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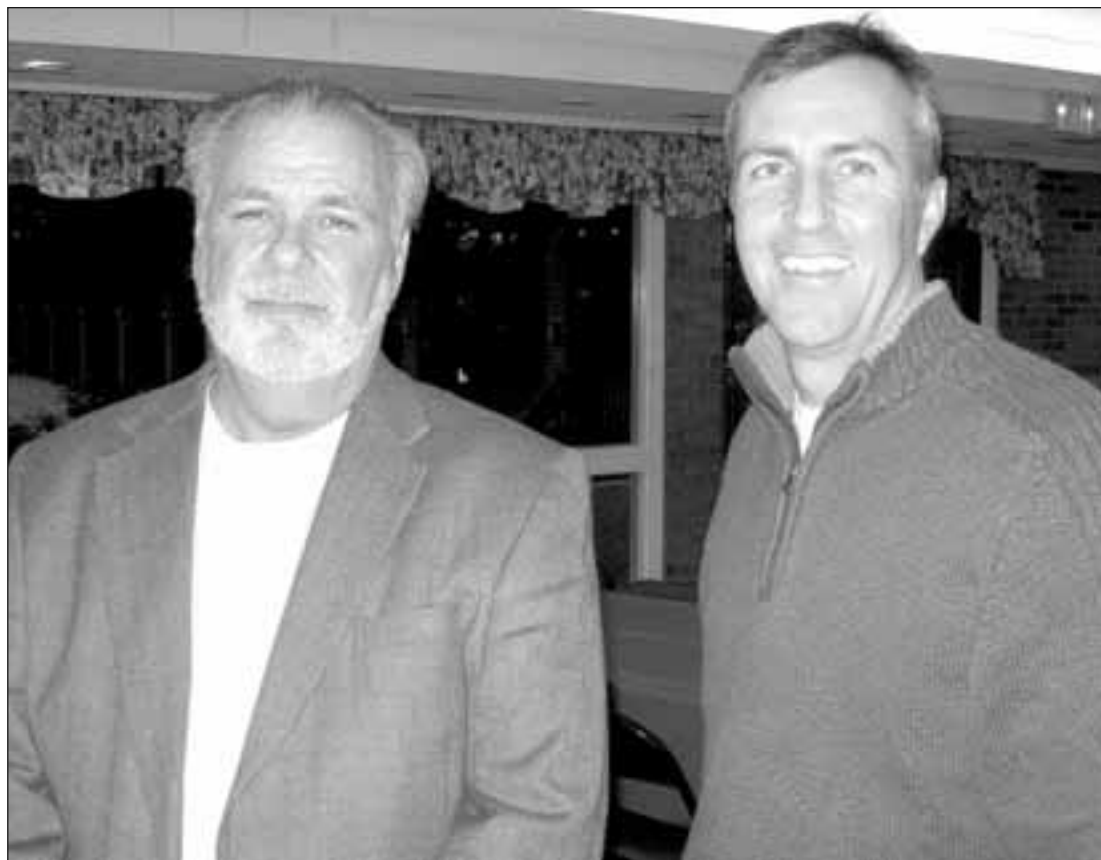
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## Fond Farewell



**Longtime Community Manager Dalton Fulcher and Assistant Manager Chad Beane** are both embarking on new ventures — Fulcher is retiring; Beane has accepted a position with Moore County. Read more on pages 4 & 5.

## Westside Board approves hefty dues increase

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Looking to rebuild its reserve funds after spending more than \$500,000 on repairs to the Lake Auman dam, the Westside Board on Friday, December 11, approved a dues increase of thirty-six percent on improved lots and sixty-nine percent on unimproved lots.

Homeowners will see their annual dues increase from \$705 to \$960, while the dues for lot owners will jump from \$425 to \$720. Members of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] will be asked to ratify the increases by voting to approve the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget at the annual meeting in March.

The West Side last increased

dues in FY 2007-2008, by roughly five percent.

"We have advanced our dues significantly," Director John Hoffmann said after the Board's vote to approve the new Fee Schedule, "under the overarching premise of building reserves. I don't think anyone can fault us for that. We just spent a half million dollars on the dam, and we have the schedules for road paving and so forth that show we need the money to be out there at X date. So everything we are doing is very fiscally sound."

Board members acknowledged that, because previous boards had deferred dues increases in order to allow all Westside neighborhoods to reach dues parity, they were faced with asking the

(See "Westside budget," p. 28)

## Lake Diamond plea stalls annexation pact

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

The Foxfire Village Council was expected to approve an annexation agreement with the Village of Pinehurst in a special meeting Tuesday night, December 12.

That was before the folks from Lake Diamond weighed in.

"We oppose being annexed

to Pinehurst and would rather be with Foxfire, to put it bluntly," said Chris Nelsen, President of the Lake Diamond Property Owner's Association.

Lake Diamond, a community of approximately thirty homes surrounding two lakes, lies west of Pinewild and east of the proposed Stonehill Pines development. Lying just beyond the

Pinehurst Extraterritorial Zoning Jurisdiction [ETJ], it is currently zoned under county authority. But, under the proposed Foxfire/Pinehurst annexation agreement, Lake Diamond is included in the area set aside for potential future annexation by Pinehurst.

Nelsen argued that Lake Diamond is considerably closer to

Foxfire's municipal boundary and should be included in its Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction [ETJ].

"Our directors are all in favor, and I've done some research to get the consensus of our community, and everyone I've talked to would rather be with Foxfire," Nelsen said.

Recovering quickly from this surprising announcement, Coun-

cilman Ed Lauer said he would support their request -- but expressed dismay that they had not approached the Council sooner.

"It makes a hell of a difference when we've already gone to the table with people assuming certain things were true. No one from your community has

(See "Annexation," p. 26)

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# Planning Board approves Pine Forest PUD

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

The nearly 1,800-acre Pine Forest Development got a green light from the Moore County Planning Board Thursday night, December 10, despite strong opposition from conservation-minded citizens.

Continuing a hearing that began in November, the Planning Board heard from area residents who spoke both for and against the subdivision and golf resort

that will spread north of NC Hwy 211 from near Hoffman Road to West Pine Middle School. In the end, Board members voted unanimously to recommend approval — subject to conditions — of the Planned Unit Development - Hamlet [PUD-H] rezoning requested by Pinehurst developer Bob Hansen, of MHK Ventures, Inc. The rezoning request will now come before the Board of Commissioners for final approval.

As presented, Pine Forest will include two gated communities with a combined maximum of 890 residential units, including up to 300 hotel rooms; two eighteen-hole golf courses each with its own clubhouse, plus a nine-hole course; a conference center; a commercial center near the main entrance on Hwy 211; and a small “farmer’s market” retail area at a secondary entrance to be located on NC Hwy 73. The main Pine Forest entrance would be at a new intersection, with traffic signals, approximately a quarter mile west of Archie Road.

## Moore County’s Last, Best Longleaf Forest

Developer Hansen had previously estimated the cost of Pine Forest at \$60 to \$80 million “just to get started.” In Thursday’s public hearing, local and state conservationists were more concerned about the ecological value of the undeveloped tract, which they characterized as one of the last — and perhaps

the largest — intact Longleaf pine forest ecosystems remaining in Moore County.

Rob Evans of the NC Department of Agriculture testified that the tract includes a section of the Nick’s Creek headwaters and meets criteria necessary to qualify as a plant conservation preserve.

Several members of the Save Our Sandhills [SOS] organization expressed concern over Pine Forest’s impact on water and natural resources. Calling the plan “precedent-setting” and “flawed,” they argued that approval of such a massive subdivision failed to meet one of the key goals of the county’s Land Use Plan: “to preserve the agricultural, rural, and small town environment of Moore County.”

## Water from Montgomery Co; Wastewater for Irrigation

The county zoning ordinance requires that developers obtain from Moore County Public Utilities a certification that water is available to meet the needs of a proposed subdivision. Hansen is working with Public Utilities on a plan that will bring up to 300,000 gallons of water per day from neighboring Montgomery Coun-

ty via a new \$3 million water line from Candor to Seven Lakes — to be funded by the developer.

However, MHK’s first step, if the project is approved by the Board of Commissioners, will be the construction of an on-site tertiary wastewater treatment plant. Described as a cast-in-place structure, rather than a “package plant,” this facility will serve Pine Forest’s homes, hotels, and commercial establishments, eliminating the need for individual septic systems. It will also provide treated wastewater to irrigate the golf courses and community landscaping — a water-conservation technique common in some parts of the country, but as yet rare in Moore County.

Because Pine Forest will need the treated wastewater for irrigation before it has the resi-

dents, golfers, and hotel guests to provide the necessary untreated waste, MHK will accept 350,000 to 500,000 gallons per day of wastewater from the county’s existing sewer system, treat it, and use it for irrigation at both Pine Forest and the Dormie Club — another nearby golf community under development by Hansen.

## Too Much Development in Area A?

Jesse Wimberly, a member of the Area A Small Area Planning committee, praised Hansen for meeting and, in some cases, exceeding criteria set forth in the land use plan developed by that group last year, but recommended the Planning Board consider Pine Forest in the con-

(See “Pine Forest,” p. 25)

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# Zielsdorf: 'We are not just fumbling around.'

A round of applause for outgoing managers Dalton Fulcher and Chad Beane opened the final meeting in 2009 of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors.

President Randy Zielsdorf thanked retiring Community Manager Dalton Fulcher for his twenty-three years of service, and congratulations to resigning Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane, who, after sixteen years of service, has accepted a new job with Moore County.

remarkable about the Wednesday, December 16, SLLA meeting agenda was what it lacked — that is, the introduction of a new community manager.

With only days left before Beane and Fulcher clean out their desks — December 28 and 31 respectively — negotiations continue with an as-yet unnamed management company. Zielsdorf called a Closed Meeting immediately following the open session to discuss personnel and legal issues.

"I want to assure residents that as soon as we have dotted our i's and crossed the t's we will get the information out. We are not just fumbling around," said Zielsdorf. "We have a definite direction we are moving to. We've been moving in this direction all year."

In a telephone interview with *The Times* that followed a Friday, December 18 staff meeting with SLLA employees, Zielsdorf provided a more detailed picture of what will happen over the coming weeks.

"I did not mean to imply that the direction we've been moving toward was a management company all along. Initially, the Board put everything on the table for discussion. Our direction has been the three-part transition process," Zielsdorf said, alluding to a written statement presented by the Board last month that described the actual management search, a study of system of governance, and a look toward future direction.

From January 1, 2010, until new management is seated, Debbie Caulk, a Northside resident and longtime administrative staff member, will coordinate the day-to-day activities of the Association, explained Zielsdorf.

Fulcher, who will remain with SLLA as a paid consultant, will not be involved in management, but has been asked to provide a comprehensive road survey with a paving timeline recommendation.

"If you see Dalton around the neighborhood in January or February, it's not the Ghost of Christmas-past," joked Zielsdorf.

He continued, "As of right now, (See "SLLA," p. 18)

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## Seven Lakes Landowners Association Meeting

12/16

"Chad — on behalf of the Board, we wish you well in your new position. And to Dalton — we wish you well in retirement," said Zielsdorf.

Both Beane and Fulcher also used the meeting as an opportunity to thank the community, the board, their fellow staff members, and especially those residents who had offered them support and encouragement during the last year.

### Board negotiating with management company

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# Dalton Fulcher leaves with mixed emotions

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

After twenty-three years of managing the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA], Dalton Fulcher said that his pending retirement has left him with mixed emotions.

"After so many years and so many people I've met and enjoyed working with, it'll be a big change. I'm really going to miss my staff," he said.

Hired as the community manager in 1986, Fulcher has weathered many changes, but said he hates what he sees coming now.

"The present board has said the Association was not professional enough — without sitting down and explaining whether they meant me or the whole staff," Fulcher said. "And that the staff is a 'jack of all trades and a master of none,' but that is exactly what this community needs and it has been very beneficial."

He continued, "I've never heard these kinds of comments by

previous boards. I've had problems with previous boards but I always knew where I stood. This present board is very hard to know."

"Several have not spent much time in the office but they want to make big changes," Fulcher said. "It seems to me this board has spent more time reading [in *The Times*] about how this Association should be run rather than understanding how it has actu-



Dalton Fulcher

ally been run."

In particular Fulcher said he is disappointed in the way that Chad Beane was treated.

Beane, who served as the SLLA assistant community manager and recreation director for sixteen years, was interviewed for Fulcher's position but resigned and accepted a job with Moore County, after deciding his chances of being selected to fill the community manager's seat were slim.

"It was generally known from the start that Chad would not be promoted to manager of the Association," Fulcher said. "This board has had a year to replace me, and I'll be gone before a decision is even made. I'm certain it will be a management company — they only held two personal interviews [with individuals]; one being from out of state who probably doesn't even know the laws of North Carolina."

However, Fulcher said his biggest regret from this year is that the staff did not know what

their future held.

"Not knowing whether or not they will have a job, they still performed their jobs very well."

While Fulcher will officially retire on December 31, he will continue working for the community through 2010 on a consulting basis.

He said the contract was an offer he couldn't refuse.

"The board knew my goal was to work here until I was sixty-six and qualified for Social Security. They made me an offer that

got me through sixty-five and then a year consulting. I felt very fortunate and look forward to any special project they want me work on next year," said Fulcher.

He said, at this point, the board has asked him to complete a survey of all community roads with a paving recommendation.

"That's all I've been asked to do, so far," said Fulcher. "Except for actual surveying, I expect to work mostly from home."

(See "Fulcher," p. 15)


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**Godfrey F. Bellavigna**, 84, of Seven Lakes, died Tuesday, December 15, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mr. Bellavigna was a teacher, curriculum supervisor, and elementary school principal in the Massapequa, NY school district. After retiring to Seven Lakes, he was active in the Kiwanis Club, tutoring at the West End Presbyterian Church, and served as a hospital volunteer.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

He is survived by his wife Joan; son, Peter of Corte Madera, CA; daughter, Emily Muha of Reston, VA; a sister, Gloria Schnebly of North Glen, CO; and his grandchildren.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

**Bob C. Roberts**, 86, of Seven Lakes died Tuesday, December 15, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mr. Roberts was born in Antigo, WI the son of the late Lloyd and Lottie Roberts.

Mr. Roberts was a graduate of Pequaming High School in Michigan and later went on to earn a degree in Mechanical Engineering at Michigan Tech. He was a member of the US Air Force and served in the Eighth Division during W.W.II.

He and his wife Rosemary retired to the Seven Lakes area in 1987.

He was preceded in death by daughter, Patricia Lawrence.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Rosemary Roberts; daughter, Ann McClamroch of Virginia; two sisters Bernice and Donna of Oregon and Wisconsin and his grandchildren.

No local services will be held.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes served the family.

**Anne Helene Wienges**, age 99, died December 14 in Sedona, Arizona.

She is a former resident of Seven Lakes West.

Mrs. Wienges was active in the Diamonds and greatly enjoyed the Moore County Band, and Seven Lakes Sailing Club functions. In earlier years she was an avid golfer and active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

A mass celebrating her life was held Friday, December 18 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Sedona, AZ.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Anne Fewkes of Seven Lakes West, Malachy Wienges of Sedona, AZ; and three grandchildren.

Greer Funeral Home in Sedona, AZ was in charge of arrangements.

A burial and memorial service will be held December 22 in New York.

In lieu of flowers a memorial contribution may be made to the Moore County Band or a charity of your choice.

**Marie Mazurkiewicz**, age 96, died on December 14.

She was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, the daughter of Joseph and Anna Nowak.

She resided in Seven Lakes for the past eleven years.

A memorial service will be held in New Jersey at a later date.

She was preceded in death by her husband Marion, her sister Sophia and two brothers, Joseph and Walter.

She is survived by her son Edward of Seven Lakes, two grandsons, and three great grandchildren.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

**Deanna Sheffield Garrett**, 68, of Jackson Springs, died Saturday, December 12, at her home.

Mrs. Garrett was born in Newport News, VA, the daughter of the late Howard and Ruth Sheffield.

She was a member of McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church

on Foxfire Road.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 16, at Crumpler Funeral Home Chapel, Aberdeen. The Rev. Don Welch officiated. Entombment followed in Pinelawn Memorial Park, Southern Pines.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Doug Sheffield, and a stepson, David Garrett.

Survivors include her husband, Jim Garrett, of Jackson Springs; a stepson, Bobby Garrett of Austin, TX; a sister, Brenda Luck of Aberdeen; two grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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

**Stuart D. Moss**, 95, of Seven Lakes died Friday, December 11.

He was born in Barberton, Ohio. He was a member of Barberton F. & A.M. Lodge 568 and a 32nd Degree Mason, Akron Consistory. He was a Major in

the Army-Air Force serving in World War II in the European Theatre. Mr. Moss owned and operated Stu Moss Sohio Service and also served the town of Barberton as Safety Director for four years and then as Mayor of the city for four years. He retired in 1981 and moved to Seven Lakes in April 1984 where he was a member of the Chapel in the Pines.

A memorial service was held at the Chapel in the Pines, Saturday, December 19.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Gerry; son, Stuart E. Moss of Fairlawn, OH; daughter, Jan Moss of West End; three grandchildren.

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

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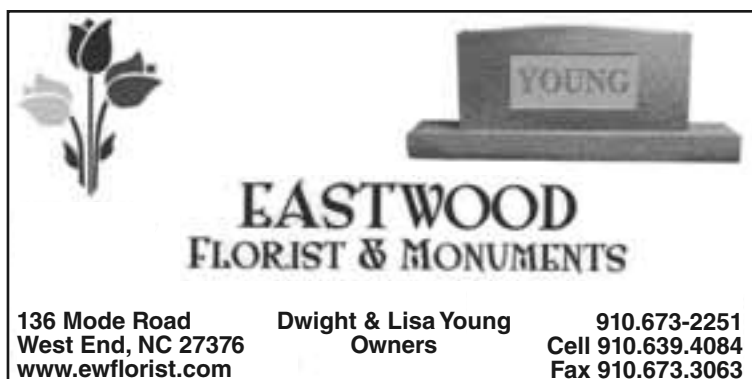
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# Commissioners review progress, key issues

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Eleven months ago, the Moore County Board of Commissioners outlined their key goals for 2009. They included holding or reducing taxes; moving forward on the design and planning of three new government buildings, as well as water and wastewater solutions; and upgrading the county's electronic infrastructure.

On Thursday, December 10, the five commissioners met again — this time to review those goals and ascertain what had been accomplished. Gathering for a daylong retreat, a prelude, so to speak, to their two-day January affair, the meeting also offered the decision-makers a jumpstart on improving the Fiscal Year 2011 budget process.

## Sandhills Community College

Enrollment at Sandhills Community College [SCC] has increased dramatically during the economic recession, with no signs of reversing direction, reported Dr. John Dempsey.

"We cannot afford to take space offline while we are in a growth mode," he told the Commissioners, explaining SCC's decision to repurpose rather than raze the aging 20,000 square foot Blue Hall. The building will be used as office space for junior faculty while a new, 40,000 square foot replacement building is planned.

"We used to say we had 2,500 students, but now we have 4,300 . . . and we expect as much growth next year as this year," Dempsey said.

A unique aspect of the recent

surge in enrollment has been that no additional parking facilities are required because many courses — up to fifteen percent — are online or hybrid courses.

Dempsey reported progress on several other capital projects including new buildings at a satellite campus in Hoke County and completion of a new \$3.5 million landscape horticultural building. A dedication ceremony is planned for late Spring.

"This is a good time at Sandhills Community College — as good as it has ever been," Dempsey said. "We cut the budget by ten percent but grew twenty percent, then grew ten to sixteen percent again this year. We hired four faculty and perhaps will hire ten more next Fall. Morale is high."

## Moore County Schools

The current school enrollment

of 12,300 is stable, Moore County Schools [MCS] Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser told the Board of Commissioners.

"We projected a few years ago a period of leveling off that would allow us to catch up on projects," Purser said.

Construction work at West Pine Elementary — a new facility that will reduce overcrowding at West End Elementary and Pinehurst Elementary — is coming along nicely, she said, and the school is anticipated to open on schedule in Fall 2010.

Responding to a question about the location and projected costs for a new high school, Purser said the last estimate was for a \$35 million facility but that discussions would begin in earnest in the coming year.

State funding for MCS in FY 2009-2010 was cut by \$6.9 mil-

lion, which was offset by \$5.2 million in Federal stimulus funding.

Purser said 151 non-teaching positions were eliminated, along with seventeen certified teaching positions and fourteen central administration positions.

"We tried to maximize the number of teachers. These are the most important employees within our schools," Purser said, noting that her financial strategy is to identify which funds she can get the most mileage out of.

Purser reported a fund balance of eight percent, the recommended level.

"I do not want to go below eight percent. We had state reversions of almost a million returned last year," Purser said. "Reversions" refers to state funds that the county must return to

(See "Commissioners," p. 17)



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# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



# Facebook and Twitter at Computer Club

by Laurie Werner

Computer Club of Seven Lakes

Lori Williams, Director of Community Outreach and David Hale, Basic Skills Coordinator from the Sandhills Community College brought the club up to date on social networking programs Facebook and Twitter.

There are over 155 sites for social networking. Facebook alone has 350 million users which exceeds the population of the US, has more than 65 language translations and runs

thousands of data bases. The program is user friendly and is constantly updated. Paid advertisements help keep the program free to users. Privacy settings can block inappropriate communications so it's a good way to keep in touch with grandchildren as well as other family members.

Twitter is a text based message service consisting of up to 140 characters. Messages can be sent and received allowing a person to get information out

instantly and it keeps friends connected. "Tweets" are posted on a persons profile page where their followers are able to access them.

Social networking sites are useful in communicating with family, friends and co-workers. One can create and join groups with similar interests, share photos, play games, chat with others, search for long lost friends and follow those having their own homepage.



David Hale, Basic Skills Coordinator from the Sandhills Community College And Lori Williams, Director of Community Outreach

## Ball receives certification

David G. Ball has recently achieved recognition as a certified "Project Management Professional" by the Project Management Institute (PMI). For 25 years, PMI's global standards have helped establish the Institute as the premier authority in project management.

The American National Standards Institute has recognized PMI as a Standards Development Organization.

This certification recognizes that Ball has achieved the experience and knowledge required to perform project management services within the globally recognized framework established by the international project management profession.

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To his clients and colleagues



David Ball

in the Real Estate industry, this designation enables Ball to offer an extended global network for sales and service; the continued assurance that he will apply the discipline, rigor and ethics governed by PMI, as well as the North Carolina Real Estate Commission and the National Association of Realtors.

Ball currently resides in the Seven Lakes community with his wife Linda, and works as a Real Estate professional for the Prudential Gouger O'Neal and Saunders Real Estate firm serving Moore County.

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# Westside buys property near back gate

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] plans to purchase two acres near the back gate for future uses that might include a guard-house, mail house, school bus stop, parking or other uses, according to a release from President Ron Shepard.

The property is owned by developer Ron Myers of Pinehurst, who recently won county approval of a preliminary plat for "Stonegate," a twelve home subdivision of low-maintenance patio homes to be clustered on thirteen acres just north of Gateway Drive.

The property to be acquired by the Association lies on the other side of Gateway Drive and comprises the first two lots of the Colton's Corner subdivision immediately inside the back gate. The transaction has not yet been finalized; the cost of the lots was not released.

Myers told *The Times* he was "trying to be a good neighbor" in working out the lot purchase with the Association.

The homes in "Stonegate" will be tightly clustered, with much of the acreage left open and used for septic fields. Three bedroom, three bath, 2,000-square foot homes, are planned, patterned after a similar product that has sold well in another Myers development called Whitehorse Trace.

Myers said he expected to finalize an agreement to have the subdivision included in the SLWLA after the first of the year and to begin sales in the development in third quarter 2010.

The full release from the SLWLA describing the lot purchase reads as follows:

*Based upon the recommendations of the Long Range Planning Committee, the Entries Planning Committee and the Committee For Land Evaluation and Acquisition as well as upon its own deliberations, the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association (SLWLA) Board of Directors has unanimously voted to purchase approximately two (2) acres of land near the East-"Back" Gate, adjacent to property already owned by the Association. The property is inside of the gate on the south or right side as one is exiting SLW toward*

*highway 73. The purchased land will not be covenanted. The purchase should be completed in January, 2010.*

*This property was offered to the community by Ron Meyers, a local developer, at a very favorable cost. Inclusion of this land*

*at the rear gate works well with the new Stonegate Subdivision nearing approval and provides flexibility in future planning. The new property can be used to enhance the beauty of the east entrance and provides options not otherwise available, includ-*

*ing additional security improvements, parking for carpoolers (think future gas price increases), and possibly a bus stop and shelter (currently the students are let off on the street and parents park on the shoulders or in the road) and/or mail house depending on future needs of the*

*community.*

SLWLA Legal Director Ed Silberhorn told *The Times* that a purchase contract is in the works to cement the deal and that the Board will likely take up the matter in its first work session of 2010, scheduled for January 12.

## AA Storage expands

Pinehurst developer Ron Myers, who is selling two lots near the Westside back gate to the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association, as described elsewhere on this page, told *The Times* that one of his other business ventures — AA Self Storage — is

expanding to offer indoor storage in West End.

A metal building near the old Stanley Furniture Plant at the corner of NC Highway 211 and NC Highway 73 is currently being refurbished in order to offer additional storage.



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# Poinsettia care and other holiday tips

The glorious season of Christmas, New Year, and other holidays will be celebrated the next few days. It's the time of year when all of us are involved with parties, family and friends, visiting, decorating, exchanging gifts, and other joyous events. Therefore it isn't the most appropriate time to discuss outdoor gardening.

The weather during December has contributed frequent showers that help to restore our lake levels, replenished soil moisture, and improved rainfall levels once again to almost normal. Finally, we have endured the first wave of colder weather.

Here are a few suggestions, some of which are not horticultural. Hopefully these might be helpful during the holiday season.

Safety is one of the most important things to practice during the season. Drive safely, defensively, and carefully.

Our communities in the Sandhills have beautiful lighting, decorations, and other displays. Be sure all electrical displays are property and safely installed. Use small, cool and low wattage light bulbs. Turn off all Christmas lights when leaving home or retiring at night.

Remember to take care of your once live [cut] Christmas tree. Treat it with an anti-transpirant fire retardant to reduce water loss and help protect from the danger of fire. Keep the tree turgid and green by filling the tree holder with water daily to rid it from drying out.



## Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

Poinsettias are popular during the holidays. Having been grown under greenhouse conditions, they must be conditioned somewhat to home conditioning changes. Poinsettias do well in bright, lighted area, but not in direct sunlight. Keep them away from drafts, never place them in hot areas – near the fireplace or on top of a television. Poinsettias will last longer if one places them in a room where the temperature is seventy degrees or less. Do not overwater. If the plant is wrapped in foil, remove it or punch holes in it before watering for good

drainage and aeration. Contrary to belief, poinsettias are not poisonous, according to toxicologists, although some folks might be sensitive to the white sap which might cause skin irritation.

The traditional mistletoe plant is toxic. Pets and small children should not be allowed to come

into contact with its berries and foliage. If either is eaten, serious complications will likely result.

The Christmas cactus is another flowering plant that is popular this time of year. Water them thoroughly when needed and let them completely dry out between watering. Keep them away from extreme heat.

Winterize your outside areas:

In you haven't done it already, disconnect, drain, and winterize your outside water hoses. Check your irrigation pump and system, connection pipes and valves, drainage outlets, etc. Make sure everything in the system is properly and thoroughly drained.

Leaves continue to fall; clean

them up, dispose of them by mulch mowing or catch them in a bag attached to a mower.

If your schedule permits and you desire to move, replant, or plant new shrubs, December is an excellent time to do so since most shrubs and trees are dormant.

Mary and I have spent twenty-nine Christmas seasons as residents of Seven Lakes. Dur-

ing our stay we have seen large growth development and many changes in the Sandhills communities. It's a splendid place to live. Over the years we have made many friends and had several neighbors.

We would like to wish everyone a blessed, happy, joyous, and safe holiday season and a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2010.

## Sandhills Pointing Breeds Club

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

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# 7 Lakes Baptist offers special series

Seven Lakes Baptist Church [SLBC] announces a six-Sunday series called "One Month To Live."

Striving to eliminate the barriers that keep people from experiencing a relationship with Jesus Christ, SLBC believes that church should be engaging and life changing. Through powerful music and relevant messages, Pastors Tim Epling, Stuart Richardson, and Jack Brewer seek to answer the question:

"What would you do if you had one month to live?"

As best-selling author Kerry Shook writes: "No matter how much this idea makes you squirm, it's a fact. No matter who you are, how young or old, what measure of success you've attained, or where you live, mortality remains the great equalizer. With each tick of the clock, a moment of your life is behind you. Even as you read this paragraph, seconds pass that you can

never regain. Your days are numbered, and each one that passes is gone forever."

Rather than going through life "playing it safe" or doing "the minimum" to get by, Seven Lakes Baptist Church is convinced that embracing our time on earth as a limited resource has incredible power to liberate us. For most of

us, if we knew we only had one month to live, we would live our lives differently.

We would be more authentic about who we are and more deliberate about how we spend the time we have. But such a contrast begs the question: What keeps us from living this way now?

SLBC invites the community to join them for this special series of worship services, beginning Sunday, January 10 and running for six consecutive Sunday mornings. Services are held at 8:30 am and 11:00 am.

For more information, contact the church at 910-673-4656.

## Romeo & Juliet Auditions at Temple

Temple Theatre announces auditions for their Winter Youth Conservatory of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. There is no cost to participate in the winter conservatory. The conservatory is open to upper middle and high school students who are serious about intensive theatrical study and commitment.

Auditions must be scheduled in advance, and will run through Friday, January 8, 2010. Auditions are being held at Temple Theatre.

The conservatory will begin January 5, 2010, with rehearsal times tentatively set from 4:30 to 8 pm, but those times are flexible depending on casting and availability. No past experience

with Shakespeare is necessary as text analysis and scene study will be covered in the conservatory.

To schedule an audition, or for additional information, please visit their website at [www.templeshows.com](http://www.templeshows.com) or call Thomas Dalton, Director of Education for the Temple Theatre, at 919.774.4512 x- 228. Have a monologue (Shakespeare is preferred but not required) and be prepared to read from the script, picture (if you do not have one one can be taken while you are in for your audition), and a resume of previous work, if any.

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# Commissioners

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Raleigh.

State funding pays for all of Moore County's principals and, as of November 2009, 721 certified teaching positions. Federal funding is used for an additional 40 teachers, with local funding used to employ 46 more, for a total of 807 Moore County teachers.

Purser said the forty-six teachers funded by the county include physical education and arts instructors.

"The State looks at the aggregate number of students and divides by formulas, but because kids don't all live in one place, we must fill in positions," she explained.

Purser said Moore County's four percent dropout rate was below the state average, but that the graduation rate was probably a more accurate measure of success.

"At seventy percent, Moore County matches the state average and is far larger than any of us would like to see," said Purser.

With time running short during the retreat, and after several pointed questions pertaining to finances and information technology were raised, Lea recommended scheduling a joint meeting with the Board of Education.

"We want to give you what you need and getting the information all out on table makes it easier for us to give you what you need to move forward," said Lea.

Former chairman Nick Picerone agreed.

"My biggest concern is I don't want the time element like we had last year," he said. "I want to know how much of an impact we're playing on this side of the table . . . to understand at each of these schools how much we are funding over and above state-mandated funding."

## NCACC Legislative Update

'The good, the bad, and the ugly,' was how Kevin Leonard described his legislative report on the 2009 NC General Assembly. Leonard is the director of government relations for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners [NCACC].

Under the "good" category, Leonard identified the Medicaid

relief swap program, which in effect removes the county from the Medicaid funding business, and that school construction lottery funds were intact. He said plans continue to tie together vehicle registration and property tax collections — which should increase returns.

The "bad" included a redirection of \$60 million in corporate taxes set aside for school construction instead to state education, Leonard said. His report was also critical of \$40 million in cuts to state-funded mental health services; cuts in Medicaid support of case management, which impacts county health departments; and elimination of state lease payments for probation offices.

"Money for each, in relative terms, is a small part of the State budget; but it is nickel and diming down county budgets," said Leonard. "There is this creep of pushing [the responsibility for] funding down to counties."

Leonard said the "ugly" category included a proposal, ultimately defeated, that would have forced health agencies to spend down their fund balances to replace state cuts. Other legislation that he defined as ugly included a requirement to study consolidation and administrative efficiencies of county Department of Social Services offices.

Leonard said other legislation of interest this year was an increase of ten cents on cigarettes and, effective January 1, 2010, a ban on smoking in all bars and restaurants.

Leonard said the North Carolina pension rate has not increase since 1983 and the state rates as one of the best in the nation for retirement.

He said state revenue collections were down 1.5 percent and that he expected reductions in appropriations, with Medicaid anticipated to spend \$160 million over budget.

Across the state, seventy-three

counties instituted hiring freezes and fifty counties cut staff — totaling over 1,000 lost jobs. Eighty-eight counties cut their budgets between one and ten percent — with most budgets set back to 2008 levels and county fund balances reduced by \$125 million.

"Moore County has weathered the storm very well," said Leonard. "You have been very good about utilizing resources, you all [Board of Commissioners] made hard decisions, but they put

you in a good spot."

## FY 2009-2011 Budget

Finance Director Lisa Hughes led a roundtable discussion by the Commissioners on the need to move funds into designated accounts.

"Sums of money sitting in undesignated accounts are at-risk from the State," cautioned Hughes.

Lea agreed and recommended reducing the county's fund balance (See "Commissioners," p. 13)

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# Commissioners

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ance to fifteen percent with any excess designated to capital improvements.

“We all know what happens when you have money sitting in undesignated funds: someone will find a way to spend it,” he said.

Reporting on the General Fund, Hughes said revenues exceeded expenditures by \$1.6 million, and that expenditures were \$4.5 million under the total amount budgeted. Property tax collections exceeded the budget by \$220,229.

She said revenues are not expected to increase for 2011, and may possibly decrease.

Changes in the state budget will cost the county \$203,637 in direct revenue losses, including reductions in payment from the Department of Corrections for housing inmates, court facilities fees, and levies on beer and wine distribution. Indirect revenue losses include \$814,393 in corporate taxes for public school facilities.

Hughes anticipates continued reductions in revenues from the state.

“I anticipate a tight, frugal budget process,” said Hughes.

**Bidding county projects**

One key discussion during the Commissioners retreat centered on the bidding process — a complex and integral part of all major projects. County Attorney Misty Leland presented a lengthy explanation of the ins and outs of the formal and informal bidding processes.

Formal bidding, which is used for construction or repair projects

over \$500,000 and purchases in excess of \$90,000, requires an announcement in a general circulation newspaper, and a minimum of three bids. Formal bids are subject to public inspection, once opened, except for trade secrets. A five percent bond or deposit is required along with a one hundred percent performance or payment bond for construction projects over \$300,000 or \$50,000 repairs.

In the formal bidding process, the lowest responsive bidder that meets applicable specifications and laws is accepted; however, the county may determine the most responsible bidder based on skill, knowledge, and ability.

Of specific interest to newly seated Chairman Tim Lea was Leland’s explanation that a negotiation of the lowest bid was possible, but only when all presented bids exceeded funding.

“What you’re saying is it would behoove us with future ‘guesstimations’ to get the number as close as possible [to actual], rather than build in a cushion,”

Lea said. “It is a natural instinct to insert a cushion to protect us but, in this case, it would save more money to be more succinct in allotting only as much as necessary.”

Leland agreed but McSwain reminded the Commissioners that to open negotiations required making definitive changes — reductions really — in the original bid proposal.

The informal bid process is used for projects anticipated at \$30,000 to \$500,000, and differs from formal in that a newspaper announcement is not required and bids are not made available for public inspection until the contract has been awarded.

Leland also explained that competitive procedures are not utilized for county purchases of less than \$1,000 or for services deemed not in keeping with a competitive bidding process, such as attorneys and planning professionals.

**Decennial Census Redistricting**

Moore County has experi-

enced tremendous growth over the last ten years; however, uneven population growth in different areas has resulted in unequal voter registration, reported Glenda Clendenin, the director of the Board of Elections, which means district lines will likely need to be redrawn.

She said that a comprehensive redistricting study completed this year by the Moore County Chapter of the League of Women Voters provided substantial information but recommended tabling any future decisions until after the 2010 national census was completed and figures reported.

## Aging in place at WSL

Aging in place – that is, living in your own home for as long as comfortably possible - is gaining in popularity across the nation but what options and choices are available for local residents and caregivers?

On Thursday, January 7, the Women of Seven Lakes will host a special presentation by two experts in the ‘Aging in Place’ field. Bill Reaves of Bill Reaves Construction and Chad McGlothlin of Comfort Keepers will discuss what decisions you can make that will allow you to age gracefully and confidently in your home.

The meeting begins at 2:00 pm at Westside Park Community Center and is open to the public. Visitors are most welcome and refreshments will follow.



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Fulcher

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Looking back...and forward

Fulcher said, on occasion, members will come to him and say that Seven Lakes isn't like it used to be . . . and he agrees, but not for the same reason.

"If you look at Seven Lakes today, it looks the best it has ever looked," Fulcher said. "The good old days weren't as good as most people think."

"The residents of Seven Lakes and the Board have given the staff what we needed to make a lot of improvements over the last twenty years — though maybe not as much as we would have liked."

Fulcher said the current four-person administrative staff configuration is unchanged from what was in place twenty-three years ago.

"We basically have the same number of employees we had in 1986 — which shows how the board and staff have tried to keep down costs," said Fulcher, noting that personnel and benefit expenditures account for over sixty percent of the budget.

Looking forward, Fulcher said

he would recommend more recreational programming geared towards seniors and installation of a lap pool adjacent to the traditional swimming pool. He said the dams will need some work, but that the reserve fund should be adequate with the addition of the dues increases that were approved this year.

"If the Association spends \$120,000 to \$150,000 in capital items and major repairs, that will keep the community maintained very well. You will not be able to add additional services and items, but you can maintain what we've got at that level," said Fulcher.

He said, as long as the Association does not incorporate areas outside its present boundaries, he does not see a need for additional amenities or to increase the size of existing facilities.

"There are another 125 to 150 homesites left to develop at a maximum," said Fulcher. "And I anticipate Seven Lakes will build out fairly quickly once the economy changes."

Twenty-three years ago, Fulcher said, the community

demographic was approximately eighty percent retirees — a figure that has decreased dramatically to the current level of fifty percent retirees and an equal number of homes owned by young families.

"We're seeing big changes in what this community has to produce for these families — we have a dance program and other classes, swim teams and lessons, arts classes, and day camps," Fulcher said.

"Seven Lakes is one of the best if not 'the best' community in North Carolina for amenities at a reasonable cost. What you pay [to live] in Seven Lakes is not much different than Carthage or Aberdeen and look at all you get!"

**Beyond the gates**

Fulcher said the Greater Seven Lakes Community Council is a positive step and "something the area needed."

He explained that, historically, Seven Lakes North, South, and West were a single entity. The two distinct associations were not formed until 1988.

"The developer went bankrupt — not the Association," said

Fulcher. "At that time, the amount of development in the North and South, and the lack of development on the Westside, caused Judge Reynolds to separate the two."

However, Fulcher said there are still definite occasions when the two entities could work more beneficially if they joined forces. One project in particular he identified would be a joint security contract which would allow for manning three or four gates with a roving patrol while providing for a dedicated supervisor — "a supervisor that can actually supervise instead of spending work hours manning gates," Fulcher explained.

However, Fulcher said the flip-

side is how some community decisions can impact the other side negatively. He expressed concern that recent pool policy changes on the Westside will affect the Northside Pool.

"With no diving board and no life guards, and no kids under sixteen unattended [proposed changes], that will make a big difference here. I anticipate a big jump in younger family usage at our pool," said Fulcher. "We're going to have to look at the contract with the Westside. It [shared amenities] has decreased considerably over the years but it looks like it may be even more."

NAMI support group

National Alliance on Mental Illness – Moore County [NAMI-MC] sponsors a local educational/support meeting on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm, and a support-only meeting on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

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- **Christmas Eve**
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**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25**

- **Christmas Day**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26**

- **Live Holiday Music** – 4 pm, during Afternoon Tea in the Carolina Hotel lobby. Local choirs and groups will perform. Free and open to the public. 910-295-6811.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29**

- **Father And Son Golf Tournament** – No. 8, Pinehurst Resort. One Carolina Vista, Pinehurst. For more information, call (910)235-8140.

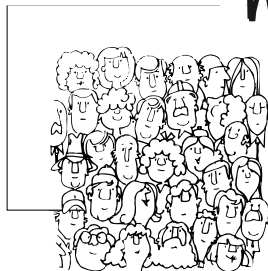
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31**

- **New Year's Eve**
- **Temple Theatre** – 8:00 pm, presents Tommy Edwards' Bluegrass Experience. Tickets \$13 each. Downtown Sanford. Call the Box Office at 919.774.4155 or [www.templeshows.com](http://www.templeshows.com).
- **First Eve** – 6 -8:30 pm, Southern Pines, downtown area along Broad Street will be

blocked off. A variety of activities and entertainment will be offered for the family. The "pinecone drop" will be at 8:30 pm. Free event. (Rain date January 2.) For info: call (910) 693-2508.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1**

- **New Year's Day** –



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**THURSDAY, JANUARY 7**

- **Women of Seven Lakes** – 2 pm, present "Aging in Place," how to age gracefully and confidently in your own home. Featured guests Bill Reaves of Bill Reaves Construction and Chad McGlothlin of Comfort Keepers, local businessmen and experts in the field, will discuss some of the options available that can assist both residents and caregivers. Held at West Side Park Community Center.
- **Elvis Bingo Night At Our Lady Of The Americas** – 298 Farmers Market Road, off Hwy 211 (Exxon Station), just east of Hwy 220 near Candor. Smoke free. 7 pm,

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9**

- **Leave One For The Chipper** – 9 am to 3 pm, corner of Hwy 15-501 and Murray Hill Road, Southern Pines

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## What's When Calendar

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10**

- **Eddie Barrett** – with the Goodman Legacy Orchestra. 3:30 to 6 pm. At Mr. P's, 155 Hall Avenue, Southern Pines.

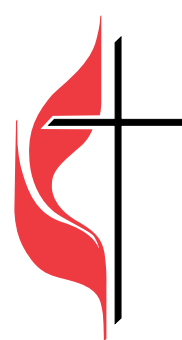
**MONDAY, JANUARY 11**

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 12**

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

- **State of the State** – at Pinehurst Members Club, 11:45 am – 1:30 pm. The Honorable Joe Hackney, Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, will highlight how the NC is continuing to work towards a business friendly environment and how it is addressing other top issues including education, economic development and military affairs. Cost for Chamber members is \$25 and non-member \$50. Tickets at the door are \$35 and \$75. Reservations



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### FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

- **Temple Theatre** – 8:00 pm, presents Carolina Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra. Downtown Sanford. For information or reservations, call the Box Office at 919.774.4155 or visit [www.templeshows.com](http://www.templeshows.com).

### MONDAY, JANUARY 18

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

- **Moore County Literacy Council** – Orientation 1- 2 pm, workshops for volunteers who would like to become adult tutors. Volunteers are required to attend Orientation required prior to a training session. Tutor Training sessions continues on January 26, 27 (Tues & Wed) 9 am - 4 pm. Donations will be accepted to defray the cost of materials. Bring a lunch. Register one week prior to session. All sessions held at Emmanuel Youth House, 385 E Indiana, Southern Pines. Registrations may be made by phone, (910)692-5954.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

- **Seven Lakes Forum** – 4 pm, Contemporary research in genetics and molecular biology has indicated that there are many possibilities for modifying the physical characteristics of human beings, including the elimination of some of the currently incurable diseases which severely affect the quality of human life. Dr. Lynn Elwell, a nationally-recognized biotechnology researcher, consultant and prolific author in the field will present the topic entitled Human Gene Therapy: Promises and Risks. Held on the upper level of the West Side Park Community Center. All women and men from Seven Lakes, and their guests, are invited to attend. For more information, contact Bill Mamel (673-8970). Next Forum: Thursday, February 18, 4 pm. Tentative title: Continuing Care Retirement Communities: Industry Trends for the New Generation of Consumers.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

- **Mary Wayne Watson, Phd.** – 2 pm, Dr. Watson is a lecturer, writer, and English professor at Nash Community College. She will present a program on the Scottish culture and customs of the Sandhills. Watson is a native of Scot-

land County, the niece of a legendary North Carolina poet Charles McNeill. This program is free and open to the public. Held at First Baptist Church, 200 E. New York Ave., Southern Pines. Project is made possible by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and is sponsored by the nonprofit Moore County Historical Association. For details, call (910) 692-2051, weekdays between 1 and 4 pm.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association General Meeting** – 7:00 pm, West Side Park Community Center.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

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

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

- **Morgan Sills** – Manhattan cabaret and concert entertainer, writer, actor, and producer will present a program of Broadway legend Oscar Hammerstein's lyrics at Weymouth Center for the Arts and Humanities, 555 E. Connecticut Ave., Southern Pines. He will be accompanied by a pianist and bassist. This is his second appearance at Weymouth for a fundraiser. Pro-

ceeds from ticket sales will be used for Weymouth's non-profit programs in the arts and cultural events for the community. For tickets and other information, call the Weymouth Center between 10 am and 2:30 pm weekdays at (910) 692-6261.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

- **Women of Seven Lakes Social & Community Mixer** – 4 pm to 6 pm, Northside Club House. This is a great opportunity to visit with old friends and meet your new neighbors. Newcomers are especially encouraged to attend. There will be plenty of delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts, the event is BYOB. Come and enjoy the evening. Tickets for the event are \$5 and will be available at Women of Seven

Lakes January meeting or call Ginny Heerema at 673-5150.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- **Groundhog Day**

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

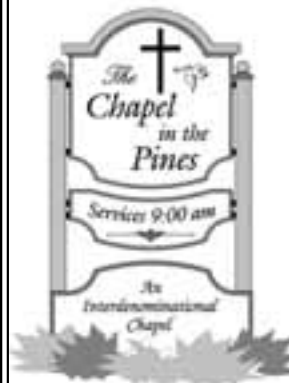
### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 1 to 6 pm, at Seven Lakes North Club House. Please check *The Times* or call 692-8571 for earlier drives in the area.

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# SLLA Meeting

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the contract is still in negotiation; however, once it is signed the new management company has agreed to begin the transition process; and I expect they will begin spending some time in the office in anticipation of beginning full time management," he said.

During his formal report on the management search, Director Kent Droppers said that while the Board has focused negotiations with one company, the two other companies that had been considered are standing by in case things do not progress as planned.

"We are proceeding with negotiations and getting numbers. We want to make sure we are making a sound decision," Droppers said.

A Special Open Meeting to announce the new management company has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 14 at 7:30 pm in the North Clubhouse.

## Bob Darr to resign

In a surprise announcement by Director Bud Shaver, it appears Seven Lakes will not only be losing both managers in the next few days but also Maintenance Supervisor Bob Darr — a resident of Seven Lakes North who is also a candidate for the SLLA Board.

"Bob has received a job offer and we [SLLA Board] are not in a position to make a commitment so, effective the end of December, Bob Darr will no longer be in charge of maintenance," Shaver said.

He continued, "Bob has done a marvelous job and the maintenance department cannot suc-

cessfully operate without a supervisor on a day-to-day basis — that's my opinion. I'm not sure how new management will handle this."

Speaking with *The Times*, Darr confirmed that he had received but had not yet accepted another job offer. Darr was originally hired as a six-month temporary employee; however, his contract had been twice extended during this past year.

## Amendment to Boating Safety Rules & Regulations

Several amendments to community rules governing boating safety and lake use, presented by Security Director Gary Caulk, were approved unanimously with little comment — except for one.

Rule 8.4.5.3, which, as proposed, would have allowed a boat operator to pull a skier with either an observer present or using a rear view mirror, was met with strong skepticism by two residents.

"I've been around the water for

a long time, and taking the spotter out of the boat on such a small lake is a dangerous decision," warned Northsider Mike Pennington. "Under Coast Guard regs a mirror can be used for a spotter but I think that is for larger bodies of water."

He also recommended that the proposed amendment should be modified to allow children over the age of fourteen, who have passed the NC Wildlife Resources Commission exam, to operate boats.

Fellow Northsider George Temple also opposed the amendment for safety reasons.

Caulk responded that the decision to remove the spotter was to allow couples an opportunity to ski without requiring a third party; however, the motion to approve died without a second.

The other proposed amendments, which included both additions and deletions meant to clarify and simplify existing rules, were approved as presented, including: Notification of the

Board by the Community Manager of any short term rule change; clarification of who/where fishing and swimming are allowed; simplified specifications on size and creel limits; a requirement that boats must operate in accordance with NC General Statutes rather than as previously stipulated under USCG federal regulations; that no more than two powerboats may be registered per lot; and simplified definition of impaired, negligent, or reckless or boat operation.

## Curbing replacement project

The lowest bid — \$10,148.75

submitted by Executive Curb & Drive — was accepted for the curbing replacement project proposed at the main parking lot on the North side.

The work includes disposal of the existing wood curbing and replacement with poured-concrete. The other two bids, including one prepared by SLLA in-house maintenance, were higher, reported Fulcher.

Treasurer Denny Galford said there was sufficient money in the budget and that the expenditure would not come out of the reserve fund set aside for road repaving.

In a related discussion, Galford

(See "SLLA," p. 19)

## Correction

In reporting the slate of candidates for the 2010 Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board of Directors in our December 11 edition, *The Times* misspelled Melinda Scott. *The Times* regrets the error.

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# SLLA Meeting

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said that road crack sealing work would also begin in January, as scheduled.

"In addition to curbing, we will look at top dressing or if paving [of the parking lot] is required," he said.

## Finance

Treasurer Galford reported fund balances and statements were reviewed with no problem areas identified, and that a transition inventory would be conducted in January, with Fulcher's assistance.

A five-year Capital Improvement Plan [CIP] is in progress, Galford said, and will include allowances for certain adjustments as new management is determined.

Galford thanked Fulcher and Beane for their service, and also committee member Jerry Grout.

## Maintenance

Northsider Bob Racine, who is running for the SLLA Board, thanked the maintenance staff for removing the old volleyball posts that had been rolled into the water at Longleaf Beach and offered a recommendation that, in addition to looking into installing more shade trees at Northside Park, benches could be more appropriately placed beneath existing trees.

Shaver responded that while he appreciated the input, he thought this was the type of suggestion that could first go through the responsible committee chair.

"Residents should consider using the committees as the vehicle to get information to the Board," said Shaver.

After a brief discussion, the Board agreed that it would be helpful if committee meeting times and locations were published on a regular basis.

## Recreation

Director Bruce Keyer, Jr. thanked Beane for his work and said that he would be sorely missed.

"Chad has done a great number of things for recreation in the community and I'm not sure who will ever be able to fill his shoes," Keyser said.

Keyser also noted that several proposed changes to Westside pool policies — including elimination of the diving board

and life guards — could increase usage at the North side facility.

"The Recreation Committee will be looking into this and it is something we have to keep an eye on," Keyser said.

During the report, Beane thanked Jordan and Lynn Rhodes for their help with the recent Children's Christmas Party and also to the Women of Seven Lakes for their financial donation to the party.

## Community Standards

Beane reported that three of five complaints referred to Judicial Committee resulted in compliance, with two moving forward in the judicial process.

He said that many issues were chronic, including dogs running loose and unkempt yards.

"All items are kept on a spreadsheet, and it will be an easy transition for new management to maintain," Beane said.

## Other Business

In other business on Wednesday, December 16, the SLLA Board:

- Approved the slate of six candidates running for the 2010-2012 SLLA Board; Bob Darr, Bob Racine, Melinda Scott, Charlie Hannel, Chuck Mims, and Don Truesdell.
- Heard from Northsider June Kirkland that she tripped and fell at the mailbox building on Saturday, November 28, due to an unsafe condition that has since been corrected. Kirkland had facial injuries that required a trip to the emergency room and the incident was reported to her insurance provider.
- Heard from Fulcher that inspection reports have been completed and received for each dam. He reported positive comments were made on all dams, and that a recom-

mendation was made for tree trimming at one dam.

- Heard from Caulk that a Sheriff's Office tracking dog was called in to assist with a missing person. The man was locat-

ed and transported to Moore Regional in good health.



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## Lake Diamond? Who knew?!

"I didn't even know those homes were there," she'd exclaim.

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But truth be told, sometimes I had to agree.

In the nearly thousand square mile megalopolis that is our nation's capital, there were plenty of times when I'd make a wrong turn only to discover a charming little piece of suburbia, and think . . . huh? Who thought putting this here was a good idea?

Even in well-established neighborhoods, optimistic developers would figure out ways to shoehorn in a whole new cul-de-sac of houses or

even create a subdivision hidden deep within another: infill housing, they called it.

Here in Moore County, infill is not really an issue and I'm pleased to say that I rarely get lost — that is, as long as I stay out of Pinehurst.

So I was quite surprised to have an I-didn't-even-know-those-houses-were-there kind of revelation recently.



### Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

And I wasn't the only one.

It seems Foxfire's neighbors have decided to knock — and they want in.

Well, that's not exactly accurate. A more apt description of their plea would probably be, "We want to be here because we sure as hell don't want to be there."

"There" being stuck within the limits of their eastern village neighbor rather than with the preferred westerly neighbor.

And I thought January would be a slow month for news!

Amused or bemused, sometimes it can be hard to tell in a meeting, Foxfire's leaders dutifully considered the request and attempted to locate this little gem of lake and land on the

map.

I did the same later. And let me warn you, it was a challenge.

Lake Diamond is one of those places where you have to take the left fork at the last sign of civilization and then take another left a mile or two later.

Protected and hidden behind thousands of rural acres for its entire thirty year existence, this little speck of prosperity is about to go public in a big way.

I only hope they are ready for their close-up . . . now that I know those homes are there.

## Westside dues increase 'unconscionable'

Dear Editor:

The request for a 36 percent increase in the dues structure, in my opinion, is unconscionable and demonstrates a lack of understanding of membership needs during the current recession.

Many of our members are retired and are on a fixed income or if working, have reduced hours and income. This probably is very true of many of our non-resident landowners.

An increase of of this magnitude both dollar wise and per-

centage wise is uncalled for and a hardship for many of our members.

The need to establish reserves for the dam, road construction and contingencies is clear but a more reasonable approach to getting there is in order. Absent that, you may look for a total rejection of the proposed budget.

I ask that you go back to the drawing board and review the proposals made. I am totally shocked about the negative reaction of the people who are

aware of this.

I also understand that a transfer fee of \$45 was rejected by last year's board. What justifies one now and why an increase to \$150? Transfer fees at real estate closings have been soundly defeated by most counties in North Carolina.

While I disagree strongly with the Directors' action here, I do appreciate the time and effort they expend as part of the Board.

George Mercer  
Seven Lakes West

## West Side dues are still a bargain

Dear Editor:

Nice to see we finally have a Board of Directors that has the spine to do what ought to have been done long ago regarding payment for service.

I couldn't believe the bargain we received moving here from a lesser value gated golf (no lake) community in Duplin County called River Landing.

The across-the-board 36 percent increase still leaves Seven Lakes West as the best deal going for a gated community

with the clearest, largest spring-fed lake east of the Mississippi, and take-it-or-leave-it easy access to an on site golf course.

With any luck they'll also have the cajones to disallow any future access to the dam road.

What a great walking park. Keep up the good work, gals and guys.

Bruce Macdonald  
Seven Lakes West

PS: If you can't stand the heat . . .

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# Changing property tax values not so simple

Dear Editor:

There is some confusion over property owners' right to appeal tax assessments from articles I've read recently in *The Pilot* and *Seven Lakes Times*.

Comments like "No one is stuck in their valuation . . . once a year, if property owners feel their property has gone down, they can challenge the value the tax department puts on it and, if not satisfied, appeal to the Tax Equalization and Review Board . . . if the evidence pre-

sented by the owner warrants, the tax office, or E & R Board, may make yearly adjustments."

All the above incorrectly suggests that property owners have the right to periodic revaluations based on current economic conditions. This year several newcomers during 07-09, appealed to our board a tax assessment higher than purchase price-all to no avail.

The commissioners decided in 03 to change from a traditional eight to a four year revaluation

cycle to ease the shock of inflation. Market values peaked shortly after the Jan 1, 07 revaluation then declined in 08 and 09. A recent decision was made to forego the scheduled 2011 revaluation and return to an eight year cycle because of the high cost and a down market.

Property owners do have the right to annually appeal clerical errors, cost of additions, etc, and market value-determined at the last revaluation. Assessment challenges made between

2010 and 2015 must be based on market values on 1-1-07.

The fairest situation would be to have yearly revaluations, but they are time consuming and costly. Plus, they would create a yo-yo effect on tax rates.

Tough times make for tough decisions and the commissioners' recent decision to forego

the 2011 revaluation and save over \$700,000, was a good one although it may have temporarily added to the confusion.

*James R. Thomas  
Southern Pines*

*Member-Moore County Tax  
Equalization and  
Review Board*

## 15-year-old ambulance was ready for retirement

Dear Editor:

The men and women of Seven Lakes Emergency Medical Service, Inc. thank all of the residents of Seven Lakes and the surrounding area for their generous support. A few weeks ago we made an appeal to you to help us support the purchase of our new ambulance and the response has been over-

whelming. You have contributed to making Seven Lakes a great place to live.

Some of you have asked why we purchased the ambulance and after the fact announced a request for support. It was because our fifteen year old ambulance was showing signs of aging and needed to be replaced. An opportunity for purchasing this ambulance and selling the old one was pre-

sented to us and we needed to act. We felt financially able to obtain a loan and pay it off with the generous support of our residents.

We celebrate the joy of this season and wish all of you a blessed Holiday season and a safe and Happy New Year.

*Robert L. Haan, Chief  
Seven Lakes EMS*

## Santa Thanks

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## Thanks for support of cancer walk

Dear Editor,

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people to volunteer their time. The event raised over \$15,000 and everyone who helped should be very proud. All proceeds went to the Avon Walk For Breast Cancer Foundation.

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# On serenity

The hospice volunteer spoke tenderly and affectionately about her visits with a little lady in her 90s, sharing the preciousness of her long life and marveling at the steadfast gratitude continuing to be expressed for the remaining time afforded her.

"She is the finest Christian I ever met," said the volunteer. "She said she was 'blessed' to be able to live so long, 'blessed' to be able to have had a fine family, 'blessed' to be able to enjoy the beautiful gifts of nature, 'blessed' to be given the chance to live honorably, sensitively and constructively."

"Why can't we all be that way?" was the question on the volunteers mind as she returned from her tour of duty and told her

friend: "That lady has shown me a perfect example of steadfast faith, lived with quiet and deep conviction."

It's a trait greatly to be admired, regardless of one's own beliefs.

There's a deep serenity that carries believers to and through seemingly impenetrable barriers to happiness.



## Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

It's positively heart-warming to see someone work through the twists and turns that setbacks in life can bring.

That old lady has trusted her serenity to help carry her through life. She has smelled the roses, sensed the feeling of others, rejoiced, shed tears, comforted, mused, and taken Christ's words to heart, within the ebb and flow of her time on Earth.

A beacon. One to be remembered fondly, as well as emulated.

A shining example for the world-at-large.

# Real tax reform

Dear Editor:

Much has been said in recent months of reforming North Carolina's tax code. We all agree the the current code, which was last revised in the 1930's, needs to change.

84% of all revenues come from income taxes and sales taxes. The rest is shared between cigarette, alcohol, estate, gifts and other taxes and fees. This is a problem given the volatile nature of such revenue streams.

The tax system is favorable in terms of revenue during a growth period but when incomes and spending shrinks, the expenditures and expenses are too great for the decrease in revenue.

Taxes are taxes, the state is always going to get their money, whether you cut it a little, lot or raise them. You can shift the taxes but they are still there. Real reform is to stop the cycle of spend and tax and reduce expenditures.

We should set aside as much as possible in rainy day funds or other funds to prepare for economic downturns, this will allow is to pay for existing debt or programs which need attention without raising taxes in bad times and spending the benefits in good times.

Real reform is a reduction in waste, greed, and programs. This will allow is to actually reduce taxes or keep them at nor-

mal rates, allow us to be more flexible, pay down debt, and spend money on what we need not what we can.

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# SLLA Board ignores growing goose problem

Dear Editor,

On April 17, I personally delivered the attached letter along with backup material to the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA]. Shortly thereafter the subject of geese was on the Board's agenda but apparently had nothing to do with our letter. During that meeting the Board stated that residents could put up a small fence to keep the geese out of their yards. After that meeting I asked one of the Board members if he had seen my letter. He replied that he was unaware of it. I gave him a copy.

About two weeks later, I saw him and asked if he had read my letter. He stated he had not yet had the time. A few months later I asked him the same question. About a month ago, he stated he had turned the matter over to someone else. At that time, I told him that a week earlier we had more than 100 geese in front of our house and his response told me he had still not read our letter.

At that time, he stated he would look into the matter for me. As of this date, I have not heard one word from the Board or any member thereof even to the extent of acknowledging

receipt of the letter.

Other residents have told me the same story, whether it was the current administration or the former under [former SLLA President] Don Truesdell.

Geese may not be as important as our roads, which are certainly in disrepair, but unless the Board takes some action, this year's 100 geese will become 300 next year and a multiple of that the following year.

We can only hope our next Board will at least have the courtesy to acknowledge communications they receive.

*John Allen  
Seven Lakes North*

*Board of Directors, SLLA*

Residential Canadian geese have become more of a problem every year and this has been the worst one yet. For people who do not live on a lake or use one of the beaches, the geese may look like pretty birds swimming around the lakes. If you live on a lake like we do, play golf, or walk ponies at the stables, it is a different story. (We realize the SLLA does not include the golf course.)

This spring the geese fought

over areas on the Sequoia Island practically all day and all night. We are not sure that geese ever sleep and I finally resorted to ear plugs so as not to be constantly awakened by their noise.

Researching the residential goose problem shows that many municipalities have begun ridding themselves of geese via relocation or euthanization. Residential geese have no natural predators in our area, so actions by people are the only way to limit their exponential growth.

Congress recognized the problem some years ago and in June, 1999, the Fish and Wildlife Service Division of the Department of The Interior issued in the Federal Register, "Migratory Bird Special Canada Goose Permit, 50 CFR Part 21."The Summary for this final rule states "The United States Fish and Wildlife Service establishes, in cooperation with State wildlife agencies, a Canada goose damage management program. This program is designed to provide a biologically sound and more cost-effective

method for the control of locally-breeding Canada geese that pose a threat to health and human safety and damage personal and public property." The entire rule is attached.

Residential geese have become a problem due to their droppings, which affect human health and safety in urban areas and also create a health hazard to animals. In our area goose droppings have become the norm in or on our lakes, yards, streets, and stable area.

Also attached is a report by Dr. Larry Clark, Wildlife Services Research Biologist, US Department of Agriculture. In this report Dr. Clark states that fecal samples from Canadian geese were characterized by the prevalence of Escherichia coli serogroups (salmonella, listeria, and campylobacter). Dr. Clark states the presence of E. coli ranged upward to 94 percent in the summer months; the time when people are outdoors swimming, riding horses, golfing, etc. I understand other residents have

expressed a concern and requested regular testing of our lake waters. With the number of geese we have within our borders, the lakes should be subject to periodic and published samplings.

The North Carolina Waterfowl Association also recognizes the nuisance and destructive problems caused by Canadian geese. Under a picture of geese on their web site is the caption: "The North Carolina USDA Wildlife Services deals with Nuisance Complaints caused by Resident Canada Geese". A copy of that web site page, which speaks to recommended actions, is attached.

A single goose produces from one and one-half to three pounds of feces a day. Further research (I won't include the one on bowl study of humans) shows that the daily amount of droppings by a single goose is roughly equivalent to a human bowel movement. Think about that for a minute.

(See "Geese,"p. 25)



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Pine Forest

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text of other developments planned for the area.

“Moore County is at a critical crossroads . . . when you add together the Dormie Club and Stonehill Pines [developments with Pine Forest], it is a loss of 4,000 acres of critical habitat. Clearly they’ve gone out of their way to preserve open space — but when you have this scale of development you cannot main-

tain the integrity of an ecosystem,” Wimberly said. “The cumulative effect of growth will not be in keeping with Area A.”

Picking up on the comments made by Rob Evans, Planning Board member Ricky Lea asked why the state had not pursued the property during the long period it had sat on the open real estate market.

Evans said he was made aware of the Pine Forest prop-

erty only after several hundred acres nearby were purchased to protect the recently identified Sandhills lily, a rare species. That tract is home to a scattering of plants, but Evans said adding the Pine Forest tract would protect the entire population. He explained that the state could offer only fair market value for the property — less than a developer could afford — and admitted, that, in today’s economy, it would take the state a considerable period of time to accumulate the funding necessary to complete such a transaction.

**More Traffic for the West Pine Area**

Traffic impact on NC Hwy 211, especially near the already congested stretch at West Pine Middle School, was a key concern for several residents who spoke during Thursday’s public hearing. The NC Department of Transportation [NC-DOT] has plans to widen the roadway from West

End to Pinehurst; however, additional traffic is already anticipated when West Pine Elementary opens its doors next Fall. That new school is located immediately behind and adjacent to the West Pine Middle facility and is currently under construction.

After the Public Hearing was closed, during brief deliberations by the Planning Board, one member of the Board expressed concern over inadequate road and water infrastructure. But, when the vote was called, the rezoning request won unanimous support from Board members, contingent on nine specific conditions, including receipt of an annual progress report from Hansen, county approval of a preliminary plat for the development before any work begins, sedimentation and erosion control permits prior to any clearing, and a driveway permit from NC-DOT for the entrances on NC Highways 211 and 73.

MHK’s proposed wastewater treatment plant will need approval from the state. A second condition imposed on that facility envisions the creation of a county utility authority that would ultimately receive and operate the plant. However, if the Board of Commissioners chooses not to establish that authority, the Planning Board’s conditional approval requires that a Pine Forest Property Owners Association would operate and maintain the facility according to state guidelines.

Most significantly, project approval is contingent upon finalizing the agreement with Public Utilities on enough water from Montgomery County to meet Pine Forest’s needs.

The PUD-H rezoning request will also have to win the approval of the Moore County Board of Commissioners before MHK can move forward.

(See “Planning,”p. 26)

Geese


(Continued from page 23)

All this said, residential geese are a documented nuisance and their droppings are a known health hazard to humans. If residents came to the SLLA Board stating that 40, 50, or 100 people were using the lakes, yards, and stable area for a toilet I’m sure Board members would be quick to address the problem. You can read articles on the internet about various cities and actions they have taken to reduce or eliminate residential

geese. (One from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer is attached.) Locally, Carolina Trace in Sanford recognized the problem and took action last year.

We strongly urge the SLLA Board to recognize the problem of residential geese and contact the Wildlife Service to determine a solution. Thank you for your consideration, we look forward to your response.


*Yours truly,*  
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# Annexation

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ever come to us before and asked to be included in the Foxfire ETJ," Lauer said.

Nelsen and Richard Shearer, another Lake Diamond proper-

ty owner present for the meeting, both stated they were unaware of the proposed annexation agreement until just recently.

"Lake Diamond is an invaluable resource . . . and the public does

not have awareness of what may be decided tonight," said Shearer, who described himself as the single largest property owner within the community. "Lake Diamond is the headwa-

ters for all of Moore County. I bought out there because of the water -- our lake is pure enough to drink. This is a valuable resource of pure spring water for Foxfire. The lake has excess capacity and could be improved if certain government regulations were met. I ask you passionately to not consider giving up our water resource."

Lake Diamond is actually two lakes, the larger of which is approximately forty-acres in size. Nelsen said their dam is currently undergoing remediation and that property owners have been assessed and repairs are expected to be approved within the month.

"We have money in the bank and our association is doing very well," he added. "Our dam and community have been in place since the 1970s, but we were never really organized until now. After years of struggling, we finally got to daylight."

## Annex Lake Diamond?

Councilwomen Page Coker and Leslie Frusco recommended that Lake Diamond residents should consider a petition to be included within the Foxfire village limits, rather than the ETJ.

"Our ETJ will not protect you from involuntary annexation by Pinehurst," said Frusco.

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# Planning

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## Too Little Time for Public Input?

Martha Blake, who was presiding over her first meeting since being appointed to chair the Planning Board, had her hands full maintaining order during the Pine Forest public hearing. On the recommendation of County Attorney Misty Leland, Blake limited public comments to three minutes per speaker, a standard policy used by the county commissioners.

But that decision was met with derision and complaint by opponents of the Pine Forest Development when the imposed time constraints forced many speakers away from the podium before they had completed their presentations.

Harry Huberth, a former Planning Board chairman, asked the Board to reconsider the three minute policy for future public hearings.

"Folks left here feeling like they didn't have their say," Huberth said. "This is their forum to give input. Three minutes on complicated and emotional issues just isn't enough time."

## Huberth, Fiorillo recognized

Huberth and former Planning Chair Nancy Roy Fiorillo were recognized for their service, and new member Bernard Capstick was welcomed to the Planning Board.

A moment of silence was offered for planning member Giles Hopkins, who had died earlier in the day. His long and dedicated public career included many years as planning director for Moore County and the Town of Aberdeen, and mayor of Whispering Pines.

## Other Business

In other business during its Thursday, December 10 meeting, the Planning Board:

- Reconvened as the Moore County Watershed Review Board to consider a special non-resi-

dential intensity allocation request by First Baptist Church of Pinehurst, unanimously approving and increase of the maximum built upon area from twenty-four percent to forty-four percent. The 14.54 parcel owned by the church is located on NC Hwy 211, across from the main entrance of Pinewild. Plans submitted with the request include a proposed new, larger sanctuary building, two classroom buildings, a Family Life center, and additional parking.

- Approved a text amend-

ment to the Zoning Ordinance that removed conflicting language regarding home occupations of an industrial and/or commercial nature.

- Heard from Planning Director Joey Raczkowski that a consultant has been selected to draft a Unified Development Ordinance [UDO] that will codify and condense all development ordinances into a single user-friendly document that will include definitions, procedures, and processes.



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# Westside Budget

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landowners to approve an unusually large increase this year.

"We're establishing the baseline from which future increases are going to be, percentage-wise, significantly smaller than this," Secretary Ed Tuton noted.

Still, Community Manager Joan Frost said, Westside dues are a bargain. "Of all the communities we manage, you have tremendous amenities, beautiful amenities, for a very, very low rate," Frost said.

Dues parity became an issue for the Association when the Westside neighborhoods were merged into a single Association in 2004. Beacon Ridge and Pinnacle landowners were paying dues significantly lower than those paid by landowners in

Seven Lakes West proper. A schedule of regular increases for Beacon Ridge and The Pinnacle was negotiated as part of the merger agreement. Last year, all communities reached the point at which their dues were equal.

The Board's approval of the dues increase was made contingent on a review of the Association's legal documents by Director Ed Silberhorn. Silberhorn and other Board members recalled being told, at some point, that the ratio of homeowner's vs. lot owner's dues was stipulated in the Association's legal documents. Though that seemed likely to turn out to be an urban legend, Silberhorn planned to review all of the documents to make sure — including all six

sets of covenants for the various neighborhoods that make up Seven Lakes West.

Percentage-wise, owners of unimproved lots are facing a much larger increase than owners of improved lots.

Silberhorn asked Kirst whether that differential indicated the Finance Committee is recommending gradually equalizing the dues paid by all lot owners — whether or not the lots has been built on.

Kirst confirmed that that is the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

## Monthly payment option may ease the burden

Board members expressed some hope that a new monthly billing arrangement will make

the proposed dues increase less of a burden on members.

During the Financial retreat, Treasurer Kirst noted that dues for an improved lot are \$80 per month; for an unimproved lot, \$60 per month.

Community Manager Frost said monthly billing for dues is common in CAS-managed communities. Westsiders will be offered that option next year with no interest or penalty charge for paying monthly instead of annually.

A presentation on the FY 2010-2011 budget is planned for the January 26 evening Board Meeting. Annual meeting packets will be mailed out shortly thereafter, including a ballot that will allow landowners to vote on the budget approved by the Board.

## Twenty-six cents to rebuild reserves

Treasurer Kathy Kirst told *The Times* that twenty-six cents of every dues dollar paid in FY 2010-2011 will go for rebuilding the Association's reserve accounts, fourteen cents will be spent on capital projects, and the remaining sixty cents will cover operations.

The FY2010-2011 budget allocates \$634,700 to capital expenditures, including a contribution of roughly \$440,000 to the Association's various reserve funds. By contrast, this year's budget contributed only \$30,000 to reserves.

Kirst told *The Times* that the community will need to spend more than \$6 million over the next

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# Westside Budget

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twenty-five years on capital projects, according to the latest audit of Association books. A repaving schedule developed by former Infrastructure Director Ray Mackay indicates SLWLA will need \$1 million for that function alone by 2014. The road reserve currently stands at \$306,000. So the budget approved by the Board includes a \$250,000 contribution to the road reserve account.

Total reserves were \$1.3 million going into FY 2009-2010, but \$553,000 in expenditures — mostly the Lake Auman Dam remediation — had reserves down to \$758,000 by August, the lowest level in years.

## Critical capital projects

The proposed budget includes same-year funding for several capital projects that Board members characterized as critical, including:

- \$31,000 for repairs to the dams on three ponds, including the lower Lakeway Mall pond.
- \$27,000 for road drainage.
- \$40,000 for repairs to deteriorating culverts that carry water under Longleaf Drive.
- \$20,000 for license plate detection cameras at the gates.
- \$15,000 for the installation of six fire hydrants.
- \$9,000 for road shoulder erosion control.
- \$10,000 to continue the Lakeway Mall Drainage project.
- \$16,000 to develop a master plan for the front and back entrances. The Board approved a contract with the firm LandDesign for this item during the Financial Retreat.
- \$18,000 for fencing adjacent

to the Parkwood Subdivision, which will connect with fencing installed last year back of West Side Park.

- \$15,000 for guardrails on either side of Longleaf Drive drive at its intersection with Lakeway Drive.

"Most of this has to do with the roads, dam repairs, and storm drainage issues that require us to take action," Infrastructure Director Goodman said. "It's the only prudent thing we can do. They're all high priorities because they are unavoidable."

## Fee Schedule revised

In addition to approving an increase in landowners dues, the Board adjusted several other fees — though the objective was more to improve operations than to raise revenue. Fee income is a relatively minor portion of the Westside's revenue stream. Of the \$1.7 million in anticipated FY 2010-2011 revenues, \$1.47 million will come from landowners dues.

Adjustments to the fees included:

- West Side Park Great Room rental fees were raised from \$300 to \$400 for informal groups and non-profits, and from \$700 to \$1,000 for outside organizations using the facility.
- Fees for the boat and trailer storage lot were modified to reflect the amount of space the trailer or RV actually occupies.
- A \$150 transfer fee was added to cover the administrative costs of adding a new member to the Association, to be paid as part of closing costs.

## Pool access procedure changed

In the fee schedule approved during their Financial Retreat, the Board simplified fees for use of the West Side Park pool, dropping the weekly, monthly, and season passes offered this past Summer, leaving only the \$5 per day guest pass. Though it is not part of the budget per se, the Directors reached consensus on new procedures for pool access, based on input from a Community Manager for a CAS-managed community in Durham.

Next season the Association will issue photo ID cards to landowners. Two adults will be designated the "primary cardholders" for each household and will be able to bring up to four guests each to the pool. Other members of the household aged 16 or older will be "secondary cardholders," able to visit the pool unescorted, but not permitted to bring guests.

Any guests in excess of the four allowed each primary cardholder will be required to pay a daily \$5 fee for use of the pool.

The Durham community that SLWLA is using as its model for this system uses photo IDs that are also electronic "proximity cards" that can be used to open the pool gate. The West Side will not use the electronic cards during the 2010 pool season, but has set aside \$15,000 in the capital budget as a reserve against installing a proximity card system in spring 2011.

A big change at the pool will be the removal of the diving board, which will allow the pool to be operated without lifeguards — a savings of \$15,000 in the operations budget.

## Other budget issues

Also during their Financial Retreat the Board:

- Eliminated the Fourth of July fireworks display, which cost \$10,000 last year and was expected to cost \$14,500 next year.
- Added a new \$3,000 line item for the assembly and disassembly of the community's Christmas decorations. Director Milligan pointed out that volunteers could not be counted on to be able or willing every year to devote the hundreds of hours that went into assembling this year's holiday display.
- Turned down a \$90,000 request from Director Hoffman that would have paid for manning the back gate for up to nine months. Hoffmann had planned to install a temporary guardhouse at the gate, at a cost of \$5,000 — in order to allow residents to experience the benefits of a manned back gate — and then survey the community on its willingness to fund that security enhancement on an on-going basis.

The \$90,000 would have funded full-time guards, assuming the Board decided to make the manned back gate permanent.

- Turned down a suggestion from Treasurer Kathy Kirst that a separate dues charge be eliminated for undeveloped lots that are used solely for septic fields. Director Adam Wimberly said he saw the advantage of the move to the owners of the lots -- but not to the Association. He noted that the Architectural Review Committee is forming a subcommittee to explore a variety of issues surrounding "septic" lots.

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