

## Board casts final vote to close dam road

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

The Westside Board of Directors cast their final vote Tuesday night, October 26, to permanently close Longleaf Drive over Lake Auman Dam. But their vote may not put an end to the matter, just yet.

During the same meeting, the Dam Road Group, organized by Westsider Mike Gorenflo, presented Secretary Karen Milligan with signatures representing 246 lots, petitioning for a special meeting of the membership to vote on the road closure. The Board's Legal Director, Ed Silberhorn, said the Board cannot be forced by a popular vote to change its position.

Adding more fuel to the public debate on the issue, the Board released a strongly-worded rebuttal, prepared

by Dam Engineer Dr. Dan Marks, attacking an informal critique of the Lake Auman Dam remediation prepared by James Weldon, a dam safety engineer employed by the Denver, CO, Water Department. Weldon's analysis, prepared as a favor to Westsider Jim Johnson, has not been released by either Johnson or the Board, but allegedly contains "inflammatory" statements about the quality of the dam remediation and the overall safety of the dam.

### Decision unanimous

All nine members of the Westside Board were present at Tuesday's meeting, and all nine voted in favor of President Ron Shepard's motion to "permanently close"

(See "Dam," p. 27)

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Community volunteers Rodney Godwin, Bill Yarish, Kent Droppers, Community Manager Alina Cochran, and Conrad Meyer met on Saturday morning, October 2, for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors community program in Seven Lakes Landowners Association. These volunteers removed yard debris placed by residents at the curb side and disposed of it at the debris site.

## Northside resident reports pit bull attack

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Loose dogs have been a source of frequent complaints

in Seven Lakes. In particular, a pair of friendly, but annoying Labrador retrievers that enjoy splashing around

Sequoia Point come to mind; however, vicious dog complaints are rare.

On Wednesday, October 27, the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors heard an explicit report of a vicious dog from a resident of Sunset Way in Seven Lakes North. Last week, while out walking, Edith Swigart said, her dog was attacked and mauled in the street by two pit bull terriers.

"It was horrifying. I have nightmares about it," she said. "The owner came down and got the dogs and said that he always keeps his

dogs under control. I told him, not tonight you didn't!"

Swigart's dog underwent emergency surgery and is home recovering. Besides nightmares, she also has a \$900 vet bill to contend with.

"We may be safe behind the gates, but we're not on our streets," she charged.

Since the incident occurred during weekend hours, the

attack was initially reported to the Moore County Sheriff's Office. Swigart said she was informed by the officer that they do not enforce community rules.

Security Director Chuck Mims agreed that it is the standard policy of the Sheriff's office not to enforce the rules of private communi-

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# Village Roads: Moving forward & looking back

by Phil Cook  
*Seven Lakes Business Guild*  
 As part of the continuing efforts on the part of the Seven Lakes Business Guild to improve road conditions in the village, a large section of North Trade Street was oiled & stoned last week. This

process will extend the life of the road surface for 5-10 years. This is the second large undertaking by the guild in an effort to reduce money usually spent on repeatedly filling potholes. Large portions of Grant, MacDougall & Trade were done two years

ago. Both projects together totaled over \$20 thousand dollars.  
 Over \$2k for this latest road improvement came from donations made in memory of Jack Embler. Jack frequently spoke of the importance of keeping the Village looking its

best. It seems appropriate that this phase of the road project has been completed as we remember Jack on the first anniversary of his passing.  
 Thanks to all who have made contributions to the Village road project. It will

be an ongoing endeavor for the unforeseeable future and all donations are greatly appreciated. Contributions can be made to The Community Development Fund, Box 6530 Seven Lakes Village, Seven Lakes, NC 27376

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day & Paper Shredding Service will be held on Saturday, November 13, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, at Pinecrest High School, (parking lot off of Voit Gilmore Lane).

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mission & brake fluid. Pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and insecticides will be accepted but *must* be in its original containers for identification purposes. This event is sponsored by: Moore County Cooperative Extension Service, Keep Moore

County Beautiful, County of Moore, Village of Pinehurst, Village of Whispering Pines, Sustainable Sandhills, NC, Department of Agriculture, Town of Aberdeen and the Town of Southern Pines. Contact any sponsor for more information.

### BINGO to benefit EMS

The Women of Seven Lakes and the Seven Lakes Kiwanis are holding an EMS Benefit Bingo Party on Sunday, November 14, at 2:00 pm, in the West Side Park Community Center. Come join in the fun and fundraising.

Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Seven Lakes EMS Squad to help defray costs of their new ambulance. Bingo prizes will be items from the Pampered Chef line of food preparation wares and the afternoon will include cooking demonstrations and special tastings, door prizes, and free Pampered Chef sample items. A raffle will also be held for additional Pampered Chef items.

Tickets for admission and BINGO cards are \$20. Please call Joan Matula at 673-3464 or Lois Ann Eisel at 400-3094 for tickets.

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# Incorporation report on security released

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

The incorporation of Seven Lakes would provide Seven Lakes West property owners little gain, higher taxes, and less say in how things are done, Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Vice President John Hoffmann reported to Westside Landowners during the Board's Tuesday, October 26 Work Session.

Hoffmann's comment was offered as the conclusion reached by a Board subcommittee investigating the impact of incorporation on safety and security in Seven Lakes West. A copy of the committee's report is available on sevenlaketimes.net.

Hoffmann said the eleven-man committee began its work with a brainstorming session aimed at surfacing the key safety and security issues, which included the value of the gates, the likely cost of a Seven Lakes municipal police department, and

the impact of wider access to the community's streets if the gates are taken down, among other issues.

Guards and gates currently cost the Association about \$155,000 per year, Hoffmann said. And, according to Moore County Sheriff Lane Carter, they do provide an effective deterrent to crime.

Quoting information provided by Carter, Hoffmann said Seven Lakes is home to about 10 percent of Moore County's population, but accounts for only 1.7 percent of calls to the Sheriff's Office. "According to the Sheriff," Hoffmann said, "gates keep the bad guys out."

Of the 97 crimes reported in the Seven Lakes area in 2009, Hoffmann said, only 13 were in Seven Lakes West. Only 5 of the 144 Seven Lakes crimes reported in Seven Lakes in 2008 took place in Seven Lakes West.

Both groups that have floated proposals for incorporating Seven Lakes have under-

estimated the cost of providing police protection, the subcommittee found. Using budgets from five different area police departments, they estimate that an eight-person police department would cost just over \$700,000 per year.

Having access to such a police force would likely improve response times to incidents, Hoffmann said. However, that increased response time comes at a considerable cost likely to generate higher taxes. And incorporating without the gates would introduce another expense: that of securing community amenities from use by non-members who would have free access to community streets.

## Other Business

In other business during the Tuesday, October 26 Work Session of the SLWLA Board of Directors:

- The Board took its final vote approving the permanent closure of Longleaf Drive

over Lake Auman Dam [See story on page 1].

- The Board approved an (See "Westside," p. 29)

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# Quick renegotiation saves the county bucks

by **Laura Douglass**  
Times Reporter

An on-the-spot renegotiation of a proposed special inspections contract for the Public Safety and Detention Center buildings saved the county \$14,000 after Chairman Tim Lea questioned overtime pay provisions in the contract during the Tuesday, October 19 meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

The \$283,000 contract by Kleinfelder Southeast provides a qualified inspector on-site for sixteen months of the proposed twenty-one month construction period — those months being the critical structural phase of the project.

Public Works Director Dennis Brobst explained that these inspections are mandatory under North Carolina Building Codes for jails and facilities designated for emergency response services. Having a fulltime inspector on-site

rather than bringing in specialists on a case-by-case basis is the less expensive option because of travel time and mileage, Brobst said.

Though the proposed bid was below the \$300,000 budgeted allotment for special inspections, Lea quickly zeroed in on the overtime fees.

"We're in a down economy. You have the option to charge a base rate. I'm asking if you will do that," Lea said to Kleinfelder's representative, Nigel Miller.

A call for a motion to approve the bid went unanswered and the Board was about to table further action, when Miller agreed to eliminate the overtime charges.

Based on a flat rate with no overtime, Miller presented a modified bid of \$269,000 later in the meeting, which was approved by a 3-2 split vote with Lea and Commissioner Cindy Morgan casting dissenting votes.

Immediately following the motion, Commissioner Jimmy Melton was excused for a personal obligation.

### Budget amendments

A request from Information Technology to appropriate \$1,150 raised through sales of surplus capital assets to fund the purchase of replacement batteries was approved on a 4-1 split vote. Commissioner Picerno opposed the request as an additional cost to the county that was not included in the budget.

Several other budget amendments were approved with unanimous support, including \$37,816 toward professional services for a shared position with Cumberland County and a \$240,000 grant from the NC Rural Center to renovate and expand K2 Solutions, a project that is being assisted by Partners in Progress.

In addition, the Board

approved adding a 457 Preferred Plan compensation benefit to the 401K program offered to Moore County employees. Adding the option did not increase costs.

### Code of Ethics

Members of county boards

of commissioners are required to vote on all issues brought before them unless there is a legal conflict of interest. That is, they must vote even when there is an appearance or perception of a conflict of interest. This is the law.

(See "Commissioners," p. 16)

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# Clewis rediscovered her art after cancer



An award-winning photo by Westsider Janice Clewis

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Janice Clewis majored in art: it was her passion and her talent.

But a more stable and lucrative career as a special education teacher sidetracked her interests. She married, raised her children, and was a passionate teacher assisting children with autism, learning disabilities, behavioral and emotional concerns, working with the blind, the deaf, and the physically-impaired. She specialized and also taught cross-categorically in self-contained classrooms.

Her goal was to move into an administrative role in special education; but, as she explained, "God said 'No.' You're going back to art."

## A difficult diagnosis

Despite regular mammograms and a healthy lifestyle, doctors found a tumor the size of a baseball, already invading her lymph nodes, during a routine checkup.

"They panicked," she said of her team of twelve UNC doctors. "It was [classified] level three and very invasive.

They implied I would not get through it."

Too large for surgery, the only way to treat her tumor was with radiation — 36 rounds in all — and eight doses of chemotherapy.

Married to a licensed chiropractor and the mother of another, Clewis also began natural therapies which she credits, along with positive attitude, in aiding her astounding recovery.

"I was so positive, the doctors said I gave them hope. They told me I was the talk of UNC — that there were so many miracles," said Clewis.

After successfully shrinking her tumor through radiation treatment, surgery

removed the last of it and Clewis was declared cancer-free. Only then did she begin  
(See "Clewis," p. 15)



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Survivors include his parents, Ralph and Lore Olsen of Seven Lakes West; his wife, Tracey Horchler Olsen; sister Laurie Faig of Monroe, NY; brother, R.C. Olsen of Wesley Chapel and his nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to Sandhills Children's Center, 1280 Central Drive, Southern Pines, NC 28387.

**Bobby Lee Davis**, 69, of Eagle Springs, died Monday, October 18, at Duke University Medical Center in Durham.

Funeral services were held Thursday, October 21, at Crossroads Baptist Church, where he was a member. The Reverend Mike Holyfield officiated. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Davis was born in Moore County, the son of the late Barney Lee and Alma Garner Davis.

He retired from Carthage Fabrics after thirty-five years of employment.

He is survived by his wife of fifty years, Bernadine; his daughter, Brenda Davis Wolfe of Eagle Springs and three grandchildren.

Kennedy Funeral Home is assisting the family.

**Nancy Jean Schrum**, 70, of Seven Lakes, died Thursday, October 14, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital. Mrs. Schrum was a native of Moore County, the daughter of William Roosevelt Roberts and Hazel Marsh Roberts.

A Funeral Mass was held Monday October 18, at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Pinehurst. The Rev.

James M. Labosky officiated. A Rite of Committal followed in Seven Lakes Cemetery.

Mrs. Schrum was a 1958 graduate of Cameron High School. She received an associate degree in Nursing from Highsmith Rainey School of Nursing in Fayetteville, 1961. She was a member of the

Moore County Republican Women's Club and Sacred Heart Catholic Church Ladies Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jill Marie Schrum Cohen and her parents.

Mrs. Schrum is survived by her husband of forty-eight

years, James R. Schrum of Seven Lakes; daughters, Paige Salyer-Byrd of West End and Kelly Anne Schrum Zion of Hayden, ID; a brother, William Sammy Roberts of Cary, her sister, Ann Roberts Dowd of Carthage; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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# Jackson Springs Scout earns Gold Award

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For her Gold Award project, Frech created a fun, safe and delicious cooking workshop to encourage cooking and independence. She taught a cooking class every day for six hours to children

ages 9 through 12.

Frech is the daughter of Diane Frech. She has been in Girl Scouts since 2003 and is a member of Girl Scout Troop #1325 led by Sandra Baker. In addition to Girl Scouting,



Shanele Brienne Frech

Frech enjoys ballroom dancing.

## About the Gold Award

The Girl Scout Gold Award has evolved from a long line of Girl Scout leadership awards going back as far as 1919. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout between the ages of 14 and 18 can earn. Currently 5.4 percent of eligible Girls Scouts earn the Gold Award annually. The Gold Award recognizes the work of Girl Scouts who demonstrate leadership culminating in 50 hours or

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# World-traveling Crawfords visit Kiwanis

by Frank Krohn  
Seven Lakes Kiwanis

The Seven Lakes community is blessed with the presence of several excellent photographers, some of which are also world travelers. Peggy and Dudley Crawford, a retired pastor of the West End Presbyterian Church,

certainly qualify as part of that group, and on Tuesday, October 12, they presented a program to the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club. They reviewed their trip to France in 2010.

The Crawfords began organizing group trips 20 years ago. Originally, the trips were reserved just for

church members, but the news of how enjoyable they were and soon news spread, and now the trips include anyone interested in visiting other parts of the world in first class fashion. The groups are limited to about 40, primarily to make land travel possible in only one vehicle.

Once they are announced each year, there is a rush to sign up by those who want to be included. The 2010 trip was to the Western part of France and Paris.

Peggy does the planning and organizing of the trips, while Dudley takes care of documenting their visits with his virtual professional photography. His expertise results in superb video programs that make the viewer feel as though he/she is actually a part of the trip.

This particular trip was a return trip to France, and

its highlights included Normandy, many quaint French towns and beautiful countryside in the Loire Valley, Versailles, and Paris.

The next trip is scheduled

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# Festival of Trees attracts local supporters

Generous residents and businesses of Foxfire, Seven Lakes and West End are working together to raise money for disabled children at Sandhills Children's Center during their 13th Annual Festival of Trees November 11 through November 15 at The Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst.

Joining the Festival of Trees Committee this year are Cheryl Fox, Carol McDonald and Noreen Sawyer all from Seven Lakes. They have been working for several months to secure gift basket items which will be part of the silent auction at the festival. Local donors to this category include First Bank of Seven Lakes, Michelle Bolton of Michelle Bolton Photography, Barbara Sickenberger, Carol McDonald, Don Bahr, Pinehurst Patios, Shirley Sikkema, Janice Clewis of Clewis Photography and Christy Dotson. Making their debut at Festival of Trees are

Leslie Rose of Sandhills Winery with a wreath full of wine and Michael & Lisa Gorenflo with a 4½' tree titled "The Christmas Traveler."

The Foxfire Garden Club has been a long time supporter of Festival of Trees

and is decorating their first 4½' Christmas tree this year. Jeremy Bowen of Le Jardin Florals will be decorating a 6½' tree for the second year. These talented folks will join in presenting over 200 decorated holiday trees, wreaths,

gingerbread and gift baskets in a winter wonderland that will be on display and avail-

able for silent auction.

Sandhills Children's Cen-

(See "Festival," p. 15)



*Westsider Marie Lewis, Co-Chair of the 2010 Festival of Trees, is serenaded by the Golf Capital Chorus Quartet.*

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- Offers a support group for caregivers of spouses or parents with increased symptoms of dementia;
- Sends out the beautiful sound of bells playing the great religious hymns twice each day.

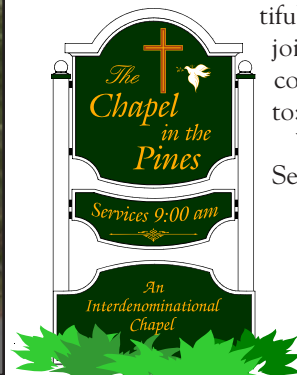
The Chapel recently embarked on a campaign to raise funds needed to build an additional space in order to continue and to increase the scope of our ministry in and for the community. We were blessed by a generous challenge gift of \$300,000 made possible by a Seven Lakes Citizen who wishes to remain anonymous but who believes strongly in the future of the Chapel and the community. Now we are in a fund raising campaign to match that \$300,000 gift.

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# Coffee-nomics was the topic at Garden Club

by Brenda Yarish

Seven Lakes Garden Club

The same techniques used to produce shade-grown coffee can attract birds to your garden, members of the Seven Lakes Garden Club learned at their Thursday, October 14 meeting.

Marissa Back introduced club members to Helen Calvius of Sandhills Community College who spoke on "Coffee-nomics."

Coffee grown in vast fields made by clear cutting has decimated the bird populations in South America. The shade grown coffee encourages them to live in these plantations. The birds breed here in the Summer & then migrate to South America. Ms. Calvius presented a slide show and shared fascinating facts about the birds — how they know where to go. Some of the birds return to the same tree year after year. Ms. Calvius shared her experiences working with the women's coffee company Cafe Femenino in Peru, which was founded by women who were abused, and is run solely by women.

## Other club business

The Club met on Thursday, October 14. At the pre-

vious months meeting, Vickie Bedder, President introduced newcomers and brought the members up to date on the clubs activities.

The Garden Tour in May was very successful, the raffle of different themed baskets was particularly well received.

The garden tour for next year is already being planned; If you know of a garden that you think others would like to see, or show your own garden, please contact Laurie Odiorne.

The Seven Lakes Garden Club Calendar will be changed to coincide with the Sandhills Council of Garden Clubs, i.e., September through June. New officers will be asked to serve eighteen months and dues collected in January 2011 will be \$15 and last until June 2012.

There was a call for volunteers to weed around the the gate areas during the first week of each month.

West End Elementary school requested guidance on landscaping. Garden club members attended a meeting at WEE on Saturday, October 23 to help with this project.

A Holiday Workshop is planned for the Thursday, November 11 meeting. Carmela Chase will demon-

strate the making of a Pine cone Wreath and Johanna Moran will construct a Kissing Ball. Refreshments will be served.

The October meeting concluded with the awarding of door prizes. The last Garden Club meeting of this year will be on November 11. The Gar-

den Club of Seven Lakes meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm at the North Clubhouse.











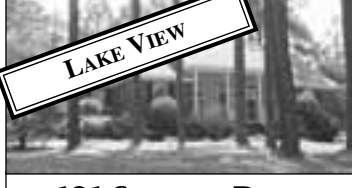
## Alzheimer's Support Group

The Seven Lakes Alzheimer's/Memory Loss Caregivers Support Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Chapel in the Pines on Seven Lakes Drive. For more information, call 673-5493.

## SLWLA Storage Yards

### *It's time to clean them up!*

We found several boats/trailers that are not registered with Seven Lakes West storage. We ask homeowners and previous residents who may have left their belongings behind to please check the storage yards at Longleaf and Johnson Point. If you have a boat/trailer at the storage yard that is not currently registered with SLW, contact the West Side Community Center Office @ 910-673-5314. All items remaining on Nov 15, 2010 will be removed from SLW by a towing company. You will then need to contact them directly to pick up your belongings and pay towing & storage charges. We appreciate your help in cleaning up our storage yards!

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- (1) 12 oz. bag semisweet chocolate chips  
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# Windows 7 reviewed

by Irene Baumgartner  
Seven Lakes Computer Club

Doug Rosskamp of G&D Computers, Seven Lakes presented Part 2 of Windows 7 "Back to Basics." He started the October meeting off with a quick review of the SNAP, SHAKE, Personalization and Taskbar features in Windows 7 that he covered at the September meeting. He also reviewed the advantages of Internet Explorer 8 vs. the older versions without tabs.

The presentation covered Libraries & HomeGroup (Networks). Libraries, new in Windows 7, makes it easier to find, work with, and organize files scattered across your PC or network. A library brings your information

together in one place – no matter where it's actually stored.

Windows 7 comes with libraries for documents, music, pictures, and videos, that you can personalize, or create your own, with just a few clicks. You can also quickly sort and shuffle your libraries – for example, documents by type, pictures by date taken, or music by genre, easily share libraries with people on a home network

Concerned about privacy? HomeGroup is password-protected and puts you in total control. You decide what gets shared – and what stays private. You can also make your files "read only," so other

people can look at – but not touch – your stuff.

The presentation notes above came directly from the Microsoft Website found at [www.microsoft.com/windows7](http://www.microsoft.com/windows7)

For more information about Windows 7 join the Computer Club on Tuesday, November 9, 3 pm at the SL North Clubhouse Game Room.

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# Dances, roots music, and Sandhills heritage

by Sara Lindau

Moore County Historical Society

Spend Sunday afternoon from 2-4 on October 31 at Weymouth Center with the "Spirits of Sandhills Past," an outdoor celebration of music, dance, visual arts and story-telling fun for the whole family.

Rain or shine, it will be held at Weymouth, 555 E. Connecticut Ave., Southern Pines.

This fall's Arts and Humanities series kicked off Sept. 12 with Ft. Bragg archaeologist Dr. Linda Carnes-McNaughton giving a free lecture focusing on the peri-

od from 12,000 b.c.e., when the Sandhills was covered by an ancient sea, to the arrival of Highland Scots on the ship "The Thistle," in 1739. It was followed Oct. 1 with a lecture by John Hairr, House in the Horseshoe's state historic site manager whose topic was "Evolution to Revolution."

The final program "Sprits of the Sandhills Past," will be a celebration of the arts of the blended cultures of the Sandhills: Native Americans, African Americans and Highland Scots.

Beginning at 2 p.m., the activities will be in the Weymouth house and on the grounds with food, games, displays and outstanding music and dance under a tent. Each of the groups will say a bit about their culture and heritage.

This program features Lumbee Nora Dial-Stanley and her dancers; Occaneechi Saponi Native American John Black Feather with his display of ancient Indian weapons, drummers (Thunder Wolf) and singers; the local gospel choir, Together-N-Unity (based out of 130-year old

Fletcher Chapel United Methodist Church in Hoffman) led by Rod Brower, will render traditional African-American spirituals; and Celtic Jam, considered by many to be one of the finest Celtic bands in the Southeast, will feature a wide range of instruments including fiddle, bagpipes, tin whistle, flutes, bouzouki, guitar, concertina, and drums.

Roots music will be performed by Bayle Owens and Ella Patrick, members of the renowned Jugtown potters family who will sing and play old-time songs. Bayle Owens was featured on a recent Peabody Award-win-

ning PBS series, "Craft in America"; and a featured performer will be North Carolina history teacher and professor Joey Powell, telling ghost stories, legends and lore. There's something for every member of the family. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets.

Reservations are advised with admission of \$10 for adults and free admission for children 12 and under. Tickets are available from the Weymouth Center and the Country Bookshop in Southern Pines; also the Tufts Archives at Given Memorial Library in Pinehurst.

## Locks of Love



West Pine Middle School 7th grader, Maddie Burrell donated eleven inches of her hair to Locks of Love Foundation. This is the second time Maddie has donated her hair to the foundation. She plans on doing it again! Maddie is the daughter of Sandi and "Buzz" Burrell of Seven Lakes.



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# County employee is national cancer spokesperson

The Pink Together® campaign, supported by General Mills and dedicated to helping those touched by breast cancer find strength together and to raising greater awareness of the disease, named Eli Arroyo-Allen of Whispering Pines one of five Survivor Ambassadors for its 2010 campaign.

The campaign, now in its fourth year, recognizes Pink Together Survivor Ambassadors for the inspiration they provide others with their personal stories of courage and survival in the face of breast cancer.

To spread the message of breast cancer awareness, Eli and her fellow Survivor Ambassadors have been featured on special pink packaging on an assortment of General Mills' brands during the month of October, including Green Giant Frozen Vegetables® and Fiber One Bars®.

The Ambassadors also

share their personal journeys with breast cancer through stories and video interviews featured on PinkTogether.com, a Pink Together Facebook fan page and a Pink Together YouTube channel. New to the video collection this year is a behind-the-scenes music video that explores what it's like to be a Survivor Ambassador.

## Eli's Story

At age 47, Eli is a two-year breast cancer survivor. Eli learned of her diagnosis the same day her husband left for

a year-long overseas deployment with the military. Eli's son became her star supporter during this difficult time.

"Through my journey with breast cancer, I have had the support of many people in my life, whose positive attitudes helped me through my treatment and recovery," said Eli. "As a Pink Together Survivor Ambassador, I am blessed to be able extend my hand to others touched by this disease to provide courage and hope."

Eli has since become the

founder of Loving Life/Amando La Vida, a program designed to support Latina women in her Whispering Pines community and hometown of Miami, Florida, become better educated about breast cancer prevention, detection and treatment. Through Amando La Vida, Eli brings together volunteers to provide emotional support and translation services for Latina women who have been diagnosed with the disease.

Pink Together is also focused on bringing the mes-

sage of breast cancer awareness to the Hispanic community. The campaign will feature Eli and fellow 2010 Survivor Ambassador, Nicole Vazquez, in a Spanish-language advertisement that will run in October in partnership with Que Rica Vida, General Mills' lifestyle publication for Latina women.

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# With county help, Victory Hot Dogs finds a home

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Bob Darr's 'Victory Hot Dog' stand has been on a bumpy ride lately but, with a little help from Moore County Planning, the journey has ended with a location everyone is happy with.

Road dust and lack of

shade at the corner of Hwy 211 in West End informally known as the 'flea market,' forced Darr to move his new business earlier this Summer. Settling under the cool trees at West End Elementary baseball field, a few quiet weeks passed before Darr was ousted by Moore Coun-

ty Schools, citing safety and traffic hazards. Returning to the heart of West End, he obtained permission from the owners of the old Stanly Furniture plant property to clean up a portion of the grounds to operate his stand. But again he was ousted, this time by Moore County Planning staff citing concerns over the industrial zoning of the property.

"The issue stemmed from a meeting between the County Commissioners and the Greater Seven Lakes Community Council," explained Planning Director Joey Raczkowski. "What occurred was that not everyone connected something they liked with something they didn't like. We are not here to close businesses down - we want to educate and help them operate in accordance with zoning."

Victory Hot Dogs, unlike

many of the other roadside businesses that routinely pop up at the 'flea market' and at various points along Hwy 211, is a licensed and fully-certified operation. Darr, a popular and well-known area resident, contributes a portion of his earnings and all of his tips to the Wounded Warrior Foundation.

Using extensive maps provided by the Planning Depart-

ment that designated where he could legally operate, Darr narrowed his choices, again obtained owner's permission, and has made what he hopes is his final move in West End.

"The community has been very supportive - especially of the Wounded Warriors - and I appreciate the help provided by the county and Planning staff," said Darr.



Bob Darr waits for customers at his new location in West End.

## Corrections

An article on Project Linus printed in the October 15 edition of *The Times* had a few errors and omissions:

- The Sandhills Moore County Chapter was established in 1999, not 1990, by Bette Schultz and then was reorganized by Pat Weber in 2005, not 1995.
- The national Project Linus Organization was

founded 1995.

- The Seven Lakes Landowners Association was omitted as one of the Project Linus drop off sites.

- And we failed to mention West End United Methodist Church among the organizations who offer support on a regular basis.

*The Times* regrets the errors.



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## Clewis

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to do research online and learn just how fierce an enemy she had faced.

An ordained minister, Clewis said she realized that God was giving her a message: that she had come through to give hope to others.

### Following her passion

Cancer treatment is a long process. With time on her hands, Clewis reignited her passion for art — first draw-

ing, then with photography, and finally back to painting.

Photography had long been a hobby, and Clewis owned a quality camera; but, in recovery, she purchased what was relatively new technology at the time: a digital camera.

Spending more and more time pursuing her craft, she decided to enroll in a lighting course in the prestigious Photography Technology program at Randolph Community College. One class became two, then three, and

Clewis went on to earn a degree.

As an award-winning professional in her chosen field, Clewis specializes in high end portraits — and describes herself not as a photographer but as a “photographic artist.”

Her work has been displayed in magazines and she has won competitions for both bridal portraits and in photojournalism. In particular, she credits the Professional Photographers of North Carolina and Professional Photographers of America organizations with helping to broaden her knowledge.

“You learn from competition and I’ve won something every time I entered,” she enthused.

With two thriving businesses in Rockingham, her own photography work and her husband’s chiropractic practice, Clewis said they made the difficult decision to relocate to Moore County to be closer to their grandson.

After settling in Seven Lakes West two years ago, Clewis’ husband and son went into business together, opening Pinehurst Chiropractic. She built her own photo studio where it would be most convenient — at home.

Combining her skills in photography, painting, and

technical know-how, Clewis uses software to mix and apply paint to a photograph, in effect, creating a work of fine art with incredible texture and drama that is customized to fit the exact space desired by her client.

Just as skilled with black-and-white photography, Clewis also shares her talent as the volunteer coordinator for Richmond and Moore Counties with the “Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep” organization, which provides remembrance photography for families suffering the loss of an infant. Clewis said she and her team of volunteer professional photographers from around the country will drop everything at a minutes notice to serve.

“This is my ministry. It is one of the best things I’ve ever participated in,” she said, explaining how sometimes parents aren’t sure about the process and may not be feeling good about it

but, later, they are so grateful to have that precious memory.

“I’m thrilled that God has taken me back into my passion.”

“When I was teaching, the children were my passion, but teaching was a skill. With art, this is a talent. God gave me the ability to do this.”

Janice Clewis can be reached at 400-5170 or visit [www.Clewisphoto.com](http://www.Clewisphoto.com)

## Festival

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ter serves over 400 children age birth through five on two campuses and through an outreach program in five south central NC counties. Funding from private donations and special events provides much needed therapies, meals and educational toys. Volunteers are a vital part of the program at Sandhills Children’s Center and at all of their special events. Call the center at 910-692-3323 of you would like to volunteer.

Silent bidding for all design items begins with the Lighting of Festival of Trees Party Tuesday, November 10 sponsored by King Fisher Society. Tickets for the party are \$75 per person and include heavy hors d’oeuvres, host bar and entertainment by jazz pianist Judson Hurd.

Admission by any money donation days are Wednesday – Sunday opening daily at 10 am. There is a “Girls Night Out” on Wednesday, November 11 with The McKenzie Brothers Band performing, 7 to 10 pm. Come meet designers at the “Finale: A Salute to the Designers” party Saturday, November 14, 7 to 10 pm, sponsored by the Surgery Center of Pinehurst.

Seven Laker Dr. Daniel Barnes will help out by playing with his band, House Call. All of the silent auction bidding will close during the party, which is open to the public by making any dollar amount donation at the door.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 910-692-3323 or visit online at [www.FestivalofTrees.org](http://www.FestivalofTrees.org).

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# Commissioners

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During a review of the proposed Commissioners Code of Ethics, Commissioner Cindy Morgan asked County Attorney Misty Leland to include clarification of this point in the proposed language.

Morgan noted that several sitting Commissioners have been hurt by allegations of conflicts of interest that have been perceived conflicts rather than actual legal conflicts that would preclude

members from voting.

Leland also presented optional language that the Board could include in the Code of Ethics recommending that members stay abreast of pertinent legal and constitutional issues; however, she noted the language is untested and could pose a legal liability.

After some brief discussion, action on the Code of Ethics was postponed.

## Red Ribbon Week

Donning red ribbons, the Moore County Board of Commissioners proclaimed October 25-29 as Red Ribbon Week.

The nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program, Red Ribbon Week is celebrated each October through special events and activities that encourage children to lead drug free lives and to reduce substance abuse especially among youth.

Commissioner Cindy Morgan was also recognized for her loyal service as a member of the Board of Directors of Drug Free Moore County.

## Other business

In other business on Tuesday, October 19, the Board of County Commissioners:

- Called a Public Hearing in November to consider two requests to rename roads; one to correct a misspelling and one for a new name.
- Reappointed Johnny Williamson as an Extra-territorial Jurisdiction [ETJ] alternate member for the Town of Pinebluff.

- Commended Tax Administrator Wayne Vest for his professionalism and excellence. For twenty years, Moore County has consistently maintained a nearly perfect tax collection rate, exceeding ninety-nine percent.
- Approved a grant application by the Moore County Health Department for a three-year \$57,000 grant to partially fund an interpreter position. If the grant is received, additional funding needed for the position would be obtained through

the Federal WIC budget.

- Proclaimed November as Adoption Awareness Month in Moore County.
- Rescheduled the County Commissioners meeting from Tuesday, December 7 to Monday, December 6, to avoid a conflict with the annual Carthage Christmas Parade. The meeting will begin at 5:00 pm and a Closed Session will follow.

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## WSL Belk Charity Days

The Women of Seven Lakes are participating in Belk's Charity Day sale this year. Tickets are available for \$5.00 and can be used at Belk on Saturday, November 6, from 6:00 - 10:00 am. Only ticketholders will be admitted to the store during this time with a credit of \$5.00 and special discounts applied to any purchase. If you cannot shop at that time, you may pre-shop and pay, but will

have to pick up your items after the sale time. For tickets, please call Rosemary Weber at 400-3024.

Fashions by Belk's will be presented at the Thursday, November 4 meeting of the Women of Seven Lakes. Beginning at 11:30 am, the WSL Fall Fashion Show & Card Party includes a delicious luncheon provided by Basco Catering. Tickets are \$20, please call Ginger Finney at 673-1330.



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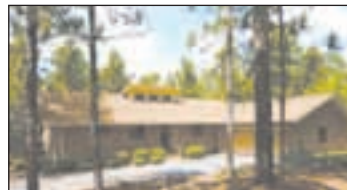
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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29**

- **USTA State Super Senior State Championships** – 8 am – 3pm, Seven Lakes Tennis Center. Spectators and volunteers welcome to participate. Tennis matches continue Sat., October 30, 8 am to 3 pm, and Sun., October 31, 8 am – 12 pm Noon. Information, call 673-1096.
- **Trunk or Treat at WEPC!** – 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., West End Presbyterian Church will be hosting for the entire community. Event held in the parking lot of the Crawford Activity Center and in the center. Children of all ages are invited to come. Play games, make a craft, and win prizes. Chili and hot dog dinners for sale. Call 673-4341. Located on Knox Lane, one block west of Highway 211, West End.
- **Celebrate Halloween Casual Friday at SLCC** – 5-9 pm. Buffet 5-6:30 pm. Food, games & socializing
- **Musical Gala and Benefit for Weymouth Center for Arts and Humanities** – 7 pm. Concert by Frederick Moyer and Nancy Green, both grandchildren of North Carolina playwright Paul Green. Evening recognizes Norris Hodgkins Jr., of Southern Pines, a former President of Weymouth. Tickets \$50. Weymouth Center, 555 E. Connecticut Ave., Southern Pines. (910) 692-6261.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30**

- **Jackson Springs Community Club Annual Chicken and Dumpling Supper** – 5 to 8 pm, The Jackson Springs Clubhouse located on Mill Road, Jackson Springs. Auctioneer, Joe Parsons. Proceeds will provide scholarships for students in the Jackson Springs Area. Enjoy a delicious meal and support a good cause. Adults \$7, children 12 and under \$3. Take out orders available. O'Neal Bennett 974-9406.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31**

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive. Seven Lakes. Holy Eucharist. All are Welcome.

- **Weymouth Center of Arts and Humanities** – 2 pm, a multicultural event of Native American, Highland Scot, and African-American, song, dance, visual



## What's When Calendar

arts, narrative and foods for all the family to enjoy. Event will be both outdoors and indoors, for all to enjoy at a nominal or no admission fee. Weymouth 555 E. Connecticut Ave., Southern Pines. (910) 692-6261 or [www.weymouthcenter.org](http://www.weymouthcenter.org).

- **Spooky Side of the Sandhills** – 3 pm, What better way to spend the Halloween afternoon than to learn about all the spooky creatures associate with this day. The ranger will talk about spiders, bats, owls, and more. Weymouth Woods, Sandhills Nature Preserve, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910692-2167 [weymouth.woods@ncdenr.gov](mailto:weymouth.woods@ncdenr.gov)
- **SLLA Halloween Party** – 5 pm to 8 pm, Little ghosts and goblins are cordially invited to a spooky SLLA Halloween Party, in the North Clubhouse. Drop by

to decorate a miniature pumpkin, play games, dance the Monster Mash, and grab a delicious treat or two. Safety glo-sticks and goodie bags are provided by Seven Lakes EMS and Martha Gentry's ReMax Prime Properties.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

- **Moore Republican Women's Luncheon** – held at the Pinehurst Members Club. Registration at 11:30, lunch at noon. \$16, valet parking available.
- **Moore County Board of Commissioners** – 5:00 pm, regular meeting. Historic Courthouse, Carthage.
- **Carolina Philharmonic** – 7 pm, *In Memoriam - In Celebration of the Faithfully Departed, Chamber Music*, at Owens Auditorium at Sandhills Community College. Tickets \$25 general admission, \$20 senior/military. Box office 910-687-4746 [www.carolinaphil.org](http://www.carolinaphil.org) or email: [carolinaphilharmonic@gmail.com](mailto:carolinaphilharmonic@gmail.com)
- **Ladies Bible Study** – 6:30 to 8 pm, Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Seven Lakes. Studies include Beth Moore - The Patriarchs, Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob. 673-4656.
- **National Alliance on Men-**

**tal Illness - Moore County (NAMI-MC)** – 7 pm, monthly education and support meeting at FirstHealth Specialty Center – Community Room. Memorial Drive, corner of Page Road, Pinehurst. Free and open to the public. Susan Jessup will be the guest speaker. Ms. Jessup is the Director for the Moore Unit of Daymark Recovery Services, Pinehurst. (910) 295-1053 or [www.nami-moorecounty.org](http://www.nami-moorecounty.org)

- **Sandhills Photography Club** – 7 to 9 pm, Christ Fellowship Church, Midland and Pee Dee Roads, Southern Pines. Program "A Special Evening with Your Pictures and George Butt," an opportunity to participate in an open evaluation on whether a picture could have been made better by using your or George's ideas. Guests welcome. [www.sandhillsphtoclub.org](http://www.sandhillsphtoclub.org)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

- **Election Day**
- **Healing Service** – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the

sick & trouble, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased. All are welcome.

- **Carolina Philharmonic** – 7 pm, *In Memoriam - In Celebration of the Faithfully Departed, Chamber Music*. Main Sanctuary at Sacred Heart Church, Pinehurst. Suggested donation \$10, box office 910-687-4746 [www.carolinaphil.org](http://www.carolinaphil.org) or email: [carolinaphilharmonic@gmail.com](mailto:carolinaphilharmonic@gmail.com)
- **Robert M. Edsel - "The Monuments Men"** – 7:30 pm, Ruth Pauley Lecture Series, Owens Auditorium - Sandhills Community College Campus. Robert M. Edsel is also the author of the nonfiction book, *Rescuing Da Vinci*.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

- **Project Linus Workshop** - 10 am to 3 pm North Clubhouse. Working with fleece to make blankets, inspect blankets and label blankets. Supplies furnished. Not interested in blanket making, then join the group in this November workshop to work on selected crafts to be sold during the St. Mary Magdalene "Merry Market. All of the supplies

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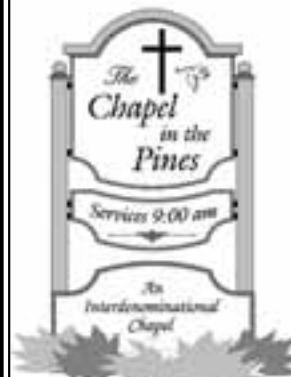
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#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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- **Wine Tasting** – at Sandhills Winery 5:30 to 8:30 pm. \$10 for six wines and food. Located at 1057 Seven Lakes Drive.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- **Casual Friday at SLCC** – 5-9 pm. Buffet 5-6:30 pm. Food, games & socializing

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- **Women of Seven Lakes Belk's Charity Days** – 6 am – 10 am, Belk's Department Store. Women of Seven Lakes selling **Belk's Charity Day** tickets for \$5 that can be used for store credit and special discounts during annual sale. Proceeds benefit several area

charities supported by the WSL. Tickets, Rosemary Weber at 400-3024.

- **White Elephant Sale** – 8 am to 1 pm. Annual White Elephant Sale & Raffle sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary of Sacred Heart Church. Founders Hall adjacent to the Church at Rte. 211 and Dundee Rd, Pinehurst. Friday November 5, 2 to 6 pm, a Pre-Sale of furniture & outdoor items only. Bake Sale and purchase a raffle tickets. Information or to donate items [www.sacred-heartpinehurst.org](http://www.sacred-heartpinehurst.org) or 295-1806 or 673-3464.
- **Cady Clay Works** – 9 am to 5 pm, annual Gallery Gala. Featured works will be Wood-fired pottery by John Mellage and Beth Gore and "Images of North Carolina" and paintings by Winston-Salem artist Fe de la Torre. Refreshments served. Cady Clay Works 910-464-5661.
- **Fall Festival** – First Presbyterian Church, Carthage, 9 am -2 pm, Carthage Community Building 203 W. Barrett Street. Hand-made crafts, art works, homemade baked goods, canned goods, homemade candies, plants, gently used treasures and food. Raffle drawing for a "Bear Paw"

Quilt at 2 pm. Purchase raffle tickets for the quilt from Joan MacLean at 910-420-2612. Proceeds benefit church building fund.

- **Kool Kids Parent Date Night** – 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Recreational play for kids grades K-5th. An evening out for just the two of you. 3 hour evening is \$7/child registered Kool Kids students, or \$12/child for others. 4139 Hwy 211, Seven Lakes, 2 doors from McDonald's.
- **Crossroads to be Guest Quartet** – 7 pm, Golf Capital Chorus' annual show, Pinecrest High School auditorium. Crossroads will be the latest in a long line of champion quartets presented by the Golf Capital Chorus. Tickets available from any chorus member, at the Campbell House, or Vern Pherson at 246-6551.

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive. Seven Lakes. Holy Eucharist All are Welcome.

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- **National Active & Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Sandhills Chap-**

**ter 1895** – 10:30 am, Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St., Southern Pines. Guest speaker Jill Sherman, Moore County Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program. Chapter 1895 welcomes all Federal Vilma Geisert (910) 215-5898 or George Sandoval (910) 246-9881.

- **Ladies Bible Study** – 6:30 to 8 pm, Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Seven Lakes. Questions: 673-4656.

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association** – 9 am, work session. West Side Park Community Center. Open to all landowners.
- **Healing Service** – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. All are Welcome.
- **Seven Lakes Computer Club** – 3 pm, monthly meeting at the Seven Lakes North Game Room. Doug Rosskamp, will present.

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- **English Speaking Union** – Lynne Olson will speak about her latest book, *Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood With*

*Britain In It's Darkest, Finest Hour.* Country Club of North Carolina. Cocktails 6 pm, dinner 7 pm. Martha O'Connor, at 910-235-0635.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- **Veteran's Day**
- **Women of Seven Lakes Fall Fashion Show & Card Party Luncheon** – 11:30 am, Westside Park Community Center. Holiday & casual fashions by Belk's, lunch by Basco Catering. Tickets \$20, proceeds benefit West End Fire Rescue, Seven Lakes Fire Department, Seven Lakes EMS, Empty Stocking Fund, and RIF program at Robbins Elementary. Tickets Ginger Finney at 673-1330.
- **Wine Tasting** – at Sandhills Winery 5:30 to 8:30 pm. \$10 for six wines and food. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **SL Garden Club Demonstration** – 7:30 pm, Learn how to make a Holiday Kissing Ball & Pine Cone Wreath. Held at Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Johanna Moran and Carmela Chase will explain what materials are needed to get started, and then show you step by step how to make them.

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## Lost in a maize. Make that maze. Maize maze.

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Oops, I mean Gaga.

It seems that meat dresses and other ra-ra-roma-inspired wanna-be costumes are going to be all the rage this Halloween.

That and zombies.

These guys keep popping up – or should that be resurrecting up – in the strangest places these days. Zombie foot races, zombie commuters, zombie pub crawls. Zombies are clearly having a very good year.

But they don't scare me: corn does.

Well not just corn.

Corn, as in rows of dead stalks stretching out to the horizon deep and dark. A flashlight and worthless map are your only companions as you abandon

all hope at the maze entrance.

O k a y , I'm exaggerating.

You can also count the kid with a death grip on my hand and the half-dozen screaming teenagers crashing around up ahead as fellow travelers on this quest.

Turn right, turn left, go around the bend and left

again. First the Princess of Pink leads, then the Pirate, then Darling Hubby. We begin to realize it doesn't really matter.



### Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

Hmm, why does this row look familiar?

Checkpoint Three, we found it!

Checkpoint Three, uh, we found it again?

Checkpoint Three...darn

it, give me back that map!

Like orbiting moons our little family unit keeps traveling in circles – an interesting occurrence on what is generally considered a linear grid.

"Wait," I shout. "What's that up there? Yes, it's Checkpoint Four!"

Now we're getting somewhere I think to myself smugly.

Turn right, turn left, around the bend, and I see in the distance...Checkpoint Four?

Defeated and exhausted after nearly two hours, we have in fact abandoned all hope...at least of finding Checkpoint Five or even a

proper exit.

Cheating – shamelessly – we ignore the sanctioned path, choosing instead to stumble out of the maze using celestial navigation and a little dumb luck.

Quickly, I hustle my children of the corn back to the car and take a head count: Lindsay, check. Jack, check.

Cue scary music.

Who's that? Isaac? Malachi!

I knew I should have stayed out of those menacing rows or at least worn a nice new meat dress.

'Outlander! He wants you too, Laura, he wants you too!'

## Are Muslims going to heaven?

### Question:

My minister says that Muslims are evil and will not go to heaven because they do not believe in Jesus. Do you believe this way?

### Answer:

The short answer to your question is "No."

However, you have really asked three questions:

First, are all Moslems evil? Perhaps your minister is equating Muslims with terrorists like those that crashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Islam, like Christianity, is at its heart a religion of love, peace and compassion, but not all Muslims nor all Christians practice these virtues. I presume that your minister has read the Bible through; has he read the Koran?

In both he will find great passages about the compassionate love of God and he will also find terrible acts of vengeance and violence performed in God's name.

Terrorism and acts of violence against innocent people are evil when performed by Muslims, Christians, or

Jews.

Second, will Muslims go to heaven? I am always amazed and troubled by ministers and others who know who is going to heaven and who is not.

The God revealed in Jesus is a God of love and life, not a God of hate and destruction. If there is an afterlife, it is a gift of God just as life here on earth is a gift. I would be reluctant to believe in a God who would exclude anyone from receiving this gift just because he or she called God by a different

name, prayed different prayers, or lived in a land where the Gospel was not prevalent or even present. If I enter heaven, I expect to

ting Christians believe he was a prophet of God who was both a teacher and an example of righteous living. It is interesting to me that

Jesus only criticism of any group of people was aimed at those who would exclude others because their beliefs



### Ask the 'Rev'

Rev. Don Welch

see a glorious crowd of people representing all faiths, races and nations.

Third, do Muslims believe in Jesus? Jesus is prominent in the Koran; and Muslims, Jews, and many prac-

or practices were different.

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# Let’s look for an alternative to the dam road

*Dear Editor:*

There has been a lot of discussion both pro and con about whether or not the Seven Lakes West dam road should again be opened to traffic. Those in favor cite convenience, a sense of community, issues related to safety and an expression of perceived loss of property value.

I don’t quibble with the loss of convenience. Closure has certainly added to the commute for those living in the Beacon Ridge area. I’m also inclined to believe that “community” may be somewhat diminished by the road closure. For the other areas, I am less convinced that closure causes the concerns expressed.

However, there seems to be a singular lack of prioritizing of these various risk/reward factors. My opinion on closure is based upon the effect that the dam road could have for the community as a whole. For decades, we have said that the lake is our most important asset, but this seems to have been lost in the discussion. For at least 90% of the members of SLW, the major reason we are here is Lake Auman and, by extension, the dam which forms it. Without the lake we would not exist as a community. And, regardless of whether or not you live on the lake, the value of your property, probably your largest asset, is heavily dependent upon the viability of Lake Auman. Therefore, preservation of the lake must be our paramount priority. All of the rest is of secondary importance.

Imagine if you will, this community surrounding an 800 acre meadow. A less drastic vision might be a lake, significantly reduced in size, because the state forced Seven Lakes West to drop the water level “X” feet as a precautionary measure. As I indicated last month in an article on property values, the value of your real estate is dependent upon supply and demand. Without our lake, demand for SLW would decline significantly. There would still be some diminished demand for property around the golf course. Interior lots would suffer a more significant decline in demand (value) and homes/lots on the lake would lose sixty to sixty-five percent of their value.

It is beyond my comprehension that anyone would knowingly risk the value of their home, if there is any reasonable doubt about the viability of the dam. It seems to me that a better use of our efforts and Association funds would be to explore the feasibility/cost of a bypass road below the base of the dam. Such a road should satisfy those who argue for convenience, community and safety and, at the same time, satisfy those who want the dam road closed.

Sounds like a win-win and, if it proves feasible, shouldn’t cost more than a redesigned, rebuilt road over the dam.

One last thought. In the last issue of *The Times*, Mike Gorenflo argued in favor of a 20 mph speed limit on a future reopened dam road. Obviously, he remembers what your Board presented in 2003 when we lowered the speed limit from 35 to 25 mph. Higher speeds equals more vibration equals more internal damage to the dam. But, we know that speeding is epidemic in SLW. It is ludicrous to assume that this time around behavior would change.

Let’s stop the divisiveness and prioritize the benefits we all share in the risk/reward ratio and realize that closure is in all of our best interests and commit to seeing if there isn’t a different “out of the box” way to solve a problem which is currently dividing our community.

*Bud Sales*  
*Seven Lakes West*

## Trunk or Treat at WEPC

West End Presbyterian Church will be hosting a “Trunk or Treat” on Friday evening, October 29, for the entire community.

The event will be held 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the parking lot of the Crawford Activity Center and in the center itself.

Children of all ages are invited to come “trunk or treating” through the parking lot and then come inside the Crawford Activity Center to play games, do a craft, and win prizes.

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<b>8</b> Potato Bacon Soup  <b>Italian Meatloaf Dinner</b>	<b>9</b> Black Bean Soup  <b>Chicken Paprikash Dinner</b>	<b>10</b> Vegetable Soup ♥  <b>Pork &amp; Green Chile Enchiladas Dinner</b>	<b>11</b> Broccoli Spinach Soup ♥  <b>Tilapia Florentine Dinner ♥</b>	<b>12</b> Shrimp & Sausage Gumbo  <b>Beef Burgundy Dinner</b>
<b>15</b> Split Pea with Barley Soup ♥  <b>Salisbury Steak Dinner</b>	<b>16</b> Goldie's Chili  <b>Chicken Pot Pie Dinner</b>	<b>17</b> Crab & Shrimp Bisque  <b>Eggplant Parmesan Dinner</b>	<b>18</b> Chicken & Dumpling Soup  <b>Herb-Crusted Salmon Dinner ♥</b>	<b>19</b> Lentil Soup ♥  <b>Smothered Pork Chops Dinner</b>
<b>22</b> Beef Barley Soup ♥  <b>Two Bean Enchiladas Dinner ♥</b>	<b>23</b> Tomato Basil Soup ♥  <b>Lemon Shrimp Oriental Dinner ♥</b>	<b>24</b> Butternut Bisque  <b>Turkey Dinner</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
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# Straight scoop on the dam road special meeting

Dear Editor:

At the Tuesday, October 26 Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Board Meeting, Petitions for a Special Meeting of the Members signed by Landowners owning 246 Lots were presented for verification.

Pursuant to the By-Laws of the Association, signatures representing 173 Lots are all that are needed to require the Special Meeting. The Petition was clear as to the intent of the Special Meeting and the process the Board shall follow to act in compliance with the Members demand for Meeting.

The Board has indicated that they will review the Petitions to make sure all signatures are of valid owners current on dues, but assuming more than 173 of the 246 Petitions are valid, the date of the Special Meeting should be announced at the next Board Meeting (with Notice to follow).

At this Meeting, the Members present as well as those who execute a proxy for a third party to vote their rights, are to vote on the question: "Shall the dam road be reopened for member and resident traffic subject to a (posted and reasonably enforced) speed limit of twenty (20) miles per hour and valid transponder/bar code sticker gated access and for all emergency vehicles (specifically including, but not limited to, fire trucks, ambulances, and police vehicles) only? (Members to vote: Yes or No)."

If the vote were to be Yes, the Dam Road still would not reopen until a Dam Road Reopening Committee was formed, deliberated and made conclusion on the following issues: "Further dam remediation (if needed), appropriate dam condition monitoring, road remediation (construction requirements and costs), traffic/speed/use controls, appropriate agreements for use by emergency vehicles, and budgetary con-

siderations (including escrows for future remediation, if/when necessary)."

At that point, a majority report would be issued to all Members of the Association for their independent review, and then a second vote of the Members would take place on the question: "Shall the Board of Directors materially follow the specific recommendations of the dam road reopening committee? (Members to vote: Yes or No)."

Only if this vote resulted in a majority of the Members was Yes, then "The Board of Directors shall take all reasonable steps to implement and follow the specific recommendations of the dam road reopening committee's report with the intent that

the dam road be reopened at the earliest reasonably achievable date."

Please note that the quoted language is verbatim from the Petition itself . . . and no where in the Petition is the Board asked to open the road until all these issues are resolved to a majority of the Members' satisfaction and affirmative vote.

I hope this clears up the misinformation espoused by certain Board Members about the Petition and the Group's intents. The Dam's safety comes first for all of us . . . and I thank you for all the support shown for the Petition and the Group by so many.

Michael G. Gorenflo  
Seven Lakes West

## WEUMC Spaghetti Supper

The United Methodist Men will be sponsoring their annual Spaghetti Supper on Friday, November 5, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at West End UMC in the Church Fellowship Hall. Tickets for the popular event are \$7 and include salad, spaghetti, desert and a drink. Takeout is available. Tickets can be purchased at the door or ahead of time by contacting Stu Chase at 673-2635. All proceeds will support local Boy & Girl Scout Troops.



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# Westside Board mishandled 'second opinion'

Dear Editor:

For the past several years, I have worked to understand the dam roadway closure and remediation activities from a technical standpoint. During this time, I have talked to numerous geotechnical engineers, dam safety engineers, civil engineering professors, consultants, etc. Many provided excellent comments.

As long as the Westside Board believed that my investigations would be to their benefit, their encouragement was forthcoming. Earlier this year, I had the good fortune to discuss my concerns with a well respected dam safety engineer with 30 years of experience and probably at least as qualified as Dr. Marks. This gentleman resides in the western USA, is a professional engineer, the dam safety engineer for a major municipal water system, but is not licensed to practice in NC. All of this information was disclosed multiple times to the Board and Dr. Marks.

During our discussion, he offered as a personal courtesy to provide me with his personal evaluation of the Lake Auman Dam. In response, I sent him *all* of the information that the Board would allow me access to but, not all of the information available

due to Board imposed restrictions.

Contrary to Director Ed Silberhorn's comments at the October 26 Board meeting, the latest piezometer information available from Mr. Paul Kirst was sent to him. The Board does not know the scope of information sent for evaluation, as they have never asked. Subsequently, this gentleman sent me an extensive report of his analysis of our dam and a following supplemental email. This report was prepared "without cost" as a personal favor to me.

On October 6, a single paper copy of this report was given to Mr. Mick Herdrich – Board member and Lake-Dam Committee chair with permission to share with the Board, Lake-Dam Committee and Dr. Marks. Subsequently, an email copy of the supplemental report information was forwarded to Mr. Herdrich.

On October 7, I was asked by Mr. Silberhorn that due to the sensitive nature of the report to keep it confidential with the assurance that I would be kept in the loop with respect to Dr. Mark's

comments. On this basis, I concurred.

At the October 26 Board meeting, after again demeaning and vilifying the author of the report by repeated references to the fact that he was not licensed to practice in NC, that he had not "walked" the dam, that he had not talked to Dr. Marks, etc., Mr. Silberhorn introduced Dr. Mark's rebuttal and indicated that it would be placed on the website Wednesday morning.

I urge everyone to read Dr. Mark's scathing rebuttal, nine (9) pages, as posted on the SLWLA website and to reach an objective conclu-

sion relative to the quality and objectiveness of the work our Board is spending our money for. Rather than addressing the concerns documented in the report, Dr. Marks has chosen to answer by launching vindictive and capricious assaults on the writer's individual's character which are not in the best interests from any perspective.

If this is the way Dr. Mark treats his peers, what does it say with respect to the quality of his workmanship and his relationships with others?

Jim Johnson  
Seven Lakes West

## Seven Lakes EMS Phone Book

It is time to update the Seven Lakes EMS Telephone Book. This is voluntary on your part. If you are not listed in the telephone book, please go to the Seven Lakes North/South Landowner's Office or the Seven Lakes West Landowner's Office and fill out a ticket which they have on their display tables. Or you can email your name, street address, mailing address & phone number to [emsbook69@gmail.com](mailto:emsbook69@gmail.com). All changes need to be received by December 1.

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# SLLA

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ties, but he added that the Sheriff's department does enforce state law — on either side of the gates.

SLLA has rules restricting vicious dogs; so does Moore County.

According to the county's Animal Control Ordinance 4.4, it is unlawful to keep a vicious, fierce or dangerous domestic animal in Moore County unless the animal is confined in a secure building or enclosure, or is restrained by means of a leash or other like device and firmly under control at all times. A dog is determined to be vicious at the discretion of the Health Director or his designee.

However, how to deal with a known vicious dog is where county law and community rules diverge.

Vicious dogs are prohibited in Seven Lakes; but, in Moore County, a dog determined to be vicious can be kept if secured in a six foot high enclosure with an enclosed top and concrete bottom and a secure, lockable gate. Warning signs must be posted on all four sides of the property. In addition, Animal Control must be notified immediately if the vicious animal gets loose or attacks another person or animal.

Swigart said that Animal Control did file a report and informed her they have another attack by the same dogs already on record.

The owner of the dog attacked in the earlier incident, who is a resident on Sunset Way and the father of a newborn infant, also spoke during the meeting.

"I paid good money to live here and I have to deal with these two dogs. If an owner can't control the dog, then it needs to go," he exclaimed. "We shouldn't wait until a kid gets hurt to do something."

SLLA President Randy Zielsdorf said he empathized with their concerns, but encouraged residents with critical issues, especially those involving legal ramifications, to bring those discussions before the Board

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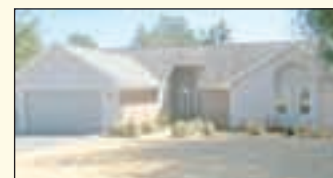
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# SLLA

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during Work Sessions rather than an Open Meeting.

"We hear you; but this is just not the forum to resolve this type of issue," Zielsdorf said.

After some discussion, Director Melinda Scott suggested that Community Manager Alina Cochran should meet with Animal Control to discuss appropriate action.

## Old driving range

Later this week, Zielsdorf will meet with Seven Lakes Country Club [SLCC] President Steve Ritter, for the primary purpose of discussing point three in the driving range agreement between SLCC and SLLA, which states: The Seven Lakes Country Club will provide sufficient land for a minimum of five parking spaces to the east of the current South Side Mail House with similar deed restrictions that currently exists [sic] for the South Side Mail House.

Zielsdorf said the Club is still waiting for their attorney to review the golf course covenants and ten-foot easements documents forwarded by SLLA Attorney Hunter Stovall.

"This is frustrating for me also because things never move along quickly enough," said Zielsdorf.

## Nominating Committee

Melinda Scott was appointed to chair the SLLA Board of Directors Nominating Committee by a vote of acclamation; the Board also approved committee members Don Fentzlaff, John Closhessy, Kate Peterson, and Sharon Fogelman.

"As a community, we need to do as much as possible to attract viable candidates," Scott said. "Serving on the Board is a positive and challenging experience that brings out the best in most people. We are looking for people that want to serve the community — people that can look out for the good of the community as a whole."

Director Bud Shaver agreed, "We need people who are committed to doing what is right. We need good people — and we need young people. This is important!"

Scott encouraged anyone with an interest in running or questions to contact her.

## Rules amendments

Two proposed amendments to Community Standards regulations received unanimous support.

Removing language he described as vague and arbitrary, Director Kent Doppers recommended an amendment to Rule 5.1.4 stating that above-ground propane tanks must be screened per Rule 5.1.9.

Rule 5.1.9 was also amended to become Rule 5.2, which will now read: "All clotheslines, equipment, propane or oil tanks, garbage container, service yards, or storage piles shall be kept screened by adequate evergreen planting or fencing not to exceed six feet in height, or as approved by the Building Committee, so as to conceal them from view of neighbors, the golf course, lakes and streets. Garbage containers may not be placed roadside before 6 pm and must be removed by 6 pm following."

Any screening methods that

do not fall into this set criteria must be approved by ARB, noted Scott.

## Architectural Review Board

The Architectural Review Board approved a fence, house painting, three roofs, one driveway, and one window replacement project, in addition to two new construction homes, Scott reported.

Since September, seven

ARB-approved projects have been completed and thirteen are in progress.

Director Bruce Keyser, Jr. inquired about what appears to be a free-standing garage under construction at a home adjacent to the Northside gate. Scott said the home and garage will be connected with a breezeway structure and that the project was approved in August.

(See "SLLA," p. 26)

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"There was no way to physically attach the garage and the house because of the lot size and configuration," said Scott, noting that the driveway has also been relocated away from the busy entrance intersection.

## Infrastructure

Shaver said the section of Sequoia Dam reported at the September 29 meeting by Donna Fentzlauff as the location of a possible sinkhole had been inspected and was not a problem.

The Reserve Study is still in progress, reported Manager Cochran. The contractor continues to collect information, including dam reports completed by the engineering firm S&ME.

## Community Standards

Serving as a member of the Community Standards Committee is very often a thankless job.

"I need to thank my committee. We are lucky to have them and for everything they do," said Droppers.

He reported they are continuing to work through a massive backlog of violations and that several ongoing, unresolved issues were sent to Judicial Committee.

## Recreation

Volunteers are needed to help decorate and serve tasty treats to little spooks and specters this weekend.

A Children's Halloween Party will be held at the North Clubhouse on Sunday, October 31, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, with crafts, games and refreshments. Safety glowsticks and goodie bags provided by Seven Lakes EMS and Martha Gentry's ReMax Prime Properties will be distributed. Volunteers may help decorate on Friday morning at 9:00 am sharp, or drop by to lend a hand at the party.

The State Fair bus trip was a sold-out affair, reported Keyser. Rumors are spreading that several Seven Laker enjoyed fried Twinkies and other notable fair fare.

## Security

Twice, recently the Yard Debris Site has been locked during regular hours, reported Mims.

"Several members decided to punish us by throwing trash and debris on the side of the road," he fumed. "We have corrected the situation and the site will be unlocked, as it should be, but if I find out who dumped their debris I will call the Sheriff and file a report for littering."

The Yard Debris Site is now on a Winter schedule and is locked each evening at 6:00 pm.

Mims also reported an uptick in petty vandalism in the community and urged homeowners to file an official

report with the Sheriff.

"We need to all cooperate. Make your house look lived in, if you have to go out of town. Watch what is going on around you. We may not have enough eyes and ears to stop it, but we sure can try."

## Finance

Treasurer Denny Galford addressed several questions raised by members:

First, interest gained on reserve funds goes back into the reserve account and is not used toward operating expenses.

Second, payroll looks good and is broken down in the budget by department. "The year-to-date total shows that we are very close to budget,

and we are comfortable with those figures."

Third, he reported that professional fees also looks good. He noted only a deposit has been paid toward the Reserve Study, and he anticipated the budget would be correct by the end of the year.

Fourth, Galford said he has closely reviewed prepaid items and will be making

minor adjustments. He said the Finance Committee finds the Talis presentation satisfactory.

In addition, he reported the committee is reconsidering the registration form used from year to year and said they are looking at how to make a lockbox dues collection system functional and

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Taking time with a meal, beginning with chewing, allows for enjoyment of the whole experience of eating: the smells, flavors and textures. It helps us to give thanks, to show appreciation for the abundance in our lives and to develop patience and self-control. Try eating without the TV, computer, newspaper or noisy company. Instead just pay attention to the food and to how you are breathing and chewing.

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# Dam

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Longleaf Drive over Lake Auman Dam, after first hearing input from a dozen landowners. Much of that input drew applause from the more than one hundred landowners in attendance, who seemed evenly divided amongst partisans on both sides of the debate.

The Board also heard from Joan Frost the results of a survey on the issue that asked the membership whether they supported the Board's intention to close the road or opposed it "regardless

of the potential risk, liability, or cost to myself or the community."

After weeding out the unsigned or improperly marked forms, Frost said, 869 usable survey forms were collected. Of those, 716 supported the Board's position and 129 opposed it.

Silberhorn pointed out that this meant eighty-five percent supported the decision to close the road; Gorenflo countered that many landowners who opposed the Board's position refused to return the form in protest

of what he called the "biased" wording.

## Special meeting likely

The Dam Road Group's petition for a special meeting asks for a vote of the membership on whether the dam road should be reopened, with gated access, to vehicular traffic by member and resident vehicles. If that motion is approved, the petition lays out in considerable detail a process for investigating options for reopening the road, including subsequent votes of the membership once a plan for reopening the road is developed.

The SLWLA bylaws require the signatures of ten percent of the voting eligible membership in order to call the meeting; according to information provided during Tuesday's meeting by Manager Frost, that would amount to 172 or 173 of the 1722 current voting lots. With 246 signed petitions submitted, it seems likely the special meeting will go forward.

Speaking with *The Times* after Tuesday's meeting, both President Shepard and Legal Director Silberhorn were as yet unsure how a special meeting and associated vote of the membership will be

handled, including whether a ballot would be included in the meeting notice, as is the common practice with Annual Meetings. Silberhorn encouraged the eighty-five percent who indicated support for the Board's position in the recent survey to be sure to attend the the special meeting.

## Marks rebuts 'second opinion'

In a report marred by testy exchanges with members of the audience, Silberhorn said the Westside's Dam Engineer, Dr. Dan Marks, had

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to allow for a greater spread of workload over several months.

"We are looking at how we could make the process smoother and provide a better service to residents," said Galford.

He thanked his committee and in particular George Temple for his work with the five-year dam expenses report distributed at a recent meeting between several members of the Board and the representatives of the former Lakes & Dams Committee.

## Other Business

In other business, the SLLA Board:

- Heard from Cochran that residents will be alerted before work begins on Fire-tree Lane at Echo Dam.

- Heard from Cochran that renovations are nearly complete at the North and South Mail Houses, with new paint and carpet being installed.

- Heard from Cochran the SLLA Office will be closed Thursday, November 11, for Veteran's Day.

There is no Work Session in November, the next Open Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 17.

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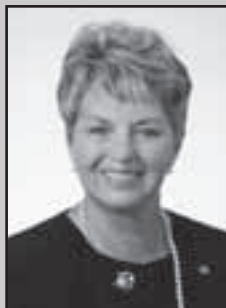


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# Dam

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reviewed and prepared a rebuttal to an informal report prepared by Denver Dam Engineer James Weldon that questions "the present safety of the Lake Auman Dam." Silberhorn said that, in a seeming contradiction, Weldon's report also indicates that the road over the dam could be safely reopened.

Neither the Board nor Westsider Jim Johnson, who contacted Weldon for an informal second opinion on the dam remediation and road closure issue, have released Weldon's report to the public. Johnson insisted during the meeting that his agreement in sharing the report with the Board prohibits them from releasing it. The Board did release Mark's rebuttal, which provides some insight into the questions raised by the Colorado Engineer.

The dam remediation completed in the Spring of 2009

principally involved the use of a vibrating beam to create a vertical trench in the embankment of the dam. As the beam moved across the center portion of the dam, the trench was immediately filled with a water-resistant slurry of concrete and clay. The repair was undertaken because piezometer measurements of the water level in the dam, as well the dampness of soil in locations on the backside of the dam, indicated that the dam's core was not adequately resisting the seepage of water through the structure. The new slurry wall is designed to force that seepage to occur lower in the dam, where it belongs.

Weldon's report apparently questioned both the length and depth of the slurry wall design and cited post-remediation data taken from piezometer readings and water flows from the dams'

subdrains to suggest the repair had not been completely successful. Marks' rebuttal quotes Weldon as writing that "Auman Dam is in poor condition. Based on the information provided, it is closer to a potential failure than others may be stating and assuming."

Marks complains that Weldon is not a licensed NC engineer, did not contact Marks or the remediation contractor for information before preparing his report, did not visit or inspect the dam, and was working with incomplete data and an incomplete understanding of the remediation. Johnson asserts that the Board refused to provide him with a full set of plans, drawings, and data to provide to Weldon.

Marks reports that he was "somewhat outraged" and

"deeply saddened" by Weldon's report, which he repeatedly calls "incredible." He writes that he regards Weldon's "highly critical opinions" as an affront to his "education, experience, expertise, and integrity," and, in response, used one-and-one-half pages of his nine-page rebuttal to recount his professional credentials. Marks indicates he plans to report what he calls Weldon's "professional misconduct" to the NC Dam Safety Engineer and the Director of the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Marks also said he will demand an letter of apology from the City of Denver and is weighing whether to file a formal complaint with the NC Board of Registration for Engineers and Land Surveyors.

As to the substance of Weldon's concerns, Marks says "I stand by my previously issued opinions and dismiss the 'second opinion' for the reasons stated."

Following Silberhorn's presentation of the rebuttal, Lake & Dam Director Mick Herdrich said some of the piezometer sites in the dam have been damaged and will need to be replaced.

Recent inspection of the back side of the dam reveals that "it is about as dry as I have ever seen it," he added, also noting that the water flowing from the drains at the bottom of the dam were clear instead of clouded with material, presumably from the dam's deteriorating core, as has been the case in the past.

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## Westside meeting

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annexation agreement for Stonegate, a development near the back gate that will

include twelve single-family residences in the \$300,000-\$400,000 range.

• Treasurer Joe Sikes, in

response to a question from former Treasurer Kathy Kirst, said he would expedite having reserves attributable to the \$100 per year dues assessment for West Side Park applied to an accelerated principal payment, so that the mortgage can be retired earlier.

• Joan Frost reported that additional mulch for the West-Side Playground is on order.

• Frost said Gate Guard Maggie Rock recently aided the Sheriff's department in the capture of a burglar. Rock reported unauthorized entry into the community by the individual, and the Sheriff's officers responding to the call caught the bandit red-handed in a Westside home.

• Infrastructure Director Goodman reported that emergency access gates are being installed on either end of Lake Auman Dam that will prevent unauthorized use of the dam by vehicles while allowing emergency vehicles to access it when necessary.

• Event Director Jane Sessler said Moore County Emergency Manager Scot Brooks will conduct CPR and AED training at Westside Park on January 11 at 7:00 pm. Residents interested in taking the class may reserve a place by calling Sessler or the SLWLA Office.

• Road patching along Teague and Longleaf, as well as at other locations along Longleaf, is expected to begin next week, Goodman reported.

• President Ron Shepard thanked a group of Lake Auman Sports Club volunteers, headed up by Charlie Flinchum, who recently cleaned up Pine Island and

repaired its damaged bulkhead.

• The SLWLA Office staff continues to try to identify the owners of unmarked trailers in the boat and trailer storage lot, Manager Frost reported. Unidentified trailers will ultimately be towed from the lot.

• Frost said the office had sent out twelve compliance letters since the last meeting. "We are getting fewer calls and finding fewer problems," Frost said.

• Treasurer Sikes reported that the Board will hold an offsite budget retreat on November 16 aimed at producing a Board-approved draft budget.



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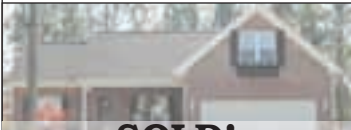
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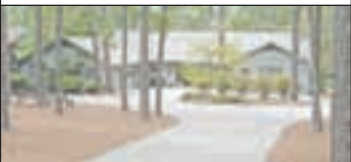
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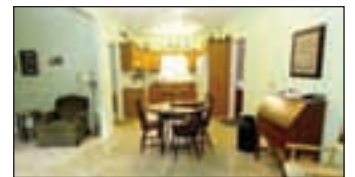
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