southern Moore

County; to do that, it will have to install eighteen miles of water and sewer lines — and find a customer or customers for its water. Pinehurst currently has no water customers; its residents are served by a water and sewer system owned by the county.

Dawson said the Village hopes to partner with other local governments — Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Moore County, and, perhaps in the future, Laurinburg and Scotland County — in developing a plan for use of the plants. He noted that both Aberdeen and Southern Pines had been receptive to the idea of working with Pinehurst in that regard. But he said the Village had not talked with Moore County officials about that possibility in advance of Tuesday's vote.

When *The Times* contacted Board of Commissioners Chair-

man Nick Picerno and Public Works Director Dennis Brobst shortly after the Council meeting for comment on the Village's proposed purchase of the West Point plant, neither had heard about the deal. Both Picerno and Brobst declined comment until they learned more about Pinehurst's plans, though Brobst did note that he and County Manager Cary McSwain had visited the West Point plant and that the county had expressed some interest in purchasing it.

The West Point facility was among the water supply options highlighted in a 2007 study by McGill Associates funded by the county and its municipalities. One advantage of the West Point plant is its location on the Lumber River.

A large percentage of the county's population lies in the

Lumber River Basin and the county's Addor wastewater treatment plant discharges into the Lumber. As a result, water taken from the Lumber River does not run afoul of state Interbasin Transfer rules that limit the amount of water local governments can move from one river basin to another. Water moved from the mothballed Robbins water treatment plant to southern Moore County could bring these restrictions into play, since Robbins lies in the Cape Fear River Basin.

## Expansion Possible

The seven million gallons per day the West Point plant can currently produce is two million gallons more than the current total production capacity of the county-owned Pinehurst-Seven Lakes

Water System. In fact, the McGill study puts the average daily demand for all the water systems operating in the county at just under seven million gallons per day.

Consequently, there may be no immediate need to increase the capacity of the West Point plant, but Dawson said expansion of both the water and wastewater plants at the site is definitely possible in the future, noting that the Village plans to purchase nearly 200 acres of property in the deal.

Another possibility, he told reporters, is to utilize the West Point water intake to withdraw raw water from the Lumber River and pipe that to, for example, the water treatment facility in Southern Pines.

(See "Pinehurst," p. 20)

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# West End Elementary ready for new year

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

West End Elementary Principal Johnnye Waller said she is looking forward to another great year.

"We are excited about the building renovations completed this Summer that will provide more uniform heating and cooling in the main office building which also includes the school library, computer lab, and Third grade classrooms," Waller said. "We're also planning for a smaller computer lab in addition to the main one and will be relocating the art and music classrooms to the main campus."

Waller said orchestra, the Advanced & Gifted [AIG] and Exceptional Children [EC] programs, and pre-Kindergarten classrooms will remain in the mobile units.

Two new teachers join West End Elementary this year, in Physical Education and pre-Kindergarten.

Waller was also very enthusiastic and pleased with the K-2 playground renovation project and explained the primary grade playground is being relocated to the sports field areas.

"All of the playgrounds will now be in one area and we are working on scheduling. The PTA is

doing a lot of work getting rid of the bamboo so the playground may be moved, putting in fencing and a storage building, and adding a walking trail," said Waller. "The PTA has been outstanding – we are a very fortunate school."

## Moore County Moves Forward with Lake Pinehurst Lift Stations Project

Moore County owns and operates a public enterprise system, which in part provides water and wastewater services to County residents, including residents of Pinehurst. A portion of the wastewater system located around Lake Pinehurst was constructed in the late 1970s and has begun to show signs of deterioration. Lake Pinehurst, which covers over 200 acres and is surrounded by residential developments, is used for recreation, conservation, boating, fishing, and the irrigation of local golf courses.

Five pump stations located around Lake Pinehurst have been operating for approximately thirty years and are now in need of replacement. Most of the pump stations are located within thirty feet of the lake shoreline with attached lines under the lake, and any failure leading to sewer overflows would have a significant impact on the water quality in the Lake and downstream water bodies.

Moore County received federal stimulus funding in the amount of \$3 million from the Construction Grants and Loans Section in May 2009 to fund the replacement of the five pump stations in order to bring them up to current state regulations and proper working conditions. The project, which was originally estimated to cost \$3.8 million, was awarded to T. A. Loving Company on June 1, 2009 in the amount of \$2,761,430. By accepting and signing the Offer and Acceptance Letter on July 20, 2009, the County is able to take advantage of \$1.5 million in grant funding and \$1.5 million in a loan to be financed for twenty years with zero interest. The Board of Commissioners has also adopted the Lake Pinehurst Lift Stations Project Ordinance.

The County received notification from the Village of additional approvals and permit requirements, which could delay the project for several months. Delaying the project could result in the County losing the \$3 million. The Village also informed the County that the scheduled pre-construction meeting should not be held. The additional notice requirements from the Village to the County was also sent to Dempsey Benton Jr., Director of the Office of Economic Recovery and Investment, who oversees statewide stimulus funding awards to local governments in North Carolina.

In the latest correspondence, the Village stated it possesses the power to apply its zoning and historic overlay regulations to Moore County's proposed projects, including the Lake Pinehurst lift stations; however, the Village is adamant they do not wish to jeopardize the federal funding granted to the County to complete this project.

Moore County has taken a legal position based on North Carolina General Statutes as well as case law that it can proceed with this project without the approval of the Village of Pinehurst. The County has unsuccessfully made numerous attempts to resolve any outstanding issues regarding the project with the Village.

Moore County is the only entity to meet all deadline requirements for the stimulus funding, according to the State. As of July 15, 2009, the County has 420 days for substantial completion of the project and intends to meet all additional deadline requirements.

Moore County is committed to moving forward with this critical project with use of the stimulus funding in order to benefit the ratepayers and citizens of Moore County.

For additional information, contact:  
Nick Picerno, Chairman  
Moore County Board of Commissioners  
(910) 691-1150  
npicerno@embarqmail.com

## Back to School Night

Moore County Schools will host Back to School Nights on Thursday, August 20 and Monday, August 24.

West End Elementary students and parents are welcome to meet with teachers and visit classrooms on Thursday, August 20 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Other school staff will also be available including the After School Program coordinator, and a representative for bus service.

West Pine Middle School will host students and parents from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm that evening. And rising Ninth grade and new high school students and their parents may visit Pinecrest High on Monday, August 24 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

# School supplies are tax-free this weekend

This weekend is a great time to purchase necessary back-to-school supplies using the tax-free exemptions offered by the state of North Carolina.

Clothing, footwear, and school supplies listed for \$100 or less per item are eligible; also sports and recreation equipment listed for \$50 or less per item; school instructional materials of \$300 or less per item; computer supplies of \$250 or less per item and computers valued at \$3,500 or less per item are also eligible.

## Recommended School Supplies List

**Kindergarten** – book bag without wheels, a towel for nap [no mats]

**First grade** – book bag without wheels

**Second grade** – book bag without wheels, [2] 180-200 page wide-ruled notebooks, pencils. Optional: pocket folder, pencil box

**Third grade** – wide-ruled loose

leaf notebook paper, #2 pencils, zippered pencil pouch, [4] one subject spiral bound notebooks. Do not purchase zip notebooks or pencil boxes as they will not fit in desks.

**Fourth grade** – [6] one subject spiral bound notebooks, #2 pencils [no mechanical pencils], cap erasers, pencil pouch.

**Fifth grade** – plastic folder of your choice, [3] one subject spiral bound notebooks, #2 pencils, wide-ruled loose leaf notebook paper, zip up notebook [no Velcro closures], [1] set notebook dividers, pencil pouch that will fit in notebook.

**Sixth grade** – [1] one-inch binder, [1] two-inch binder, loose leaf paper, pencils, red ink pen, pencil pouch or box, [1] pack

colored pencils. Do not purchase wheeled/rolling book bags, permanent markers, zippered binders.

**Seventh grade** – [2] two-inch three-ring binders of different colors, 15-subject dividers, [4] two-pocket folders with prongs [one red, one green, one yellow, one blue], loose leaf notebook paper, black or blue ink pens, pencils, [1] package of fine line markers, [1] set colored pencils, [4] different colored highlighter markers, graph paper, hand-held pencil sharpener, protractor, [1] spiral bound notebook. Optional: scientific calculator or graphing calculator [TI-34II, TI-30XIIS, TI-83 Plus, TI-83 Plus Silver Edition, TI-84 Plus, TI-84 Plus Silver Edition.

**Eighth grade** – [1] one-inch binder for each subject, loose leaf notebook paper, graph paper [1/2 cm blocks], [1] subject dividers, colored pencils, highlighters, ruler, red ink pens, index cards.

**High School grades** – three-ring binders, loose leaf notebook paper, pencils, pens. Additional supplies will be recommended as appropriate by subject /teacher.

## Bible School at WEUMC

Join West End United Methodist Church for Vacation Bible School beginning August 16 through August 21, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm each day. The theme will be "Rome - Paul and the Underground Church." Everyone from the community is welcome to attend. For details call the WEUMC office at 673-1371.

## 'Stuff the Bus' for County Students

During the August Sales Tax Holiday, Communities In Schools needs your help to "Stuffing the Bus" with school supplies for Moore County students.

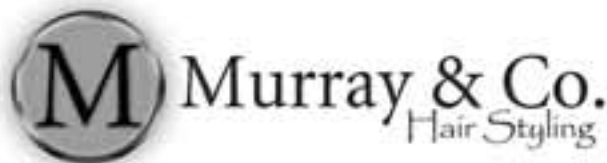
The "Stuff the Bus" campaign begins on Friday, August 7 through Sunday, August 9, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm each day.

The bus will be in front of Walmart in Aberdeen. You will be greeted by students and Board Members who will be available to collect school supplies you donate for students in Moore County.

Please come out and support the Annual Back to School Supplies Drive. The students need paper, pencils, notebooks, backpacks, glue, etc.

Moore County students hope you will help during the "Stuff the Bus" campaign. See you there.

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# Watch out for mid-summer garden pests

The weather in Seven Lakes during July was normal in many respects and variable in other instances. In early July, rainfall was adequate followed by a two week period of hot-dry, muggy and humid days; where elsewhere in neighboring communities there were spotty showers. During the past week, we were blessed with abundant showers that rejuvenated new growth.

In Seven Lakes, Beacon Ridge, and throughout the Sandhills, one can observe beautiful, flowering plants and shrubs everywhere.

The old sod has been removed from the North and South gates of Seven Lakes and new grass sod strips applied. This will hopefully make these areas more attractive.

Here are a few gardening reminders for this time of the season:

This is an ideal time to take soil samples and send them in for analysis. The NCDA Soil Testing laboratory is less busy during the Summer months. Kits and instructions may be obtained from the Agricultural Extension Service Office in Carthage. It is a free service...use it.

Check your flowering plants, shrubs, vegetable garden, and other plants for insects and if damage warrants it, treat with a safe, recommended insecticide. With the dry and dusty conditions, spider mites have been observed on plantings. Insecticidal soap

## Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill



and superior Summer oil is helpful to control some insects. Sevin and malathion are the old standbys that control many insects but each have some limitations. Dermethrin is sold under various trade names and is a relatively new, recommended insecticide that will control certain insects.

It's time to fertilize your Bermuda and Zoysia lawns for the second and final time this year. In the absence of a soil test analysis report, use a premium slow release 16-4-8, 15-10-14, or 18-3-11. As a general rule each bag will cover five to twelve thousand square feet. Many of us still like to use thirty-four percent nitrogen [from ammonium nitrate] at the rate of four to six pounds per 1,000 square feet. In the absence of a soil test analysis fertilize your azaleas, camel-

lias, and other permanent evergreen shrubs with a premium slow release 10-10-10, or equivalent, at the rate of one tablespoon per foot of plant height.

Weed and grass control continues to be a problem. Last month considerable emphasis was discussed in detail concerning controls. Remember broadleaf and woody plants can be controlled with various 2,4-D, MappDiCambz, TriMac, and/or phenoxy type herbicides. Two other products recommended for post-emergence overtop and crops for grasses are Poast and Vantage. RoundUp [glyphosate] is a contact, non-selective herbicide that kills everything it's sprayed upon.

Use all gardening chemicals safely, according to label instructions and directions; and keep the residues out of our lakes. These mentioned pesticides may be obtained from Cardinal Chemical Company in Aberdeen and possibly from your favorite garden center.

Give your flower beds a boost with a mid-Summer dose of liquid or granular fertilizer at the rate recommended on the package.

Prune and cutback your azaleas, camellias, rhododendrons, and other bloom-spent evergreen plants as soon as possible so that new bloom buds and growth will form for next season.

Prune and cutback chrysanthemums for the final time to induce compact growth and flowering.

Suggested vegetable garden plantings include Bush beans, Southern field or crowder peas, and late tomato plants.

You can extend your gardening season by planting these Winter vegetables: beet seed, broccoli, carrot seeds, cauliflower seed or plants, also collard seeds or plants [if you can find any available], and rutabaga seeds. Remember late vegetable plantings require watering plant food, sunlight, pest control, and tender love and care.

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# In memory of . . .

**Alvin Louie LeGrand**, 85, of Eagle Springs, died Tuesday, August 4, at his home.

Mr. LeGrand was born in Columbia, SC. He moved to Robbins in 1960, and in 1964, he opened and operated LeGrand Heating and Air. He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the European Theater. He held the rank of sergeant when he was honorably discharged in 1945.

He was a member of Woodmen of the World and Central Farmers Mutual Insurance Company; where he served on the board of directors for twenty-seven years. He was a Sunday School teacher at his church and was also active in the Boy Scouts.

Funeral services will be held Friday, August 7 at 2:00 pm, at Rock Hill Friends Church where he was a member, with the Rev. Tom Powers officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louie Lewis and Bonnie Marie Griffin LeGrand; granddaughter, Ashley E. LeGrand; brothers, Melvin McCoy LeGrand and Myrtis O'Neil LeGrand.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-six years, Pauline LeGrand; son, Vernon LeGrand; brothers, Marvin Lenord LeGrand, Elton Lewis LeGrand, and Lavern Harris LeGrand, all of Columbia, SC; Edward Horace LeGrand, of Eagle Springs, and Leland Johnnie LeGrand, of Lugoff, SC; sisters, Alma Ophelia Padgett and Elsie Marie Gawrys, both of Columbia, SC; and a granddaughter.

Kennedy Funeral Home of Robbins is serving the family.

**Samuel Paul Bryant, Jr.**, died Thursday, July 30 at his home in Foxfire Village.

He was born in Raleigh, the son of Samuel Paul Bryant and Hazel Poole Bryant. He served in the US Army during the Korean War and later attended Campbell University.

He was a successful entrepreneur and business owner. Memorial services were held

on Sunday, August 2 at Mount Lawn Cemetery in Raleigh. Pastor Larry Ellis of the Village Chapel officiated.

Survivors include his wife Claire Chamberlain Bryant; two sons, Brad Bryant of Dacula, GA, and Bob Bryan of Pinehurst; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Village Chapel, PO Box 1060, Pinehurst, NC 28370 or to Campbell University, Samuel Paul & Claire Bryant Golf Scholarship Fund, PO Box 116, Buies Creek, NC 27506

**Carl Bruce Munro**, 73, of Foxfire Village, died Tuesday, July 28, at his home.

A Celebration of Life service was held on Sunday, August 2. Mr. Munro will be interred in Woodlawn Cemetery in his hometown of Wellsville, New York.

Mr. Munro served in the Marine

Corps during the Korean War. He graduated from the University of Delaware and worked for the DuPont Company for over thirty years.

In 1992, he and his wife, Helen moved to Foxfire Village.

He was very active in community affairs serving on the Foxfire Village Council, the Board of the Foxfire Property Owners Association and many Foxfire Days Committees.

He was also active with the Chamber of Commerce and served on several committees of the Moore County School District and was a supporter and a member of the Board for the Ruth Pauley Lecture Series.


He was an alternate for the Moore County Planning and Zoning Board as well as the Foxfire Board of Adjustments.

He was preceded in death by his brother, John W. (Jack) Munro, and his brother, Terry D. Munro.

Mr. Munro is survived by his wife, Helen, S. Munro; his brother, David C. Munro, of Whitesville NY; his sister, Judith Kimball, of Middletown DE; son, Bruce C. Munro of Flower Mound, TX; daughter, Jennifer L. Munro of

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# Whoa Down Moore County & Share the Road

by Mary Harvey  
Seven Lakes West

You're driving down the road when suddenly you see a horse

and rider up ahead. This is becoming more common in the West End area. The Devonaire 4-H Horse Club of Moore Coun-



**Mary Harvey and her friend Nina Rhoades** demonstrate the significance of clothing color in increasing or decreasing the visibility (and therefore, safety) of a horse & rider.

ty suggests the following safety tips to help motorists and riders be prepared to share the road.

- For a horse and rider, safety begins at home. In a safe environment, a rider should prepare their horse for potential startling agents such as roadside trash, bikes, bells, cars and horns.
- Choose your roads carefully, bearing in mind that NC law requires riders to travel with traffic. A wide shoulder helps ensure that you and your horse are as safe as possible.
- Increase your visibility by wearing light colored or reflective clothing - and don't forget to wear your riding helmet.
- Communicate to drivers with hand signals, so that they know to slow down, and be sure to thank them when they do.
- Usually, riders can control their horses better from the saddle, so if your horse gets spooked do not dismount. Remain level-headed and focus on your horse.

Motorists should be aware that NC law gives horses and their riders the right to use public roads and obligates motorists to use reasonable care when near a horse. Since horses startle easily, motorists should slow down when approaching them, and pass slowly while avoiding making loud noises or sudden movements.

By using a little horse sense, motorists and riders can share the road safely. Look for the Devonaire 4-H Horse Club "Whoa Down in Moore County and Share the Road" booth at the Moore County Fair, September

1-5. Stop by to pick up a brochure and learn more so that you, a motorist or a rider, can be better prepared to share the road.

For information on the Devonaire 4-H Horse Club, contact Beverly Wray at: wrayhill-farm@copper.net.

*Mary Harvey prepared this article as part of the Devonaire 4-H Horse Clubs' community service project: 'Whoa Down in Moore County and Share the Road.' Their goal is to educate motorists and riders about road safety for horses & cars.*



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# 7 Lakes VFD adds new water truck to fleet

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

The newest addition to the squad at the Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department [SLVFD] has one job: hauling water.

But this is no ordinary water boy. It can move 3,000 gallons of water at a time and dump that entire load in about two minutes.

utes.

And it only takes a few minutes longer than that to refill at the nearest lake.

Truck 636 is a \$234,000, 470 horsepower water-moving machine. SLVFD Deputy Chief Eddie Thomas told *The Times* that moving a lot of water quickly is particularly important in

western Moore County, where fire hydrants are scarce as hen's teeth.

A single firefighter can use can use 150-200 gallons of water per minute when battling a blaze, so bringing water the scene is a critical job.

Truck 636 comes complete with its own auxiliary storage

— like a super-sized inflatable kiddie pool. The truck can fill up at a nearby water source — like one of Seven Lakes' eight lakes — move water to the scene and dump the entire load into the "kiddie pool," allowing firefighters to use that resource while the tanker returns to the lake for more water.

There are three other high-capacity tankers in Moore County, Thomas told *The Times*. The purchase of Truck 636 has been planned for some time.

"This is part of our five-to-ten year planning," Thomas said.

"Beacuse we have to rely on hauling water, it's an important part of keeping our insurance rating low."

And maintaining that good insurance rating helps lower homeowners insurance costs for all those in the department's coverage area.

The truck was purchased from Faust Brothers in Smyrna, GA.

Thomas told *The Times* that SLVFD currently has twenty-five members on the company roster — "but we are always looking for more hands."

## New ambulance for EMS

by Bob Haan  
Seven Lakes EMS

A new ambulance was delivered recently to Seven Lakes EMS by Southeastern Specialty Vehicles. The ambulance is a 2009 Chevrolet G4500 Type III McCoy Miller 163.

This ambulance replaces the former one which was 15 years

old. Generous contributions and memorials given by the residents of Seven Lakes and the surrounding area over the past fifteen years have helped to make this purchase possible.

The ambulance is dedicated to the people of Seven Lakes. Seven Lakes EMS in cooperation with Moore County EMS

will continue to provide the best possible emergency medical care for the residents of Seven Lakes and surrounding area with this new ambulance.

Seven Lakes EMS is an all volunteer organization which responds to your 911 medical calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Seven Lakes EMS responds to calls in Seven Lakes North, South, and West, Beacon Ridge, McLendon Hills, Carolina Equestrian Village and the surrounding area extending approximately east to Beulah Hill Church Road and north to Fire Tower Road.



EMT Jim Haggard, left and EMT Deputy Chief Tim Bouchelle, right of Seven Lakes EMS recently accepted the keys to a new ambulance.



Steve Malone, Ray Tourt, and Michael Britt of the Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department show off Truck 636.

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# Dutton is Player of Year



Colin Dutton son of Mark and Maggie Dutton of Foxfire, won the player of the year award for the US Kids Local tour age 6 and under. He finished second in the tour championship on Pinehurst #2 on July 26, by 2 shots.

Colin finished 16, 17, 18 at 1 under par to shoot 43 after a number of 3 putts. The greens on #2 are ridiculous, which is why it's one of the best courses in the world.

He played great and finished like a champion.

He is on his way to compete in the World Championship for his age group. Good Luck Colin!

## Foxfire Pink Ribbon Day

A Pink Ribbon Day Golf Tournament will be held at Foxfire on Wednesday, August 26 with an 8:30 am Shotgun start, on the West Course, Captain's Choice Format.

Make your own team or be Get in the Spirit of the game and wear your Pink!

Entry fee is a \$20 Donation or more. Make your checks payable to: FLGA (ref: Komen for the cure).

There will be an additional \$20 Cart Fee for non-members payable at the Pro Shop. Prizes for low team gross; closest to the pin; longest putt and straightest drive contest. Mulligans available. A 50/50 Raffle. Raffle tickets available for door prizes! A special luncheon at 1:00 pm. Cost is \$12 per person after the tournament.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit directly to the NC Triangle Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Deadline for entry fee and team members is August 12.

Call Ginny Siedler at 910-673-3240 for more information and registration forms.

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All proceeds will benefit wounded military personnel via the Wounded Warrior Project, a nonprofit organization. Deadline to sign up for the tournament is August 31.

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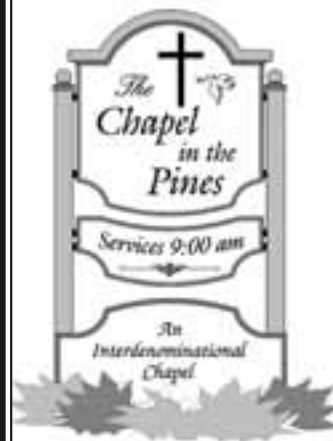
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Oil/Acrylic students will learn color arranging and blending techniques while working with photo subjects of personal interest.

## Class Schedule (4 weeks each):

**Watercolor A** - Monday from 10 am to 12 pm, September 14, 21, 28, and 30 (Wed Sep 30

will be makeup for Labor Day)

**Watercolor B** - Wednesday from 10:45 am to 12:45 pm, September 2, 9, 16, and 23.

**Oil/Acrylic Painting** - Friday from 10 am to 12 pm, September 4, 11, 18, and 25.

Your Supply List for the classes are:

Watercolor - 140# acid free watercolor paper, masking tape, your own palette with assorted

colors including warms and cools, paper towels, watercolor brushes, water container, note pad, etc.

Oil or Acrylic – Primed stretched canvas 8x10 or 11x14 or 16x20, white and black paint plus other assorted colors, oil paint brushes in sizes #10 flat, #8 round, fine liner or script #1 or #2, water container for brushes, pallet tablet with tear-off sheets for mixing colors, natural sponge paper towels, and/or existing supplies, etc.

All classes are in lower level activity room of West Side Park Community Center (WSPCC)

and are limited to 12 students each.

**Skill Level/Cost/Registration:** Instruction is designed for beginner and intermediate level students. Cost is \$25 per student for each 4 week class. Classes are open to all residents of Seven Lakes who must sign up at the WSPCC office to reserve a space.

Andrea Schmidt is a renowned artist and dynamic teacher with more than 30 years experience and a Seven Lakes West resident. Questions —call Andrea @ 673-1210.

## Tetlow rescues 'Casey'



Jordan Kennedy & Brittany Tetlow with Casey.

Jack Russell Terriers are known to be ambitious little dogs, and Northsider Cindy Gesme's Jack Russell "Casey," proved true to his breed when he escaped from this leash and set off after a flock of Canada Geese on the evening of July 27.

He chased them right into the water, perhaps forgetting that his swimming skills didn't exactly rank him as a canine Michael Phelps.

Gesme told *TheTimes* that Casey was going under when Brittany Tetlow went into the water after him, rescuing the little longhair and bringing him safely ashore.

A Northsider as well, Tetlow is a Pinecrest High School grad who will soon be on her way to Boone to begin her freshman year at Appalachian State.

Gesme told *The Times* that she will be eternally grateful to Tetlow for saving her little friend.

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- **First Friday in Southern Pines** – 5-8 p.m. Family friendly community event. Live music featuring Eric Lindell, food & beverages, entertainment. Free. Grassy knoll adjacent to the Sunrise Theater, Broad St., Southern Pines.
- **29th Annual Fine Arts Festival & Opening Reception** – reception is 6-8 pm. A major exhibit featuring artwork by artists from all over the country. Campbell House Galleries, 482 E. Connecticut Ave., Southern Pines. (910) 692-2787.
- **Summer Concert Series** – 7 to 9 pm, at Johnson Point. "Almost Perfect" Free Admission. BYOE (bring your own everything). Bring drinks, coolers, snack, chairs, kids, and listen to some great music. Sponsored by Seven Lakes West Activities Committee.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**

- **Moore County Farmers Market** – Fresh local fruit, vegetables, jams and jellies, garden and house plants. 8 am – noon. Downtown Southern Pines.
- **29th Annual Fine Arts Festival** – Exhibit will be displayed for through August 28, call for schedule. Campbell House Galleries, 482 E. Connecticut Ave., Southern Pines. (910) 692-2787.
- **Standard First Aid + Adult CPR/AED** – 8 am - 2 pm. Certification fee \$60. American Red Cross Introductory Certification Course, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave. Southern Pines.
- **Summer Fest** – Free. Bands, DJ, food, bungee trampoline, giant slide, rides, magician, balloon artist and more! Downtown Southern Pines, Broad St. 910-639-1730.
- **Sunrise Theater** – Movie. "Summer Hours." Weekdays 7:30 p.m., weekends 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Art-Foreign-Drama, 115 min. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad St., Southern Pines. (910) 692-3611.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 10**

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Work Session** – 8:30 am, Conference Room.

- **National Active & Retired Federal Employees (NARFE)** – Sandhills Chapter 1895, monthly meeting 10:30 am, Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St., Southern Pines. Richard Kuehl, computer instructor at Sandhills Community College and President of the SCC Computer Club will be the guest speaker. Additional information

are free and open to the public. In the event of rain, concert moves to Owens Auditorium. Sandhills Community College, 3395 Airport Rd., Pinehurst. (910)695-3829.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 11**

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Work Session** – 9 am, West Side Park Community Center.

- **Sustainable Agriculture** – A series of field trips presented by Moore County Cooperative Extension. Farmer and educator Doug Jones

explores developing produce varieties specifically suited to the southeast and saving the seed for next year's crop. There will also be a stop by Eastern Carolina Organics, a wholesale vegetable broker. Information

on the fee and time, call (910) 947-3188.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6**

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

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**

- **Bats** – 3 pm, Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve. "Blind as a bat, and vampire bats feed on blood are just a couple of examples of the truths and myths of this flying mammal." Learn about the different bats found in the Sandhills and secrets for getting them out of your home.

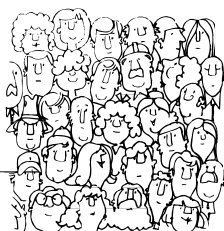
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**TUESDAY, AUGUST 11**

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Moore Co. Agri. Bldg., 707 Pinehurst Ave., Carthage. Moore Co. Employees Methodist Men's Club, & Carthage Women's Club. Appt. Call 947-6362
- **Seven Lakes Kiwanis** – Noon at Seven Lakes Country Club.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12**

- **Professional Rescuer CPR/AED Review** – 6:30 - 8:30 pm. (For Healthcare



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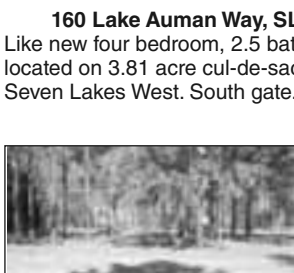
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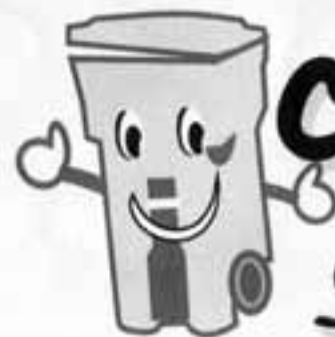


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### THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

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- **Wine Tasting** – at Sandhills Winery 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Located in Seven Lakes Plaza (next to Peking Wok, Seven Lakes Plaza).
- **Standard First Aid Review** – 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Certification fee \$25. American Red Cross Review/Recertification Course, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave. Southern Pines.
- **Sunrise Theater** – movie. "Food, Inc." 7:30 pm. A look inside America's corporate-controlled food industry. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad St., Southern Pines. (910)692-3611.

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- **Sunrise Theater** – movie. "Food, Inc." 7:30 pm. A look

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### SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

- **Seven Lakes Dance Group Yard Sale** – 8 am to noon. Parking lot of Seven Lakes Baptist Church. Tables still available! \$15 or one, \$25 for two, then \$10 each additional. Contact Lisa Quinlan at 910-315-3727 or e-mail AskLisaQ@yahoo.com or Kim at 673-1190. Proceeds benefit the girls of Seven Lakes Dance by helping to pay competition fees.
- **Moore County Farmers Market** – 8 am – noon. Fresh local fruit, vegetables, jams and jellies, garden and house plants. Downtown Southern Pines.
- **Professional Rescuer CPR/AED** – 9 am - 4 pm (Healthcare Providers) Certification Fee \$60. American Red Cross Introductory Certification Course, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave. Southern Pines.
- **Sandhill Squirrels, Nature's Nutcracker** – 3 pm, Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve. Flying, fox and gray squirrels are all found in the Sandhills. However they have distinctly different life styles. This program will focus on the adaptations and life histories of these amazing rodents. Meet at the park office. 910-692-2167.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

- **The Rooster's Wife** – concert Series welcomes Jeni & Billy (as in Jeni Hankins the daughter of *The Times*' Marcy & Greg Hankins) 5:30 pm, to the lawn of the Postmaster's House in Aberdeen. Great original songs in a traditional Appalachian style. 204 E. South Street, picnics welcome, \$9. 910-944-7502.
- **West End United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School** – 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, August 16 through August 21. The theme will be "Rome - Paul and the Underground Church". Everyone from the community is welcome. For details call the WEUMC office at 673-1371.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 17

- **Pinecrest Soccer Team Golf Tournament Fundraiser** – held on the beautiful Magnolia Course at Pinewild Country Club. Captain's Choice format will begin with breakfast and registration at 9 am followed by a 9:30 am shotgun start. Lunch is also included. Contact Kathryn Talton at [golf-soccer.phs@gmail.com](mailto:golf-soccer.phs@gmail.com) or at 910-420-2174.
- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 1:30 - 6:00 pm, Our

Savior Lutheran, Luther Way, Southern Pines. 692-8571

- **Moore County Board of Commissioners** – meeting. 6 pm. Commissioners Room, Carthage.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

- **Seven Lakes Kiwanis** – Noon at Seven Lakes Country Club.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 8:30 am - 1:00 pm, Pinehurst Surgical, 5 First Village Dr, Pinehurst. 295-0207.
- **Oldies & Goodies film series** – presents "The Strange Love of Martha Ivers," starring Barbara Stanwyck and Kirk Douglas. 2:30 - 4:30 pm, Southern

Pines Public Library. (910) 692-8235.

- **Sunrise Theater** – movie "Easy Virtue." (through Aug. 24) showing weekends 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm, weekdays 7:30 pm. Foreign/Comedy, 96 min., PG-13. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad St., Southern Pines. (910)692-3611.
- **Wine Tasting** – at Sandhills Winery 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Located in Seven Lakes Plaza (next to Peking Wok, Seven Lakes Plaza).
- **Elvis Bingo Night** – Our Lady of the Americas, 7 pm, 298 Farmers Market Road, Candor. Open to the public, over the age of 16. Information, call 910 673-4077.

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# Winning Pinecrest coach visits Kiwanis

by Frank Krohn

Seven Lakes Kiwanis

After having had very successful season, Jeff Hewitt, coach of the Pinecrest Baseball Team, spoke to the Seven Lakes Kiwanis on August 4.

Since becoming head coach in 2000, Coach Hewitt has compiled the envious record of 168-74, and sent 28 players on to play baseball at the college level.

One result of this record is the heightened interest in the baseball team at Pinecrest, and much larger crowds at the games than previously experienced.

That has caused the rather nice problem of where to put all the spectators, so they can view the games from a position of safety and relative comfort.

The school was successful in obtaining \$60,000 towards the building of a new stadium from the County, but that was far short of what was needed to

build a facility that would really be much better than what they already had.

As a result, the Team/School has had a most successful fundraising effort which has

brought in another \$74,000, and which will now allows a stadium second to none in North Carolina, to be built. Fundraising continues so that some finishing touches can be done to the area around the playing field itself.

It was evident from Hewitt's enthusiasm that his success is no accident. While he has built up the program at Pinecrest

through challenging the kids and developing a winning work ethic, he has been careful to do so while being careful to not endanger the long term health of the players. He expects to have another good season next year.

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



Pinecrest Baseball Coach Jeff Hewitt with Chad Beane, Kiwanis Program Coordinator

## Beach Party! at 7 Lakes CC

Everyone's invited! You do not have to be a member to attend the Beach Party on August 22, at the Seven Lakes Country Club.

The evening starts out with cocktails in paradise at 5:30 pm, at 6:30 pm a delicious buffet of Chicken, Pork & Veggie Kabobs with Taziki Sauce, Pasta salad, Broccoli Salad, Fruit display, assorted Pita & Rolls, Dessert, and Iced Tea & Lemonade.

Dancing and entertainment will commence at 7:00 pm. Cammy award winning DJ, Chad Sain will provide the music by taking everyone back through the days of Ocean Drive, the pad and cruising the strip.

Member pricing, including tip, tax and entertainment is \$24, non-members \$29. Cash Bar available. Reservations may be made by calling the club at 673-1100.

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Attendees will learn of all current information about the severe and persistent mental illnesses, up-to-date information about medications, and current research.

Participants will also gain empathy by understanding the subject, lived experiences of a person with a mental illness, while learning in special workshops about problem solving, listening, and communication techniques.

Each person will be given strategies for handling crises and relapse, all the while learning how to cope with the worry, stress, and emotional overload of being a caregiver.

They will also be given guidance on locating appropriate support and services within the

community, and information on advocacy initiatives designed to improve and expand services.

Recent students in NAMI's Family to Family program have said, "This course has been outstanding in both the details of the contents and the presentation of the material on the subject of

brain illness. It is the first time, I have thoroughly understood the depth of the challenges facing those afflicted with brain illness. The information gained in these classes have both enabled me to understand the behaviors of my son and, more importantly, to assist him in the recovery

process. The Family to Family education classes are essential for anyone who has a loved one with a brain illness of any degree or magnitude."

Linda Eelman, Marianne Kernan, NAMI-MC President and Ellen Airs, will be teaching this course.

This free, educational course is held at the FirstHealth Moore Regional Specialty Clinic (formerly Pinehurst Surgical Clinic building) with limited seating. The course begins Tuesday, September 8, call 910-235-0292 to register or for more information. Everything is confidential.



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## Pinehurst

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Those details are likely to be worked out as the Village explores partnerships with the County, Southern Pines, and Aberdeen. Dawson said "it made more sense for the Village to be the owner of the plant and then to figure out the partnership. It was more expedient for the Village to just buy it."

"We believe that well-intentioned people can come up with a lot of options, now that we have this asset," Dawson added.

The deal has been in the works for some time; Dawson said the Village made its first offer for the facility on May 1. With the Council's approval of the letter of intent, the next step is for the Village to do due diligence on the facility, after which the Council will approve a final purchase contract, which must also be approved by the Local Government Commission in Raleigh.

Pinehurst had signed a less definitive letter of intent earlier this year with the Town of Robbins, to explore whether the Village could participate in bringing the Robbins water plant back on line to provide water to southern Moore County.

Dawson said Robbins had decided that it was in their best interest to work instead with the county and noted the Village had contacted the Town in advance of Monday's vote. He added that a Robbins option would have in any case been limited to about one million gallons per day of water production, compared to the much larger capacity of the West Point plant.

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## Peach Blueberry Crisp

Aren't the peaches and blueberries wonderful this time of year.

Here's a recipe that combines blueberries and peaches for a great desert.

### Peach Blueberry Crisp

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees:

#### Fruit mix:

3 cups of sliced peaches  
2 cups blueberries  
1 teaspoon lemon juice  
¼ cup sugar  
1 Tablespoon flour

Mix well and put in 9 x 12 casserole pan and set aside.

#### Crisp ingredients:

Mix together in a small bowl:  
¾ cup quick oatmeal  
½ cup brown sugar (packed)

½ cup soft butter  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
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Spread over the fruit mixture.  
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Commissioners

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a June 8 vote that also split the Board three-to-two with Lea and Morgan opposed.

The question on Monday night was whether to approve schematic drawings prepared by architects Ware-Bonsall that the Commissioners had first seen in their July 20 meeting. At that meeting, they asked the Major Capital Projects Task Force to review the plans and report back with a recommendation.

Chief Deputy Neil Godfrey chairs the task force and told Commissioners on Monday night that the group had voted ten-to-one in favor of the architects' plans. He took the opportunity to attempt to correct some misperceptions about the facility, as well.

Godfrey said a 2008 report prepared by the consultants Solutions for Local Government projected that, in the worst case, the average daily population of inmates that would need to be housed at the Moore County Jail in 2030 would total 216. The new detention center will house 192, while the existing jail can be used for another 68, yielding a total of 260.

"Based upon the inmate projection study, the new facility should meet the County's needs through 2030 — and hopefully beyond that," Godfrey said.

He noted that the "support core" — including the kitchen, laundry, and other facilities, are being built large enough to serve a population of approximately

500. "If you under-build the support core, it is very expensive and problematic to expand it later," Godfrey explained.

Following Godfrey at the microphone, Sheriff Lane Carter told the Board that on Monday evening, there were 150 inmates at the county jail — 40 more than it was designed to hold. In addition, another 23 had been released to the day-reporting program, 33 were on house arrest, and 4 were in safekeeping. Problems with any of those 60 could require that they be returned to the jail immediately.

Were the jail inspected today, Carter said, the county would be found in violation and be given fifteen days to develop a plan for reducing the inmate population.

"As your duly elected sheriff," Carter said, "I would ask that you step up, and let's move this project forward."

"You do have my support that we need a new detention center," Commissioner Lea told Carter. "My issue is the location."

"Sheriff, I know you need the jail," Commissioner Morgan said. "I don't agree with where it is going to be. So when I cast my vote tonight, don't think that I am trying to slow down the process."

With that the Board voted on Commissioner Larry Caddell's motion to approve the architect's drawings, with Caddell, Nick Picerno, and Jimmy Melton in favor; Lea and Morgan opposed.

**Inspector Contract Turned Down**

The dispute over where to place the jail, public safety facility, and new county administration building spilled over into a vote on a technical matter during Monday night's meeting. Vic Walk, the County's Construction Manager, asked the Board to approve the selection of engineering firm Kleinfelder Southeast to conduct inspections that will be required during construction of the new county buildings.

Commissioner Lea said he would be voting against the request because he didn't agree with the location of the Administration Building. "By locating it next to the detention center, we are putting our employees in harm's way," Lea said.

He also said the choice was not in the long-term best interest of county taxpayers, since, eventually, a new courthouse will need to be built in close proximity to the jail. If the County Administration building is built on the Grimm Property, he said, the only option for a new courthouse will be to demolish the old jail — which could instead be used for storage after it is no longer suitable for the housing of inmates.

Chairman Nick Picerno then asked Walk why the requested approval of the engineering firm did not put a dollar value on the contract. Unsatisfied with the response, he joined Lea and Morgan in denying a motion to appoint the firm.

"Go back and get us a correct price and we will bring this back for a vote," Picerno told Walk.

**Board of Equalization and Review**

Review of contested real estate valuations by the Board of Equalization and review resulted in a total \$17.5 million decrease in the value of the \$180 million in property the Board reviewed in Fiscal Year 2008-2009, Board Chairman Jerry Daeke reported to the Commissioners during their Monday meeting. The Board reviewed 467 of the more than 68,000 properties in the county.

Changes in the NC General Statutes affecting the value of Low Income Housing erased an additional \$8.2 million from the

total value of real property in the county.

**Other Business**

In other business Monday Night, the Board of Commissioners:

- Learned that the County had been given the Government Finance Officers Association Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting.
- Applauded the County Tax Department for achieving a 99.6 percent collection rate in FY 2008-2009. The tax department's collection rate has exceeded 99.5 percent for 6 consecutive years and 99 percent for 18 consecutive years.



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## This cash for clunkers thing has possibilities

Since my minivan doesn't qualify for that Cash for Clunkers program, I'm holding out hope the government will step in and bail out my other clunker...the lagging laptop.

'I think I can, I think I can,' I swear I hear my computer mutter while I utter profanities.

"What is up with this &\*% machine?!"

Grinding, chugging, and ever so slowly, it finally responds to my repeated demands to upload, download – oh heck with it, just reboot!

However, since it's unlikely Uncle Sam will come knocking on my door anytime soon to fix

my haywire hard drive, I'm glad I married well.

A doctor? A lawyer you ask? Nope, better...a computer programmer!

And in today's brave, new world of technology and gadgetry, this a major spousal score. My trophy husband rocks, especially when the Saturday 'honey do' chore list includes weed whacking and disc defragging, pruning shrubs and loading updated anti-virus software. Like a two-year old in daycare, operating systems are magnets for germs so it's a good thing my Darling Hubby isn't afraid of cooties!

And once he gets the laptop and our lack-o-lawn back in tip-top shape this weekend, I'll probably toss in a request to check out that not-quite clunker of a minivan.



### Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

With oodles of on-board computers, I can only assume we picked up a low-grade infection

somewhere along our Summer travels. First the remote control lock clicker died. Fresh batteries? Check. Fixed? Of course not.

And now, the driver's side door lock is on the fritz. Sometimes it'll lock but only manually. And other times it simply freezes in place.

This is not good.

Last week, when the vehicle in question was having a particularly bad hair day, I threw in the towel and exited by climbing out the sliding rear doors after the kids. It was

like my own personal rendition of a clown car routine which I determined was still preferable to sliding out the window, Dukes of Hazzard-style.

But hey, maybe I'm on to something here with that 'Cash for' program after all.

I'll just rip off that giant, cardboard hot dog and paint a Rebel flag instead on the minivan roof. Then I'll dig through my closet for a pair of Daisy Duke shorts and bail myself out the side window somewhere along dealership row.

I figure those auto folks will either be too confused or too appalled to deny my less than adequate clunker credentials. Hello new car!

## Young folks will surprise you

Pranks and vandalism! Vandalism and pranks! These are words we hear often, of late, at our Seven Lakes Board meetings and along the Seven Lakes grapevine.

I am sure these reports include a small minority of young persons in this area. But what of the large majority?

Let me tell you a true story.

One day last week, as I left the Food Lion on my way home it appeared that the sky was about to open up. A slight rain was beginning to fall as I drove past two young boys seeming to be rushing toward their destina-

tion. I drove past them as did the car in front and in back of me.

As it began to rain harder, I turned around in the Baptist Church parking lot and picked the boys up. They told me their names without being asked, that they were from Southern Pines, juniors at Pinehurst High School and spending the night with a friend on the North side after meeting him at the North Clubhouse. We had a quick conversation about friends, school and the value of education.

At the clubhouse, the boys thanked me many times. Getting out of the car one of them

reached next to me and put two dollar bills on the passenger seat. Telling them that I wouldn't take the money and that it was truly a privilege to meet such nice young men, the speaker of the two said, "We don't have much, but we would like to thank you for picking us up."

And the moral of this story if there is one: Let's not worry about the future of this young generation. If the great majority is anything like these two young men there is nothing to be concerned about.

Donna R. Stephan  
Seven Lakes South

## A person of depth

Have you ever wondered what makes person of depth? There's no easy answer, except to say that each person's makeup is not identical to someone else's. Nevertheless, the recognition of depth is readily possible in many instances.

Have you ever observed, and

myriads of caretakers, both professional and volunteer, who persistently transform their natures into loving concern and care for those who are hurting?

The presence of volunteers as well as family members, when applied with persistence and deep commitment, can be a significant factor in helping to achieve a favorable outcome.

Yes, they're pretty much unsung heroes and heroines. I can still remember the solid commitment of both professionals and volunteers during the



### Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

become enormously and permanently moved by persons who fall graciously and effectively into step with admirable empathy of, for example, the

fifteen months of operations and recovery periods I required as a World War II soldier. Yes, I can see them now. Those people were sent from Heaven.

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# Too many excuses. Time to hand out some tickets!

Dear Editor:

Several weeks ago, the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board announced a campaign to control speeding in Seven Lakes North and South.

So far we've seen the rubber doll parked in the Sheriff's Patrol car and the Speed Indicator Sign. The rubber doll was the talk of the town, but from my observations has had no effect on speeding.

The Speed Indicator Sign when it was working (I noticed three days in a row, while it was parked on Firetree Lane, that it was either not working or turned off) seems to have no effect either.

What about actually having the Sheriff set up radar and write some tickets? I have suggested several times in the past, to the Board and to Mr. Fulcher. Mr.

Fulcher offered several excuses why the Sheriff couldn't do that.

"The Sheriff does not have enough manpower" — I say Seven Lakes is one of the largest population centers he has to patrol, so how about patrolling it?

"The Sheriff does not have enough radar equipment. I said let's donate our dormant radar equipment. Dalton's answer was we couldn't do

that! Why not?

On one occasion, when I emailed the Board about the speeding problem, I actually received a response from one Board member "that the Sheriff would have to see someone speeding in order to issue a ticket." Well that's the idea, to actually have the Sheriff (or one of his deputies) witness the speeding and issue a ticket.

And let's not blame the speed-

ing on the teenagers. Most of the speeders I see are working folks rushing off to work, retired folks rushing to water aerobics, visitors and one county inspector

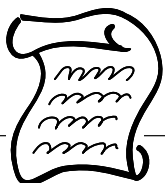
who I've seen on more than one occasion buzzing around here at 40 MPH or more in his county pickup truck.

This is a serious problem. The

Board needs to stop with the smoke and mirrors and seriously address the problem.

Bob Reinhardt  
Seven Lakes North

## Letters to the Editor



## Library program helps seniors learn to 'live in the digital age'

The Moore County Library System is sponsoring a program about living in today's digital age.

Tim Haley, noted professor of music at Sandhills Community College will speak about how digital devices in common use can access music, videos and books. The program will be held at The Postmaster's House in Aberdeen on August 14 at 4:00 pm. Admission is free and donations are welcome.

While the program is open to all ages, it may appeal most to adults who observe digital devices all around them, especially in the hands of their children and grandchildren, but do

not feel comfortable using the devices themselves.

Professor Haley is a whiz with such devices. As professor and coordinator of the Associate in Fine Arts music program at SCC, he teaches music theory, music appreciation, applied music. His classroom and distance learning courses serve as models of incorporating digital audio and video in course design and delivery. He also directs the Sandhills Community College Jazz Band.

There is a large and growing body of digital materials for free or at very low cost through public libraries, radio and television stations, or commercial outlets such as Amazon, iTunes, etc.

They can be accessed by computer, iPod, phones or E-book devices. Professor Haley will show how this is done.

Book publishers, music companies, newspapers and magazines are increasingly making their products available through digital access, some exclusively so. The age of paper and recording tape has given way quickly to the digital age. This program will help you learn how to stay connected to the resources you appreciate and want to use.

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# SLLA Committee Reports

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eight percent collected and dues reserved for paving are ninety-six percent collected. The reports showed "nothing overly alarming," Galford said.

**Community Standards.** Chad Beane said that there are nine rules violators still not in compliance of twenty-three reported in July. There have been ninety-two total violations reported since January. Most of the violations are for unkempt yards, Beane said, noting that many are repeat offenders.

Ninety-percent of the properties in the community "look pretty spectacular," Director Droppers added. Of approximately 1,200 homes, "probably 15 create most of the problems," he said. The committee is going to begin to look at the problem of algae on roofs, which is not only unsightly, but harmful to the roof itself.

**Recreation.** Director Keyser said maintenance staffers had begun installing new playground equipment and expect to have the job complete by mid-August.

The Seven Lakes Stingrays Swim Team, sponsored by the Seven Lakes Lions Club, were expected to wrap up their season with a pizza party and awards ceremony the weekend of August 1. Swim lessons will continue for the next several weeks.

Adult water aerobics classes are held at the pool weekday mornings from 8:30 to 9:15, and, once the swim season is over, an indoor aerobics and exercise program will begin three days a week at the Community Activity Center.

Summer day camp will continue through August 21. Chad Beane noted that enrollment has been off this year, a trend that seems to be echoed among

other summer camp operations in the area.

A Junior Golf Clinic is planned at Seven Lakes Country Club on August 23, September 20, and October 18. Youth dance camp will be held the week of August 16 in the Community Activity Center.

**Architectural review.** Director Kindsvatter reported that the Architectural Review Board has approved no new homes, but had approved a large number of improvements, including additions, decks, new roofs, bulkheads, and docks.

Noting some recent septic improvements, Kindsvatter asked whether the Board should consider implementing a septic management program in order to protect water quality in the lakes. Seven Lakes West is currently working to make its septic management program mandatory, she added. Director Shaver noted that SLLA records show that fewer than fifty percent of homeowners have had their septic system checked in the past two years.

**Maintenance.** Shaver report-

ed that the Maintenance Committee met on July 23. Results of lake water tests were reviewed and Community Manager Fulcher asked to investigate a lab error reported on some of the tests. The Association has reached an agreement to have Ron Erskine perform more frequent tests at a nominal cost. Results from those tests will be compared to results from the lab the Association normally uses.

Shaver reported that a key mower is worn out and needs to be replaced. He recommended renting a replacement at a cost of \$1,400 per month to finish out the mowing season rather than purchasing a new one at a cost of \$11,000, purchasing a used one for \$4,000, or outsourcing the job for the rest of the season.

A committee formed to look at long-term planning for infrastructure needs has identified twenty-two equipment items with a total purchase cost of \$265,000 and an estimated current value of roughly one-third that amount. Shaver said the committee has not been able to determine the likely replacement cost of the pool and major buildings. He

said he is looking for two more members for his committee who have construction industry experience.

**Security.** In addition to his comments about Sequoia Point, Director Caulk said roving patrol had responded to sixty-nine calls in the past month, ranging from snakes to drugs, and found ninety violations of Association rules. Eleven boats were found using the lake without appropriate stickers and twenty-five groups of people were found using the amenities with no guest cards. Three drug incidents resulted in calls to the Sheriff's Office and ten citations for drug offenses.

## Other Business

In other business during its July meeting, the SLLA Board:

- Approved a by-law change providing for the Association's representation on the Greater Seven Lakes Community Council, which includes rep-

resentatives of the SLLA, SLWLA, McLendon Hills Property Owners Association, and Seven Lakes Business Guild. The Association will be represented by the Board President and an alternate who is not a Board member.

- Named Dennis Roberts as the SLLA's alternate representative on the Community Council.
- Heard from resident Bob Racine that security had done an excellent job in having an unauthorized boat removed from a Sequoia Point slip that Racine had rented.
- Heard compliments for the staff, beautification committee, and lake security officer from JoAn Moses, who also complimented "the people who complain — the people who feel such a strong love of Seven Lakes that they feel they have to complain. They are our eyes and ears, so that we can make Seven Lakes an even better place to live."



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# Manager

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pose fitting their approach to community management to the needs of Seven Lakes North and South.

Noting that each company is likely to propose slightly different staffing levels, Droppers said the Directors will have to "equalize" those factors and then obtain final proposals and pricing from the finalist companies.

## The Manager Search

"On a totally separate track from that, we are going to be looking at the management pool to evaluate staying with an association-employed manager,"

Droppers said, moving to the second option available to the Board. He said the Association will advertise the position through the Community Management Association and in local newspapers in order to identify qualified state-certified managers.

"We will be looking for certified managers, because, in all probability, the State of North Carolina will be requiring us to have a certified manager," Droppers explained.

The Board will receive resumes, review those resumes, whittle the field down to some pool of applicants, interview them, and make a financial com-

parison between the most desirable applicants and the management company option, Droppers said.

"We will make a decision based on quality and finances," he concluded.

Addressing Richmond's comment in favor of placing Assistant Manager Beane in the position, Director Bruce Keyser, Jr. said, "The Board is looking at all the different avenues, and Chad is one of the avenues." The Board has authorized Beane to take classes and seek certification as a Community Manager so that he will be qualified as a candidate, Keyser added. "Chad is not out of the question. We are looking at Chad as well."

## Put it to a vote?

During the public comment portion of the meeting, George Stahl urged the Board to put the issue to a vote of the membership.

"This is too big a thing for just the board to decide," Stahl said. "It should be a referendum of the people, based on the information that you have fed them."

Ray Ulansy echoed Stahl's comments: "I agree it should be put to a vote." He asked Board members, "Do you want to be the names that go down in Seven

Lakes history for making a wrong decision?"

"Although it sounds good," a vote is, in my view, impractical," Vice President Sally Kindsvatter said.

"I can tell you from having sat in on the interviews, the amount of material we heard in a two-hour presentation was almost more than I could assimilate myself." She said that it would be impossible for the vast majority of landowners to attend the extensive interviews planned with both companies and individuals, and, therefore, impossible for the public to be well-informed enough to vote on the matter.

"I think, when we get a little closer, then Kent can tell you in more detail what a particular company has to offer," Kindsvatter added, "for example, a broader base in purchasing, or legal, or other qualifications."

"I would say that the sense of the Board right now is that we are very open to input," Droppers

added. "Do we want to be the ones who make the decision? We all ran for the Board. That's what we ran for the board to do."

Phil Thingstad expressed concern about the loss of "the personal touch," should the Board decide to go with a management company. "These companies are in it to make a buck," he said, "they'll be making a profit off of us."

Droppers said each of the companies Directors have interviewed would be putting a full-time on-site manager in the SLLA office.

"Some companies seem to have a more personal touch," Kindsvatter noted. "That is a definite factor in making a decision."

Droppers said, "We will try to educate the landowners on the options as soon as we have more information. We haven't even started to narrow down the field yet."

# Sequoia Point

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to be for non-members," Temple said. "If that's the case, that's okay. But if it is for twenty-five members, that is not something that was discussed originally."

Director Droppers said the minutes from the meeting "are in conflict" on that point. Fulcher was unable to attend Wednesday's meeting, so the Board tabled a vote on the new rental charges until they could sort out the matter in their August Work Session.

Addressing the concern about cigarette butts on the beach later in the meeting, Chad Beane said additional receptacles are planned for the Point and will be installed soon.

## Security at the Point

Darla Strickland told the Board that, on July 4, she had witnessed a fight between two men at the Point. Though she called for a nearby Security offi-

cer, the response was very, very slow, so that she feared for her own safety.

Noting the large number of people at the Point on July 4, Director Caulk said, "We did have some problems at the Point that we have never had before."

Caulk said he had reallocated security personnel and implemented much more aggressive checking of guest cards, not just at the pool and stables, but at all the amenities, including Sequoia Point.

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# West Side

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mann said, "without Fred Lawrence's foresight, there would be no Seven Lakes."

## Security Q&A

Moore County Detective Kip Dennis' family was among those who purchased one of Fred Lawrence's lots in the 1970s, he told the Westsiders who attended Tuesday's meeting, by way of introduction. Many of the streets in Seven Lakes West are named for those original Seven Lakers; Dennis Circle is named for the detective's family.

He began by assuring residents that a recent boat theft and associated vandalism are the sorts of petty crime that "happens all over the county." On the night of July 14, Paul Parks' pontoon boat was stolen from his dock on Lake Auman and then rammed into the bulkhead a few doors down. The motor was left running all night, causing additional damage to the bulkhead. In addition, a number of kayaks, ski tubes, and life preservers were also stolen and left floating in the lake.

"It goes in spells, it goes in spurts," he explained, "and you never know where it is going to crop up."

Although some small calibre ammunition was found on the stolen pontoon boat, Dennis added, "You don't have to worry about some madman that is going to go around the lake and shoot up houses."

"This was a crime of opportunity," he said. "I feel pretty

comfortable that, when all is said and done, we will know what happened. Whether arrests will be made, I can't say."

Hoffmann then opened the floor for questions. Ray MacKay was first, asking Dennis whether the keys had been left in the ignition of Parks' boat. After at first dodging the question because of his on-going investigation, Dennis ultimately reported that the keys were in the boat, though not in the ignition. Hoffmann encouraged residents not to leave their keys in their boat or car — and not to leave valuable equipment in either.

Other questions included:

- Calling in visitors. What happens when someone calls the gate to arrange for the entry of a visitor, but has the caller ID on their phone blocked, so the gate guard cannot verify the identity of the caller? Hoffmann said he was not sure there is a standard procedure for handling that circumstance but promised to look into it.
- Boat patrol. Former SLWLA President Mary Anne Fewkes asked Dennis whether off-duty Moore County Sheriff's Officers could be hired by the community to man a late-night boat patrol. Dennis said any off-duty patrols would have to be arranged through the sheriff, but indicated he — and most of his fellow officers — were generally not experienced in enforcing boating laws.
- Neighborhood watch. Tom Wallace asked what powers a neighborhood watch group would have; the Association is

currently looking for volunteers to man such a group. Dennis explained that citizens participating in a neighborhood watch have the same powers as individual citizens on the street or in a shopping mall. Under North Carolina law, private citizens have no right to arrest or detain criminals, except in very limited cases of major crimes, like murder. Both Hoffmann and Legal Director Ed Silberhorn stressed that the SLWLA Neighborhood Watch, if formed, would be involved only in observing and reporting any suspicious activity, not in confronting perpetrators.

- Self protection. Wallace followed up by asking what rights, under NC law, an individual has to protect his own property. "You have right to protect your property and person, within reason," Dennis explained. "If you feel there is danger to your life from someone break-

ing into your home, you have the right to defend yourself. But you cannot walk out into your yard, find someone breaking into your car, and shoot them in the back."

- Threatening individuals, habitual speeders. Patrice Marquez said she had repeatedly seen a young man speeding in the vicinity of Simmons and

Smathers, near Johnson Point. The same individual has exhibited threatening behavior toward residents and vandalized community property, she said. Dennis encouraged Marquez and others to call the Sheriff's office to report such behavior. "If we don't know that it is happening, then we

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have no way of enforcing," Dennis said. "When you have a problem like that, call the Sheriff's office. We can put in a special patrol . . . We need a good description of the vehicle." He added that catching repeat speeders maybe more difficult than, for example, apprehending a drug dealer selling on the same corner all day every day.

### More Security Questions

Later in the meeting, during the regular public comment period, Director Hoffmann fielded a number of questions on security at the back gate. Kelly Wilson said she had often observed the bar-code equipped car of a landowner "looping" repeatedly through the back gate in order to allow the vehicles of non-residents to tail-gate through the entrance and gain access to the community. She said she had often seen the back gate broken and asked whether a more substantial gate could be installed.

Other residents asked whether the bar code system or gate cameras could be used to identify those engaged in this sort of behavior. Skip Ragland questioned whether the gate cameras had ever worked effectively.

Hoffmann said there is an entrance committee currently studying options for both front and back gates. He noted that a member of his Security Com-

mittee with a background in engineering is currently studying equipment needs at the gates.

He encouraged residents who see the sort of behavior described by Wilson to report it to the front gate guard or landowners office. While the gate guard cannot leave his or her post to investigate, they can record the time of the event and any description of vehicles involved for later investigation.

"By all means, call the front gate," Hoffmann said. "We will figure out how to respond."

### Security

During his safety and security report, Director Hoffman told members the procedure for obtaining passes for regular visitors — nannies, yard crews, housekeepers, and so on — has been changed slightly. Instead of issuing gate passes that are good indefinitely, the gate guards are now issuing thirty-day passes to these visitors at the landowner's request. The landowner must renew the request for the pass each month.

Hoffmann pointed out that housekeepers and yard men may change, and it does not enhance security to have your former yard man or housekeeper in possession of a pass with no termination point.

### Fire Hydrant Committee

Landowners who attended Tuesday's meeting heard an update from the Fire Hydrant

Committee, presented by Patty Cleary.

A 2004 analysis by then-Director Ray MacKay revealed that the community needed an additional 75 fire hydrants. Progress since then has whittled that number down to 45, and the installation of additional hydrants this year should bring the shortfall to 38 or 39.

Cleary said the goal of the committee is to make sure that those hydrants are installed. The committee provided a map of recommended fire hydrant locations for landowners to inspect after the meeting.

### Community Activities

Director Karen Milligan reminded landowners of upcoming community activities, including: August 7 — The next installment of the free Summer Concert series at Johnson Point.

August 14 — The second Family Movie Night at West Side Park.

August 19 — A free craft demonstration class in rubber-stamping.

September 17 — The Seven Lakes Forum will have the inaugural meeting of their season.

September 18 — The annual Magarritaville party.

Also in September, Andrea Schmidt, who offered watercolor classes earlier this year, will add classes in oils and acrylics to the calendar.

### Other Business

Also during the Tuesday, July 28 General Meeting, members:

- Heard from Community Manager Joan Frost that very few landowners had taken advantage of extended office hours until 7:00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday, so those days will be returned to the regular 5:00 pm closing time effective August 1. Frost noted that residents could make an appointment at a later hour if they are not able to come to the office during regular hours.
- Heard from Director Mick Herdrich that he will publish an overview of the remediation on Lake Auman dam in the August edition of the SLWLA newsletter.
- Heard from Director Silberhorn that the Board will hear a second reading of the mandatory septic manage-

ment program during its August 11 Work Session. The program will apply to owners of homes in the Lake Auman watershed.

- Heard from Hoffmann that the Board had worked through a revision of the Rules and Regulations in an eight-hour work session on Friday, July 24. He said the revised text should be available on the website for review by landowners on August 11.
- Heard from Hoffmann that the Board has established a reward fund, open to contributions from members, that can be used to help generate leads for police when they are investigating serious incidents like the recent boat theft. Those who would like to contribute can contact Community Manager Joan Frost.

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