

Sizzling Stingrays



Three young members of the Seven Lakes Stingrays Swim Team cool off after a recent meet. The team includes kids from Seven Lakes North, South & West.

Dam plans could be pricey

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

A state-required update to the Emergency Action Plans [EAP] for the five Seven Lakes North dams designated as “high hazard” will cost \$7,500 to \$10,000 or even more —

an unanticipated expenditure that left Board members feeling frustrated and powerless.

“This is not mandated yet, but I expect it will be soon,” Lakes & Dams Director Don Fentzlaff reported during the

Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Work Session held on Monday, July 11.

Each EAP identifies conditions at the dam that would constitute an emergency, specifies preplanned actions to be followed should those conditions occur, and lays out procedures for warning to downstream emergency management authorities. The North Carolina Dam Safety Program has implemented a new format for the emergency documents, aimed at making them more user-friendly and consistent for use on a dam of any size. The updated version will include any changes to the existing EAPs, as well as updated inunda-

(See “SLLA,” p. 26)

County approves Pine Forest PUD

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter

Almost two years after the initial application was submitted, the Pine Forest Development won approval Tuesday night, July 19, from the Moore County Board of Commissioners to be rezoned from Residential/Agricultural to a Planned Unit Development Hamlet [PUD-H].

But don’t expect to see carpenters, bricklayers, or earth-moving equipment on the 1,652 acre property right away. The rezoning approval does not include water or sewer agreements that must be approved before actual development of the property can begin.

Casting their votes Tuesday night, for the first time in at least seven years, the Board used signed, paper ballots. The three-to-one vote to approve the rezoning was opposed by Commissioner Tim Lea and supported by Commissioners Nick Picerno, Craig Kennedy, and Jimmy Melton. Commissioner Larry Caddell, a former Mayor of the Town of Carthage sought recusal from the process in its early stages, after hearing testimony that the development could threaten Nick’s Creek, the source of the town’s water supply.

Chairman Picerno pointed out that there are still “two

(See “Commissioners,” p. 14)

Lake Auman may get longer docks

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter

In an effort to improve safety around Lake Auman docks, the Architectural Review Committee [ARC] has won initial approval from the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors for a change to the rules and regulations that would increase the maximum length of a dock to 23 feet. The motion carried 8-to-1 during the Board’s Tuesday, July 12 Work Session, with Infrastructure Director John Goodman in opposition.

A second and final reading and vote on the proposed change will take place at the Tuesday, July 26 Work Session.

Presenting the proposed increase in permitted dock

length, ARC Director John Hoffmann said President Mick Herdrich had asked the ARC committee to look into the matter, since the largest boats legally allowed on Lake Auman are 22.8 feet long.

Safety was cited as the primary reason for the change. Hoffmann explained that, for example, a 22-foot pontoon boat, with a rear gas tank, moored at a too-short dock, can be both inconvenient and potentially dangerous — and could create a potential gasoline spill into the lake.

The motion approved by the Board reads as follows:

Applicable rules and regulations and ARC standards should be changed to allow docks to be built or extended

(See “Westside,” p. 16)

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Civic Group gives Biz Guild a farewell gift

by Darrell Marks

Seven Lakes Business Guild

Unlike in most areas where a guild of local businesses is established to further the causes of the member businesses, the Seven Lakes Business Guild was established seventeen years ago with the expressed purpose of businesses banding together to raise the funds necessary each year to maintain and beautify the Business Dis-

trict's roadways.

A core group of businesses has stepped up each year since then to make sure the job of fixing potholes and keeping the park green and mowed has been provided for.

Almost without exception, this vital service to the overall property values of Seven Lakes has been a Guild responsibility.

Imagine the surprise on

Guild officers' collective faces when a representative of the former Civic Group handed the Guild Treasurer, Vann Joyce of Quality Care Pharmacy, a check for more than of \$700 to be added to the Guild's community development fund — the fund from which potholes are fixed and grass is mowed.

Although the Guild membership feels the loss of the Civic Group and will miss

their involvement in issues "beyond the gates," we are pleased to have their much needed help in accomplishing our yearly maintenance goals. The next round of potholes will be "on them" and the Guild is most appreciative of this parting gift from the Civic Group.

Planning for the Fall Meet the Merchants is going well. The same good music that greeted attendees in the spring has been arranged, featuring Seven Lakes' own Donn Stanley and friends with an eclectic blend of soft rock, folk, and southern rock.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, August 27, 10 am until 2 pm, in the parking lots between CommunityOne Bank and Phoenix Fashions and the Friendly Mart.

Anyone wanting to reserve a booth space should call Darrell Marks at 673-5998 as soon as possible.

The Chili Cook-off is scheduled for Saturday, October 8 and is being handled by Kim Tew of Jubilee Screen Printing. Information about this event can be obtained by calling Tew at 673-4200.

The Guild also welcomes Seven Lakes Country Clubs' 2011 renewal. This marks the 16th year in a row that SL Country Club Platinum member has participated in the Guild.

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Koos resigns seat on Foxfire Village Council

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Foxfire Village Councilman Vic Koos reluctantly announced his resignation during the Council's Tuesday, July 12 meeting, citing health reasons and changing demands on his family that made the decision necessary.

The resignation leaves the Village one candidate short in upcoming municipal elections and promoted the State Board of Elections to open a Special Filing Period [See story below].

"It is impossible for me to find the time to do the job to the standard that it has been done in the past four years," read Mayor George Erickson from a statement issued by Koos, who was too choked up to make the announcement on his own

behalf. "To say this has been a difficult decision is an understatement."

Elected in November 2007, Koos has been an active and engaged leader, overseeing streets and parks for three years, and public safety concerns through the past year.

He thanked his fellow councilmen for their support and said he hoped that by resigning now, another candidate for the Foxfire Village Council would step forward.

New law allows private wells

"Terrible legislation," is how Mayor George Erickson and Councilman Ed Lauer describe recently passed NC Senate Bill 676, which prevents counties and local municipalities from banning private potable water wells.

"Potable water is what you

use in your home. It is not irrigation water: it is drinking water," explained Lauer, during the Tuesday's Council meeting. "This bill goes against all the previous legislation passed by the state."

He continued, "I am sure they approached this from a property right point-of-view, rather than as a state that is often strapped for water. But they failed to take into account areas like the Sandhills, in which water is an extremely scarce resource."

Lauer explained that the law takes water conservation control measures away from a county or enterprise system, such as Foxfire's Water Department.

"Once a property owner has a private well, we have no jurisdiction," Lauer said. "They can use it 24/7 and

we can't enforce water restrictions."

He also expressed concern that additional holes in the aquifer also increase the risk of contamination to all wells, including radium contamination.

Currently, all residences within the Foxfire Village limits are served by the Foxfire Water Department, and there is an active and ongoing ban on irrigation wells.

Lauer said that requests for private potable water wells will be considered, but strongly cautioned Villagers against such action.

"We have no intention of standing in the way of any request, Lauer said. "But, should they elect to do so, we will enforce every state regulation — including that there can be no connectivity between a private well and the city system."

In other words, any resident who opens a private well will be disconnected from the

Foxfire Water Department.

"I don't want private water flowing into our system, which must be maintained under very stringent regulations," Lauer warned. "And, historically, wells in this area are a crap shoot. Most are failures, and you pay whether you get a dry well or the water comes in."

He estimated that a successful private well in the Foxfire area may provide eight to ten gallons an hour, while larger municipal wells in the Village yield about forty-five gallons a minute.

"I want to clearly warn anyone that I think this would be an expensive alternative," said Lauer, noting that he has already received one request for a private potable water well permit.

Any new-construction homes are required to pay a hook-up fee even if they choose not to connect to Foxfire water. Another question

(See "Foxfire," p. 13)

Four seats, three candidates on Foxfire's November ballot

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Councilman Vic Koos' resignation from the Foxfire Village Council leaves the Council with the task of filing his seat on an interim basis — and the Board of Elections with the task of seeking another Village Council candidate for elections in November.

The State Board of Elections has declared a Special Filing Period from Noon on Wednesday July 20 to Noon on Tuesday, July 26, during which prospective candidates may file their intention to run for the two years left in Koos' term of office. Those who wish to file must do so in person at the Moore County Board of Elections office at 700 Pinehurst Avenue in Carthage. The filing fee is \$5.00.

There are already three Village Candidates on the ballot in November. Mayor George Erickson, whose four-year term on the council is expiring, has filed to stand for re-election. Ed Lauer will be leaving the Council; Wodd-

land Circle resident Steven Durham has filed with the Board of Elections to run for that seat.

John Eltschlager, who was appointed to the Council in August 2010, after the res-

ignation of Page Coker, will seek re-election for the two years left in that term of office.

That leaves no candidate seeking to serve out the two

(See "Foxfire," p. 21)



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Seven Lakes leaders talk water with County

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Nick Picerno, Pete Dotto, and Darrell Marks seem to be agreed on at least two points:

- The Seven Lakes area needs second source of water.
- Doubling or tripling Seven Lakes water rates in order to get that water is not a good option.

Picerno, a McLendon Hills resident who chairs the Moore County Board of Commissioners, brought a small contingent of county officials to a meeting with the Greater Seven Lakes Community Council [GSLCC] on Monday, July 17. The topic was water for Seven Lakes, and the wisdom of getting that water by reinvigorating the North West Moore Water District.

Picerno was joined by fellow Commissioner Craig Kennedy, who hails from the Northwest Moore area, County Manager Cary McSwain, Assistant Manager Kent Larking, and newly installed Director of Public Utilities Randy Gould.

Dotto, President of the McLendon Hills Property Owners Association, is the current Chair of the Community Council and was joined by Seven Lakes Business Guild President Marks, as well as President Mick Herdrich and former President Ron Shepard of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association, and President Bob Darr and Dennis Roberts from the Seven Lakes Landowners Association.

The question: Where are we on water?

Dotto opened the meeting by thanking the county for the efforts it has made to increase the supply of water to Seven Lakes, both by increasing the capacity of the system of pipes and pumps that moves water from Pinehurst to Seven Lakes, and by drilling new wells in the Pinehurst area, to increase the overall supply.

Noting recent press reports about County negotiations with the Town of Robbins, Harnett County, and other

possible supplier of water, Dotto said GSLCC members needed an update on the county's plans — and could help spread the word in their respective community about what the county is doing to provide Seven Lakes with a second water source.

Currently, only ten percent of the community's water supply is piped from the county-owned water system in Pinehurst, through a single water main that runs along NC Highway 211. That system can provide up to 1.1 million gallons of drinking water per day; the largest one-day consumption of water in the Seven Lakes area was 906,996 gallons on July 1, 2009. Seven Lakes daily water usage typically doubles in the Summer months, when half or more of the potable water the county pipes into the community is used to water lawns and landscaping.

More Water, Redundancy Needed

While Seven Lakes isn't currently exhausting its current supply of water, even on the hottest, driest days, Picerno said finding more water for the community is essential for its continued growth.

"I look at Seven Lakes being a prime area in our county for growth," the County Chairman said, noting that

even the decade-old county land use plan highlights the growth potential of Seven Lakes and the surrounding area.

"But you are going to have to have water to grow," Picerno added. "If the county is going to stagnate and die, you don't need any more water. But if you are going to grow, you have to have it."

Picerno said the western side of the county, with its proximity to both rail and Interstate 73/74 has "great potential growth in industry."

"We could bring in a major player," Picerno said. "But you have to put in the infrastructure to serve them."

Roberts, who has served as President of both the SLLA and the Seven Lakes Civic Group, pointed out that capacity was not the only problem. "Having one source of supply" — that single pipe from Pinehurst — "Is a real problem," Roberts said.

"We're with you," Picerno responded. "We're on the same page. That's why we are pushing so hard."

North West Moore Water District

In recent months, attention has been focused on the North West Moore Water District, which was created to serve rural customers in northwest Moore County, but

failed to achieve enough sign-ups to make it viable. Because the failed district has voter-approved access to \$16 million in US Department of Agriculture financing, the County has considered expanding it to include both the Town of Robbins and Seven Lakes, with Robbins bringing an existing reservoir and Seven Lakes plenty of customer to the table.

But the Robbins Town Council has so far not been willing to put its reservoir and existing water system into the deal without being paid for it, and that cost would significantly raise the water rates for District customers — including those in Seven Lakes — would have to pay.

"It seems we've just spun our wheels with Robbins," Picerno told Seven Lakes Council members. "They have

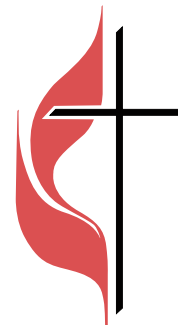
the reservoir, they have access to the Deep River — they could be an important part of the solution."

"But they have an asset that they own and want to protect," Picerno added. "It seems we are no closer to doing anything from the day we first proposed it."

Commissioner Kennedy, who lives in the Robbins area, said he feels, based on private conversations, that members of the Robbins Council are gradually becoming more open to the idea of working with the county — without demanding that the Water District purchase Town assets.

"Things are softening up with the town commissioners," Kennedy said. He added that residents of the rural areas in North West Moore are eager to have access to

(See "Water," p. 8)



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by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

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ery business for thirty-one years before retiring in the United States.

Traveling about the country on a tourist visa, he visited Seven Lakes, loved it, and decided to settle in the community.

It was while searching for a retractable awning for his own house that he found his new business calling.

"I was familiar with this

product — these awnings — from my time in Italy," explained Zimmerman. "I knew what I wanted but I couldn't find it here."

Since founding Swiss Tech Awnings in 1998, Zimmerman has installed over 500 awnings throughout the area and is very appreciative of his customers and their word-of-mouth recommendations, which he has used almost exclusively in favor of traditional advertising.

In need of a little extra help with a welding project one day, Zimmerman happened upon Raeford-native, Billy McNeill.

"I asked if he could weld a

job and — before he even saw the job — he said yes," Zimmerman said. "I knew I had the right guy immediately."

Returning for more and more projects, he shortly thereafter hired McNeill to work for Swiss Tech full time in 2005.

And in mid-July this year, he formally handed over the business to McNeill.

"Billy, for me, is like a grandson," said Zimmerman.

Not ready to completely retire, however, he explained he'll still be around "a little bit" to help and offer support to ensure a smooth transi-

(See "Swiss Tech," p. 6)

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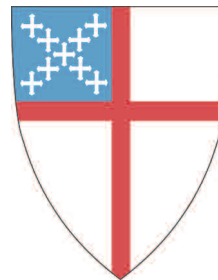
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Planning Board delays decision on Vice Chairman

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Discussion of seating a Vice Chair for 2011 was tabled by the Moore County Planning Board during a brief meeting on Thursday, July 7, to allow additional time for the Board of County Commissioners to appoint new members. Member Dave Kinney agreed to continue in his current role of Vice Chair.

Home occupation permitted

A request for a conditional use permit for a home occupation of an industrial or commercial nature on a 3.00 acre tract located on Kyle Road in Carthage was approved. The request was

first heard last month, but a decision was postponed while staff researched utility right-of-way and parking concerns.

As approved, the home occupation automobile service will utilize an existing free-standing garage structure with four service bays. A revised site plan was submitted that reclassified the request to reduce the number of required parking spaces from twenty to five. Additional buffer plantings were also

added along property lines.

UDO

A revised Unified Development Ordinance [UDO] work schedule was distributed. Work sessions will be scheduled at the Moore County Agricultural Center and an initial review should be completed by October, with a final copy anticipated to go before the Board of County Commissioners in February 2012.

SLCC Beach Party

Everyone's invited to a "Beach Party" on Saturday, August 27, at Seven Lakes Country Club.

Festivities begin with cocktails at 5:30 pm, followed by a fabulous Buffet at 6:30 pm featuring Fried Chicken, Chopped Pork BBQ, Grilled Summer Veggies & Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Assorted Rolls, Fruit Display, Peach Streusel Pie w/Whipped Cream and Iced Tea/Lemonade.

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Swiss Tech

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tion.

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School Board identifies challenges, opportunities

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter

Globalization, technology, funding, and individualized education — those four dynamics were pegged by the Board of Education as the most important “outside influences” affecting Moore County Schools.

During their Monday, July 18 meeting, the Board stepped back to look at the big picture and try to answer survey questions from the North Carolina School Board Association [NCSBA] regarding the greatest threats and opportunities for the state's schools, and the greatest strengths and weaknesses schools can bring to bear on those challenges.

Board Chair Laura Lang said outside influences such as technology will make being more innovative in education an “opportunity to improve.” She gave an example from this last school year, when the internet was used to connect Moore County students with China — instead of using a text book. Board Vice-Chair Dr. Lorna Clack echoed Lang's comments, saying that there is a “whole world of technology; we have

only skimmed the surface in what we can do,” as educators.

Board member Bruce Cunningham, Jr., said the economic downturn will allow Boards of Education the opportunity to review what is really important and what is not.

A weakness pointed out by Board member Charles Lambert is the increase in private school attendance and a decrease in money to public schools. Lang said most of this can be attributed to the deregulation of private schools.

If private schools are so successful with less regulation, she suggested, why not give public schools less regulation? “Finance-is the elephant in the room — always,” Lang added. She recommended more outreach to outside agencies and community groups to help them better understand where and how public education money is spent.

Board member Kathy Farren, who runs the TCBY shop in Aberdeen, said, with many students deciding to remain in Moore County after high school, the education process

should be adjusted to “fit what our community needs.”

Other Business

Other business conducted at the Moore County Board of Education's Monday, July 18 meeting included:

- The television show *NC Spin* has reported that five extra instructional days that were added to all North Carolina school calendars by the General Assembly are optional. Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser confirmed that the extra days are option — for one year only — but noted that the Moore County Board of Education has already voted to add those days to the 2011-2012 MCS calendar. Dr. Purser said she wanted to get the information about the calendar changes out to the families as soon as possible, and that is why the Board will keep the five days in next year's calendar. Board Chair Lang pointed out that no additional money has been given to the schools for the extra five instructional days. The traditional school year will

continue to have 185 days, will begin no earlier than August 25 and will end no later than June 10.

- Year round school began on Monday, July 18 with 677 students attending, reported Dr. Purser. Board member Farren noted that two students were denied acceptance due to over enrollment. Purser said those students will be placed on a waiting list. Four schools are participating in the year round school option, two for the first time: Pinehurst Elementary and West Pine Elementary. The year-round

program formerly housed at Academy Heights Elementary in Taylortown was split between those two campuses. Parents who want their child in a year round school program must apply in the Spring; acceptance is based upon availability.

- The Board of Education unanimously approved and adopted nineteen legislative or policy changes presented by Dr. Anita Alpenfels. These policy changes will be available online as early as Tuesday, July 19 with a print version to be distributed in August.

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Water

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a county-run water system.

He said the County is exploring whether it might be possible for the Water District to lease assets from Robbins rather than purchase them — so the Town doesn't have to give up assets.

The key concern of Seven Lakes representatives was the impact of a Water District deal on water rates. Initial "back of envelope" estimates developed by former Public Utilities Director Dennis Brobst suggested that rolling Seven Lakes into the NWMWD could increase the base water rate from a little over \$6 to more than \$17.

"That number is going to be a very important number," GSLCC Chairman Dotto said. "A lot of folks say, 'Great idea, but I don't know if I want to go with that.'"

"That's why I made the commitment that you would know that number, and we would ask you to vote," Picerno replied. The County Chairman has consistently promised that Seven Lakes area residents would be able to vote on the matter before being rolled into a new water district.

Let MCPU take the lead?

Business Guild President Marks said Seven Lakes have been very satisfied customer of Moore County Public Utilities. Noting that he is a strong advocate of finding a way for the county to tap into the surface water resource represented by the Deep River, Marks said he would prefer to see that effort undertaken by Moore County Public Utilities, spreading both the cost and benefits across the entire base of county water customers, rather than by a separate water district.

"If Moore County Public Utilities builds a reservoir and a water plant, and your rates triple, are you going to be happy?" Picerno asked Marks.

"I wouldn't object at all, because then everyone in the county will pay equally," the Business Guild President responded.

"It's got to be equal," Dotto added. "We don't want to go the way it is with a fire district, where you move two blocks and your rates triple . . . Where someone somewhere else within sight is paying less than you are."

"Good point," Picerno replied.

Too many options?

One of the challenges the Commissioners appear to face in deciding how to provide Seven Lakes with a redundant supply appears to be an oversupply of options for getting the job done.

"We get close to deciding, and then something new comes up," Commissioner Kennedy told *The Times*, "and it's 'Let's just wait six more months and see whether this will work out.'"

Picerno, Kennedy, and the other County officials meeting with the GSLCC mentioned several alternatives to the North West Moore Water District, some more promising than others:

Montgomery County. The idea of running a water main west under NC Highway 211 to Candor, in order to hook onto the Montgomery County Water system is the option that has been on the table the longest. "They have a great reservoir in Lake Tillery," County Manager McSwain said, but Montgomery County's water plant and intakes are in need of

significant upgrades. The State's Interbasin Transfer regulations would limit the amount of water that could be purchased from Montgomery County to 500,000 gallons per day — and it's not clear that they could provide even that volume, given the current state of their system, McSwain said.

Harnett County. Harnett County, from which Moore County already purchases water for the East Moore Water District, is planning an upgrade of its treatment plant on the Cape Fear River from 24 million gallons per day to 36 million gallons per day, Picerno told GSLCC members. "We can buy into the Harnett Count plant," he explained. "We would own a share in that plant, rather than building our own plant . . . That is a very viable solution."

If the county went that route, the most likely option for moving that water to Seven Lakes would be to bring a line from County mains that now serve The Dormie Club development on NC Highway 73, Picerno said, possibly building a third water tank somewhere in or near Seven Lakes South.

Asheboro and beyond. The County has recently become a participant in an economic development project that seeks to create an industrial "mega-park" on a large tract of land that stretches across

both Moore and Montgomery Counties. Attracting industry to the park will require a substantial supply of water, and one option would be to bring water purchased from Asheboro or Randolph County down US 220 or other routes to serve the park. Extending those line far enough South could allow Randolph County water to be pumped to Seven Lakes.

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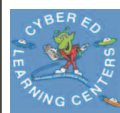
"I really want to see some solid progress, other than digging more wells," Picerno told the Seven Lakes Council.

"We do have more water resources than we had two years ago, but wells can't be the only answer. A surface water solution would be something that we could leave for our kids and grandkids when we live office."

The Board of Commissioner has scheduled a Special Work Session on water issues for Thursday, August 18, at 5:00 pm. The Greater Seven Lakes Community Council is tentatively planning a public meeting with the Commissioners, focused on water issues, for sometime in October.

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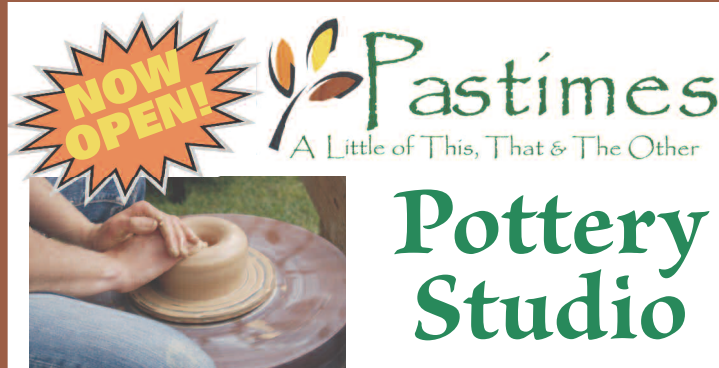
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The lessons, taught by the Engineering Technology faculty, included in the building of this structure were in construction basics and green technology.

The dog house had a "green roof" and a solar panel. The group also learned about local agriculture and helped build raised plant beds in the Children's Garden at the college with Landscape Gardening faculty.

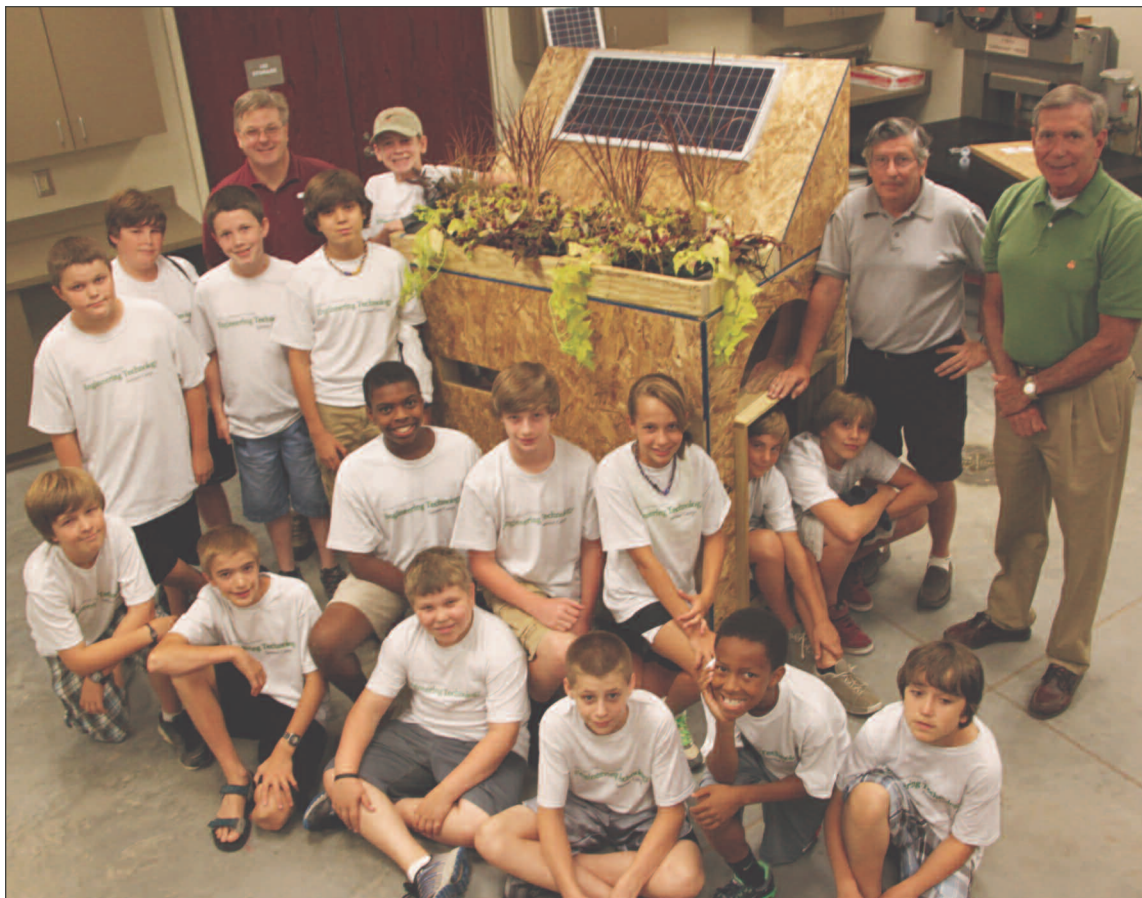
The Computer Engineering faculty helped the students build an electronic circuit board, they enjoyed volleyball led by the college's Volleyball Coach and learned golf fundamentals from the First Tee Coaches at the Whispering Pines Country Club.

Materials for the dog house

were donated by McDonald Brothers and the dog house was donated to the Animal Center of Moore County.

Among the campers were: Front row (L to R): Patrick Ballard, Jedaiah Shilling, Ryan Walker, Jackson Rawlings, Eli Ratliff, John Galloway. Back row (L to R): Alex Worley, Jared Via, Clay Cooper, Engineering Technologies Chair Ed Spitler, Alfredo Quiros, Seth Kimpler, Engineering Technologies Professor Ron McDonald, Al Carter of the Animal Center of Moore County. Kneeling: Brandon Harrell, William Oles, Danika Whitford. In the doghouse: Cameron Flynn and Evan Yeager.

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Flora Bell Arledge, 86, of Woodbridge VA died Sunday, July 17, at the Westminster Living Center, Woodbridge VA.

Born in Saluda, NC, she was the daughter of the late John Henry Bell and Ina Mae Johnson. After growing up in Saluda, she attended Montreat college before marrying John Arledge. She and her husband lived in various cities in the U.S. during his career in the Veteran's Administration. They retired in Seven Lakes, where she lived for 27 years. Mrs. Arledge was an active member of the West End Presbyterian church and volunteered with Meals on Wheels.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Spurgeon Arledge Jr.

She is survived by three children Barbara Pratt; Mike Arledge; Terri Arledge; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild. She is also survived by her sister Frances and her very dear friend Nancy Appen.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made in memory of Mrs. Arledge to the Keystone Scholarship at Montreat College; C/O Montreat College Advancement Office; Box 1267; Montreat NC; 28757.

Hans (Bud) Milton Theodore Hauge, 82, of Seven Lakes, died Saturday, July 16.

He was born in Minot, North Dakota, one of twin sons born to Paul and Johanna Hauge. He proudly served his country, entering the Air Force in 1951 and was honorably discharged in 1952. He then served in the Air Force Reserves until 1962, achieving the rank of Captain prior to his discharge.

On June 25, 1952, he married, Ruth Lois Krueger.

Mr. Hauge attended North Dakota State University, where he received his Masters Degree in Chemistry. He worked as a research chemist for Spencer Kellogg Corporation, eventually becoming

a Technical Service Representative based in Glen Rock, NJ.

He was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, serving on the church council, as a Sunday School teacher and Sunday School

Superintendent. Mr. Hauge retired in 1984, he and Ruth moved to their newly built dream home in Seven Lakes in 1990 to enjoy retirement. He was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Southern Pines, volunteered

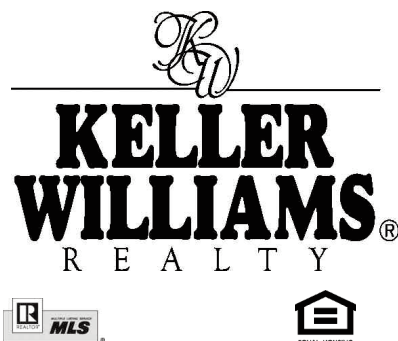
with Habitat for Humanity.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by survived by his wife, Ruth; his twin brother, Oliver (Corky) Hauge; daughters, Diane (Hauge) Sprague; and Gale (Hauge)

Mitchell, five grandchildren; their "special daughter" the Rev. Dr. Asha George-Guise, and special granddaughter. Please send memorial donations to Our Savior Lutheran Church, Southern Pines.

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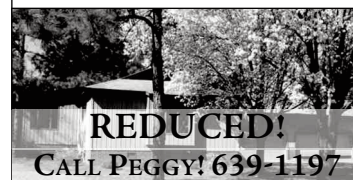
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Wallace Campbell, 93, (formerly of Seven Lakes) of Roswell, GA died Friday, July 15.

He was born in Brooklyn, New York, son of Matthew and Augusta Campbell and was raised in East Orange, NJ. He received a BS in Accounting at New York University and attained a CPA Degree in 1941 from New York University.

Mr. Campbell was an officer in the United States Navy from January 1943 to May 1946 and saw action in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre. He worked for Texaco Oil Company in New York City. He served as Chief Financial Officer for Fredonia Seed Company, Fredonia, NY, for over 25 years before his retirement in 1980.

He was an active member in the Fredonia Rotary Club, a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Fredonia, served as Trustee for several years in Village government and was a member of Shorewood Country Club in Dunkirk, NY.

In 1982, he moved to Seven Lakes and was an active member of Seven Lakes Country Club for 25 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Rosemary King Campbell and his son, Richard T. Campbell.

Mr. Campbell is survived by three sons, Stephen K. Campbell of Norfolk, VA; James W. Campbell of Honolulu, HI; and Peter A. Campbell of Atlanta, GA; and four grandchildren.

He will be interred at a later date at the Columbarium at The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines in Seven Lakes.

Memorial donations be made in his honor to your local Hospice Care Provider or The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, of Seven Lakes. Arrangements by Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory, Roswell, GA.

Johnsie Ritter Upole, 100, of West End, died July 15.

Funeral services were held at West End Presbyterian

Church on Tuesday, July 19. Associate Pastor Chip Pope conducted the service.

Mrs. Upole was the daughter of Charles W. and Ida B. Ritter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd H. Upole.

Survivors include her sons, Larry L. Upole, and Floyd H. Upole Jr.; daughters, Sherrie Upole O'Connor, and Judith Upole Edwards; her grandchildren, and also her great-grandchildren.

John H. Freese, 83, of Seven Lakes died July 15, at his home.

Mr. Freese was born in Sioux Falls, SD, son of the late Henry and Dora Erickson Freese.

Mr. Freese spent most of his career in the life insurance industry, retiring as EVP for State Mutual Insurance Company of Worcester, MA.

Mr. Freese is survived by his wife of sixty years, Barbara Carlson Freese and their four sons; Philip Freese (Debra), Douglas Freese (Susan), Stephen Freese Ph.D. (Allison), and Robert Freese Ph.D., and two granddaughters.

A memorial service will be held at Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines on Saturday, August 20, at 2:00 pm.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Patricia "Pat" Wright Pusser, 59, of West End, died Sunday, July 10, at the UNC Hospital - Chapel Hill.

She was born in Hamlet, the daughter of Annie Ruth Howell Wright.

She was a 1969 graduate of Hamlet High School and

1973 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. She retired from Richmond County School System in 2010 having taught Kindergarten and More at Four at Fairview Heights Elementary School for 37 years. She was a member of East Rockingham United Methodist Church where she was active in Children's Ministries and attended First Baptist Church in West End.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 13, at Fairview Heights Elementary School, 104 Hamilton Street, Hamlet. The Rev. Rodney Hamm and Rev. Donnie Davis officiated. Burial followed at East Side Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Lamar Pusser of West End; her mother, Annie Ruth Wright of Hamlet; one son, Bradford Lamar Pusser, of Whispering Pines; three daughters: Krystal Pusser Bragg, of Statesboro, GA; Renee Pusser Overton, of West End; and Amy Stroud of Greenville and also five grandchildren also survive her.

Memorial donations may be made to: Fairview Heights Elementary School Kindergarten Class, 104 Hamilton St., Hamlet, NC 28345; or First Baptist Church of West End, 5205 NC Hwy 211, West End, NC; or to East Rockingham United Methodist Church at PO Box 1506, Rockingham, NC.

Charles Patrick Levinger, Jr. 86 Of Seven Lakes; died Wednesday July 6, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mr. Levinger was born in Rochester, PA; to the late Charles Levinger, Sr. and

Letitia (Walsh) Levinger.

A Funeral Mass was Friday, July 8 at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Pinehurst. Rev. Gregory Anatunanya officiated. The Rite of Committal will be in Seven Lakes Cemetery at a later date.

Mr. Levinger served his country in the US Marine Corps and was a member of the Seven Lakes Marine Detachment. His name appears on the Moore County Veteran Memorial in Carthage. He resided in Seven Lakes for the past twenty-four years joining groups such as the Seven Lakes Landowners Association, Seven Lakes Civic Group, Seven Lakes Romeos and the Seven Lakes Country Club. He was a member of the Republican Men's Club, the English Speaking Union of the United States their Sandhills Branch, Arts Council of Moore County and the Weymouth Center for Arts and

Humanities. He was also at one time a member of the Moore County Water and Sewer Authority and Chairman of the Board for Pinetree Industries once located in West End. He served as a Chairman for the Sacred Heart Bishops Annual Appeal.

Mr. Levinger was preceded in death by his wife Mona Gene Levinger.; brother Richard Levinger and sisters, Marguerite Levinger, Helen Levinger, and Elizabeth Koehler.

He is survived by his two sons, Chuck Levinger, Jr. of Beaver Falls, PA; and Rick Levinger, of Port St. Lucie, FL; his grandchildren, and a great granddaughter. Memorial donations can be made in memory of Charles Levinger to the Seven Lakes Lions Club at PO Box 841 West End, NC 27376

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I have been involved with the subject of Multiple Sclerosis for a long time, but this has been from a step or two away, so to speak. Now, my involvement is much closer.

My dear wife, Mary has now lived with Multiple Sclerosis for about a year and a half. That is many times more significant than any of my previous involvement with the disease.

In the past, I was kind of close to those with Multiple Sclerosis. My maternal grandfather had Multiple Sclerosis, but I didn't really know him, just stories about him. I've had other associations with Multiple Sclerosis from friends, an employee, a college professor, and dental patients, but nothing before has been anything like having it at home. Like many other health issues, living with Multiple Sclerosis is a challenge. There also can be pain associated with the disease.

Your donation to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society helps fund research, advocacy, education and services designed to help people with Multiple Sclerosis and

their families move their lives forward. This has been very evident to our family and to Mary since her diagnosis.

Please help this cause with a donation. If you could send donations by August 18 that would be great, or I can accept them until the day before the event on September 17 and 18.

Your check should be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Please mail your donation to me at Dr. Pete McKay, PO Box 628, West End, NC 27376.

Thank you for your consideration. Please help people like Mary, who continue to benefit from advances in disease treatment and the valuable services of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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Dr. Pete McKay is training for his annual 100 mile bike ride to raise funds for Multiple Sclerosis research.

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Foxfire

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still under review is whether a municipal system, such as Foxfire, will be able to charge a minimum water bill even to well users.

Later in the meeting, Village attorney Michael Brough cautioned the Council that another NC bill under consideration, potentially as early as next year's "short session," would preclude local governments from enforcing architectural standards for single family homes.

Land donation update

Mayor Erickson distributed a copy of the deed officially recorded for the 160 acre land donation offered by the McKean Brothers Trust in lieu of the \$1.4 million assessment due on the property as a result of the Woodland Circle Extension project.

The \$1.9 million, 1.5 mile roadway project was initiated five years ago by a petition of property owners. The cost was assessed to fourteen landowners using an equal rate per acre methodology — a formula that placed the majority burden, approximately 75% of the total, on McKean's land.

Originally described as 157 acres, the property was found by a recent appraisal to total 160 acres. Appraised at \$1,563,000, the land will be actively marketed with a real estate agent.

Finance

During a Special Meeting called on Tuesday, June 28, the Foxfire Village Council adopted the 2011-2012 Budget on a 3-1 split vote, with Finance Director Leslie Frusco opposed. Councilman John Eltshlager was not in attendance, and there was no discussion noted in the

meeting minutes.

As of June 30, the General Fund cash balance was \$762,090, including \$4,826 in Powell Bill funds, \$20,985 in the Stonehill Pines account, \$50,042 in capital reserves, and \$8,369 held in the Woodland Circle fund. The Water Fund balance was reported at \$292,765, including \$591 in the Woodland Circle fund, and \$135,518 held in a restricted account for a new well.

Annual bank payments due in July include \$27,740 from the General Fund towards the Village Green Park loan; and \$41,144 from the Water Fund. The Woodland Circle loan payment is due April 2012, with \$75,810 to come from the General Fund and \$5,357 from the Water Fund.

Deputy Finance Officer Sharon Sanchez reported that 99 percent of property taxes for 2010 have been collected, with \$6,192 still outstanding. Nearly \$2,000 remains outstanding from 2009.

Village Green Park

Councilman Koos thanked Gilbert Brown for making sure the Village Green Park and picnic grounds were in good shape for the Fourth of July holiday.

"It was his number one project, and he did a great job," said Koos.

Koos mentioned several housekeeping-type concerns and made a few recommendations, including that cars parking on the grass for special events should limit themselves to two deep lines to protect water sprinkler heads in that area.

In addition, Koos said, a restroom toilet at the park was found to be flushing repeatedly. He said the electronic eye on the automatic flush feature was to blame and said a simple push of the manual button on top would fix the problem.

On park trash, Koos asked park users to spill out their beverage cups before placing them in the large, trash receptacles.

"Folks are putting cups in half-full and they leak down to the bottom of the bag and make a mess," said Koos.

Yard waste site

The yard waste site is open and supervised by a group of volunteers. Koos thanked them for their service, but asked that residents be vigilant about keeping the hours they signed up for.

"If the gate isn't open on time, we get a long line of

cars waiting, if the volunteer doesn't show," said Koos.

In addition, he reminded those volunteers that there is a "gentlemen's agreement" to assist residents, especially the elderly, with depositing their yard waste materials.

European adventure

Foxfire resident and rising eighth grader, Amalia Harsany, presented the Council with photographs and a vivid description of her recent travels to Europe as a People to People Student Ambassador.

During her tour, she visited Amsterdam, Belgium, France, England, and Ireland with approximately forty other students over a nineteen-day period. The group toured battlegrounds, museums, farms, and other sites of cultural or historical significance.

Last year Harsany traveled

to Australia with the group and, next year, she hopes to see China. Her goal is to visit all seven continents before graduating from high school.

Other Business

In other business on Tuesday, July 12, the Foxfire Village Council:

- Heard from Erickson that he met with Ed Spaulding to discuss forming a committee to provide a standards review of the appearance of homes and lots in the community. This committee will be modeled on a similar group called to action by former council member, the late Carl Munro, several years ago. Craig Ramey served on that committee and has volunteered his service again.

- Unanimously reappointed Lydia Conard to the Planning & Zoning Board, effective until January 2015.



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very large obstacles" that must be overcome before building can begin at Pine Forest — the approval of the water and sewer agreements for the PUD-H. The sewer agreement includes the developer MHK, Inc.'s plans to construct a private wastewater treatment facility on-site.

Water from Nick's Creek

The wastewater treatment played a significant role in Commissioner Lea's decision to oppose the rezoning. He explained that safeguarding Nick's Creek from a potential spill from the plant was something that could not be guaranteed. Given the scarcity of water supplies within Moore County, Lea said, he "didn't think the risk was worth the development."

However, concerns about in Nick's Creek and the Carthage water supply seem to have been sorted out by Pine Forest developer MHK, Inc. and the Town of Carthage. The Town's Commissioners asked for two additional requirements, to which MHK agreed: No withdrawal of water from Nick's Creek by any person or entity within the development, and no water discharge within twenty-five feet from the wetland boundary or seventy-five feet from either side of the blue line stream, whichever is greater.

MHK has also volunteered to have surface and ground water monitoring done to determine water quality on a quarterly basis.

As an additional measure to protect the Carthage water supply, the developer offered during Tuesday night's meeting to give the Town of Carthage and-or Moore County third party rights on the property through an "easement in gross." In other words Carthage and-or Moore County would be in charge of monitoring Nick's Creek — not the developer and not a Home Owners Association [HOA]. The proposed easement will run in conjunction with an already agreed upon deed restriction which tackled the issue of riparian rights for

the Pine Forest development. Moore County and Carthage will have to agree on who will be granted third party rights to the land.

Wastewater Facility

Along with water rights for the property, Chairman Nick Picerno asked who would monitor the one million gallon a day wastewater treatment facility that MHK is proposing to build for the Pine Forest development. "[I] don't think we have addressed what happens twenty five years down the line," said Picerno.

After viewing the County's Addor wastewater treatment facility, Picerno said he was concerned that Pine Forest might be unable to meet the Zoning Ordinance standard — which requires that the development "not materially endanger the public health or safety" — because of the close proximity of the proposed wastewater treatment facility's storage lagoon to Nick's Creek.

Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates engineer Fred Hobbs, the firm representing MHK on the project, said that any wastewater treatment facility being built by the developer will meet the same strict guidelines as the County's Addor wastewater treatment plant.

Hobbs assured the Board that, every five years, the facility will be reviewed by the state, adding that the the operator — not the developer — of the facility is approved by the State Utilities Commission. Moore County Planning Director Joey Raczkowski said that the state will provide significant oversight for such a facility through reporting and testing.

MHK, Inc. will also have to set aside cash reserves for the facility in the form of a bond — the amount is set by the State Utilities Commission — that will be called if upgrades have to be met. The building quality planned for the facility is such that, if needed, the County could take over operations in the future, said MHK principal Walter J. "Rusty" Mackey.

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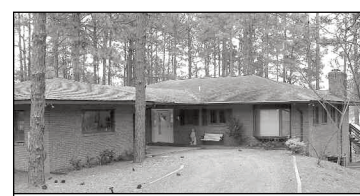
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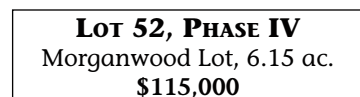
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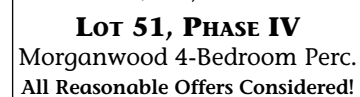
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An extra million dollars will be spent to meet County standards for the wastewater treatment facility at Pine Forest, Mackey added.

The Vote

The three Commissioners — Picerno, Kennedy, and Melton — who voted to approve the rezoning request agreed that it holds development on the property to a standard that is more “stringent” than the current zoning of the tract.

“Only time will tell if that decision was right,” said Commissioner Melton, who said he believed the rezoning was good for Moore County’s wildlife and water resources. Chairman Nick Picerno said he “struggled with the [rezoning] issue from day one, because there are so many pros and cons.”

Before the vote, the Commissioners were presented with a worksheet by Planning Director Raczkowski that enumerated: four ordinance standards, eighteen ordinance conditions, and four additional conditions volunteered by MHK, Inc.

The PUD-H zoning was put into place by the Planning Department prior to the Pine Forest request in an effort to “conserve” property, but also allows some “flexibility” for the landowner, said

Raczkowski. The re-zoning of the property will run with the land — not the owner.

The proposed Pine Forest development will include a maximum of 710 residential units, commercial/retail development, two eighteen hole golf courses, and one nine hole short golf course. The property is located on the north side of NC 211 between West End and West Pine Middle School.

Public Works Contracts

In other business during Tuesday night’s meeting, the Board approved Public Works Director Randy Gould’s request to award a contract to Wharton-Smith, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$21.5 million to upgrade and expand the Moore County Water Pollution Control Plant at Addor. The County is borrowing the money for the project with a 2.22% interest loan for twenty years.

Commissioner Larry Caddell said the County has been setting money aside preparing for this project in an effort to prevent increases to customer rates. “You can’t pay as you go on all of it, but you can pay as you go on part of it,” said Caddell.

Also at Gould’s request, the Board approved an amendment to the engineering services contract with McGill Associates for \$93,000

for Vass sewer improvements, to extend the term of the contract from July 11, 2011 to October 31, 2011 to coincide with an NC Rural Center deadline and to exempt Moore County from certain engineering services requirements.

Convening as the East Moore Water District [EMWD], the Board approved an amendment to the engineering contract with Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates for the EMWD Phase III not to exceed \$35,000. The additional money is due to eight new roads that have been added to the project. Commissioner Lea was recused from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

The Board approved a request by Gould to award a construction contract not to exceed \$525,000 to Terry’s Plumbing & Utilities for the ATEX Technologies sewer project.

The Board approved a contract to Dun-Right Services, Inc. in the amount of \$102,000 for the rehabilita-

tion of manholes.

Department of Aging

The Commissioners accepted during Tuesday’s meeting a Community Care Block Grant to the Department of Aging for funds totaling \$747,000, which will be used for programs including transportation (medical and general/nutrition); nutrition (congregate and home delivered meals); in-home aide services (Level I and II); information and assistance; and Senior Center operations. The required local match of \$83,000 has already been included in the Aging Department’s budget.

The Board also accepted an additional \$11,400 grant to the Department of Aging. The funds will be used to distribute meals as well as provide a van and a driver to transport meals to six different drop off sites.

Taxes

Moore County Tax Director, J. Wayne Vest gave the Commissioners a tax and settle-

ment report for the 2010-2012 tax levy. Unpaid real property taxes for the 2010 fiscal year totaled \$280,000; for personal property, the total was \$31,000. Vest said the tax department has had twenty consecutive years at a 99% tax collection rate.

The Board approved the tax and settlement report and authorized Vest to collect all real and personal taxes for the 2010-2011 year and prior year delinquent taxes.

Airport

The Board approved four-to-one, with Commissioner Lea in opposition, a resolution allowing the Moore County Airport to modify a grant that will allow the Airport authority to acquire land in the airport’s safety approach areas. A required local match of \$23,000 will come from the Moore County Convention and Visitor’s Bureau.

The Board also approved four-to-one, with Lea in opposition, acceptance of a State Aid to Airports Grant from

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Soup and Packaged Dinner Calendar for August

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Broccoli Spinach Soup ♥ Shepherd's Pie	2 Vidalia Onion Chowder Chicken Parmesan Dinner	3 Asparagus Vichyssoise ♥ Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner	4 Beef Vegetable Soup ♥ Spice Crusted Tilapia Dinner	5 New England Clam Chowder Smothered Pork Chops Dinner
8 Navy Bean Soup ♥ Salisbury Steak Dinner	9 Tomato Basil Soup ♥ Chicken Divan Dinner	10 Mushroom Bisque Vegetable Manicotti Dinner ♥	11 Cream of Zucchini Soup ♥ Bourbon Salmon Dinner ♥	12 Shrimp & Corn Chowder Beef Burgundy Dinner
15 Split Pea with Barley Soup ♥ Turkey Meatloaf Dinner ♥	16 Gazpacho ♥ Chicken Tetrazzini Dinner	17 Mexican Meatball Soup Ginger Beef Dinner ♥	18 Vichyssoise Tilapia Florentine Dinner ♥	19 Broccoli Cheddar Soup Pork with Apples Dinner
22 White Bean Chicken Chili ♥ Baked Spaghetti Dinner	23 Tomato Florentine Soup ♥ Chicken Enchiladas Dinner ♥	24 Chilled Cucumber Soup Pot Roast Dinner	25 Asian Beef & Barley Soup Sesame Salmon Dinner ♥	26 Manhattan Clam Chowder ♥ Pork Masala Dinner
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a maximum distance of 23 feet from the shoreline for the purpose of increased safety. If such extension results in the maximum dock area of 360 square feet being exceeded, the required application shall reflect same and must be approved by ARC in advance on a strict case by case basis to address specific concerns regarding safety congestion in narrow coves etc. An ARC application continues to be required for all dock construction, modifications, and extensions.

Goodman objected to the motion not because he felt 23 feet was too long, but rather because it did not specify a preference for building a 23 foot long dock parallel to the shore rather than perpendicular. Hoffmann said that building a parallel dock in some areas may pose a problem, particularly for people who have a sandbar at their shoreline. Other vari-

ables including property widths and location in coves, can mitigate against docks sited parallel to shore, he added.

"There are so many variables here," said Hoffmann, "I don't think you can start stating preferences."

Lake and Dam Director Adam Wimberly said the trick is to not make the rules so specific that they prevent some flexibility in particular cases.

Hoffmann said the role of ARC is to take the homeowner's plan and try to facilitate it. Only when it presents a significant problem should it be denied. All docks — whether newly built or refurbished — will continue to need an application and approval from the ARC committee before they can be constructed, with each application being reviewed on a case by case basis.

In other ARC business, Hoffmann said updated ARC standards could be presented to the Board for a first reading in the next couple of weeks. He also urged landowners to be certain of their property lines, particularly when it comes to clearing debris or installing landscaping.

Pool hours extended

The Board voted during Tuesday's Work Session to extend the West Side's swim season, keeping the Westside Park pool open seven days a week from noon to 5 pm through September and October. Making the request for a longer season, Events Director Jim Ferguson asked that the pool remain open into

the Fall as long as weather and attendance is good.

Director Hoffman estimated the cost of maintenance and personnel for the two extra months would total \$5,000. Community Manager Joan Frost said that funding to cover that extra cost is not available in the pool budget. Frost said she was compiling an average of pool attendance over the last few months to get an idea of what would represent an adequate number to keep the pool running for the two additional months.

Ferguson proposed, but then withdrew, a motion to establish a "lending locker" at West Side Park Community Center[WSPCC] that would allow grandparents to store strollers, highchairs, or other items used for grandchildren that could be lent and borrowed as needed.

In an effort to avoid having the Association take on any responsibility and liability that might result from the lending locker idea, both Ferguson and Secretary Jane Sessler accepted responsibility for implementing a "virtual lending locker" on the community website — an alternative proposed by Direc-

tor Wimberly. When the "virtual lending locker" will be set up has yet to be determined.

Ferguson thanked volunteers who worked on the Fourth of July for doing an "outstanding" job on the island. Dale Erickson thanked Sessler for getting the word out about illegal fireworks use in the community, saying he noticed fewer private fireworks.

Ferguson said the Events Committee is exploring the possibility of hosting an Oktoberfest in September.

Guards are Making an Impact at Johnson Point

The use of guards to check

membership at the entrance to Johnson Point seems to be having an impact, Lake and Dam Director Wimberly suggested.

"[I am] Amazed at how much better Johnson Point is," Wimberly told his fellow Board members. "Call it the guards, call it karma, call it whatever you want; it is night and day down there."

Wimberly said he is at Lake Auman every weekend and has noticed that it isn't as busy as it used to be, adding that the guards were "clearly something that was needed." The guards told Wimberly that a lot of people turn around when they see them

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the NC Department of Transportation for \$2.1 million, with the local match of \$231,000 previously approved by the Board.

Planning Appointments

The Board of Commissioners during Tuesday's meeting appointed Martha Blake, Les Murray, Thomas McGinnis, Johnny Harris, and Todd Williams to the County Planning Board. Robert Hayter was named the new Planning Board Chairman.

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- **Casual Friday at SLCC** – 5-9 pm, Buffet 5-6:30 pm. \$8.15 (+ tax & gratuity). Food, games & socializing.

SATURDAY, JULY 23

- **Project Linus Fundraiser** – 9 am to 12 pm at Sandhills Winery Market. Free lemonade and water while you browse. Look for Linus table.
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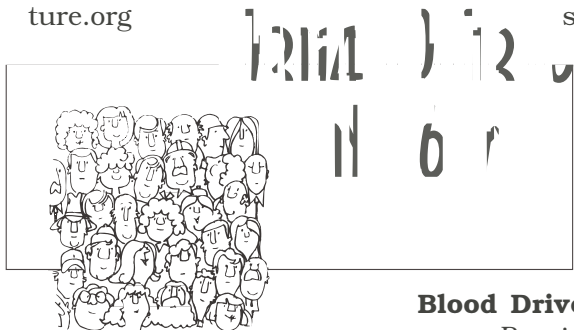
SUNDAY, JULY 24

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes 673-3838.
- **For the Birds (Kids Program)** – 3 pm, meet at Weymouth Woods Visitor Center. This ranger-led program will explore the basics of birding . . . for kids! Parents, bring along the youngsters to learn about the birds in your backyard, get familiar with different bird calls, learn how to use binoculars, and maybe even play some games. Program may be outside, so come prepared with tennis shoes, sunscreen, etc. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines. (910) 692-2167
- **The Rooster's Wife** – Ed Snodderly AND The Hot Seats, 6:45 pm, doors open at 6 pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. Buy your tickets on line with debit or credit cards. Cash and checks accepted at the door. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org

MONDAY, JULY 25

- **Sandhills Natural History Society** – 7 pm, at Weymouth Woods Auditorium, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd., South-

ern Pines. Honey Bees: Join Hugh Madison to learn all about honey bees - the different types, their division of labor lifestyle, pollination, how important they are to our food chain, their life expectancy, how they make honey. Visitors Welcome. Call 910-692-2167 or visit online www.sandhillsnature.org



- **Bingo Night at Our Lady of the Americas** – 7 pm, Early Bird Bingo; and 7:30 pm, Regular Bingo. 298 Farmers Market Road, off Hwy 211, Candor. Minimum purchase \$15. Doors open 6:30 pm. Everyone welcome. 910 974-3051.

TUESDAY, JULY 26

- **"Christmas in July Sale"** – 10 am to 4 pm, today 26

through Friday, July 29, at The Coalition Resale Shops, 1117 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines. Proceeds to help Coalition for Human Care.

- **Healing Service** – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & trouble, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased. All are welcome.

• **American Red Cross**

Blood Drive – 1:30-6:00 pm, Penick Village, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 340 S. Ridge Road, Southern Pines. Call or appt.: 692-8571. For questions, call the donor counselor at 1-866-448-3543.

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association** – 7 pm, work session. West Side Park Community Center. Open to all landowners.

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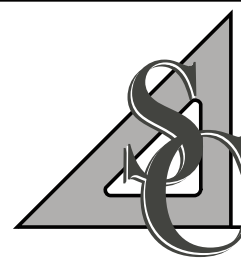
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- **Project Linus Workshop** – 10 am to 3 pm, Northside Club House. The group will work on blankets and craft items. Please join the blanket volunteers to meet the needs of children in Moore County and the children of Ft. Bragg soldiers. Call Pat Weber 673-1457 if you have any questions. Drop in when convenient for you.
- **Arts & Crafts for Kids** – 1-3 pm. Painted Picture Frames & Fun with clay. \$12. Pre-registration is a must. Sign-up at the Seven Lakes West Community Center Office. Questions? Call Linda 910-400-5169.
- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 7:30 pm, General meeting. Seven

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THURSDAY, JULY 28

- **US Kids Golf: Teen World Championship & Teen World Cup** – played on Pinehurst courses No. 2, No. 6 and No. 8 and Pine Needles. Information: 800-487-4653 or www.uskids-golf.com
- **Zumba Dance Class at Seven Lakes Baptist Church** – every Thursday morning at 8:30 am – 9:30 am, in the SL Baptist Church Family Life Center. A Zumba licensed instructor will be teaching. This is a Free class. Questions call the church at 673-4656. 1015 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
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FRIDAY, JULY 29

- **Arts & Crafts for Kids** – 1-3pm. Kids Pick. Kids Pick and Choose their Project. \$14. Pre-registration is a must. Sign-up at the Seven Lakes West Community Center Office. Questions? Call Linda 910-400-5169.
- **Casual Friday at SLCC** – 5-9 pm. Buffet 5-6:30 pm. \$8.15 (+ tax & gratuity). Food, games & socializing.
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SATURDAY, JULY 30

- **Tag Sale To Benefit "The Haven-Friends For Life"** – 7:30 am until 3 pm 115 W. Illinois Avenue & corner of S.W. Broad St., Southern Pines. (Rain Or Shine) Donations of items for the sale, will be collected at the above address from Wed., July 27 to Friday, July 29, 10 am – 2 pm, or by appointment. No clothing, please. Call Diana Barton at 315-1650.
- **Project Linus Fundraiser** – 9 am to 12 pm at Sandhills Winery Market. Free lemonade and water while you browse. Look for Linus table.
- **Farmers' Market – at Sandhills Winery** - 9 am - Noon, local produce and handcrafts. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com

SUNDAY, JULY 31

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes 673-3838.
- **Hoppers, Climbers, and Swimmers** – 3 pm, meet at Weymouth Woods Auditorium. Nights are filled with sounds of frogs and species from the tiny grass frog to the great bull frog that inhabit the region. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines. (910) 692-2167
- **Vacation Bible School** – West End United Methodist Church, West End. Held Sunday, July 31 to Thursday, August 4, 6:00 pm – 8:15 pm. Registration 5:30 pm on Sunday, July 31. Children age 3 thru 6th grade invited to attend and enjoy Sidewalk Celebrations with music and skits, age appropriate Bible study, snack, crafts and recreation! Theme will include the study of Jesus' Parables. Thursday, August 4 will be Family Night.
- **The Rooster's Wife** – 7:30 pm, SOLAS, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. Buy your tickets on line with debit or credit cards. Cash

and checks accepted at the door. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org (910)944-7502.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

- **Healing Service** – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & trouble, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased. Carol Burgess, Deacon. All are welcome.
- **Moore County Board of Commissioners** – 5:00 pm, regular meeting. Held at Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

- **Zumba Dance Class at Seven Lakes Baptist Church** – every Thursday 8:30 am – 9:30 am, SL Baptist Church Family Life Center. Zumba licensed instructor teaching. Free class. 673-4656. 1015 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am - 1 pm. Ministry for seniors (widows, widowers, and elderly). Time of fellowship and devotion and meal \$5.
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Westside meeting

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checking people in — so, at a minimum, it is a deterrent to unauthorized use. “And there haven’t been a lot of violations on the lake,” Wimberly added.

Secretary Sessler said she had observed tubers being pulled across the ski area; Wimberly said he would alert the lake patrol to that problem.

As a result of the Lake Patrol, “a lot” of people without current boat stickers will be receiving a ticket, Wimberly said, noting that, in one section alone, volunteers found fifteen boats without stickers.

Non-resident property owners and part-year residents who have not had the opportunity to affix current stickers to their boats are exempt from receiving a ticket, but this is being handled on a case-by-case basis.

Boat Slip docks “tuned-up”

Since the Board has yet to decide what type of material to use to replace the top boards on the Johnson Point boat slip docks, the existing boards have been tightened and “should hold up for the Summer,” Community Manager Frost reported.

The current docks were built almost twenty years ago by Jamie Cagle, who has recommended using kiln dried wood to replace the top boards — which he estimated could increase the lifespan of the docks by as much as fifteen years.

Replacing the top boards with a composite material would cost \$46,000 for each of the two docks, Frost said, while the job could be done for \$18,000 each using wood. Wimberly said the docks generate \$39,000 in revenue a year and would essentially pay for any repairs themselves. Along with the top boards, the bumpers around the docks will also be replaced. Frost is still receiving quotes to repair the docks and will present the bids to the Board at a later date.

Frost reported that the existing swimming platform cannot be put back into serv-

ice because it is “too high,” leaving the options of buying or building a replacement. The Board took no action on either option during Tuesday’s meeting.

Board Approves Landscape Easement

The Board approved during Tuesday’s meeting a request by Infrastructure Director Goodman to prepare a landscape easement for lot #3209, located off of Lakeway Mall when entering the community. Goodman said the owner of the lot, Jeffrey Scott Ellis, has volunteered to give a fifty foot easement on the property to the community for the purpose of installing landscaping in harmony with the rest of the front entrance-way.

The only cost to the community is legal fees associated with the easement, explained Goodman. The legal work will be handled by Goodman, Legal Director Jack Stevens, and SLWLA attorney Steven Later. The goal is to incorporate this area into the Lakeview Mall landscaping, said Goodman, since the “front entrance is a big selling point of the community.”

Pond repairs. Dam Engineer Dr. Dan Marks and a

surveyor were expected to visit Seven Lakes West on Wednesday, July 15 to examine the overflow pipe at the lower pond dam, Goodman reported.

Goodman said the Board had already approved repairs to the area in concept, but will need to review the detailed design, which he expected would be available in two or three weeks. The lower pond will have to be fully drained during the repairs, which could begin as early as September. However, Frost reminded Goodman that irrigation water for Westside Park, The Pinnacle, and Lakeway Mall is taken from the lower pond dam and irrigation normally continues through the month of October. With the current dry weather conditions in the area, irrigation from the lower pond dam area is likely to be needed throughout September and October.

Culvert repairs. The average repair cost for each of the last eight culverts came to \$25,600, Goodman reported. Two culverts are left to be repaired in the current round: one on Anchor Point, which was expected to be completed by Thursday, July 14, and a final culvert repair on Cal-

lis.

Safety and Security

Community Manager Frost said the front exit gate bracket is being replaced so that the arm can lower. This is the oldest gate mechanism in the community and every effort is being made to repair the gate instead of replacing until the new gate house is built. The back gate PVC pipe which was broken has also been replaced.

Director Hoffmann announced that two new volunteers have been added to the neighborhood watch.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Don Friert reported cash disbursements for the month of June at \$118,500, due in part to culvert replacement work; fireworks; start-up costs for the pool; pool staff; boat dock and pool repairs; and purchase of gate passes. Friert said everything is “running at normal operating level” since all of the expenses mentioned were budgeted items.

On the investment side of things, Friert reported that a CD for \$97,000 that was held at Woodland Bank


matured and was moved to a Merrill Lynch money market fund for the time being. Also, funds exceeding the FDIC-insured limit of \$200,000 were placed into two money market funds — one at First Bank and the other at Merrill Lynch. Friert said the Finance Committee has decided to hold it there until it can further evaluate cash flow requirements, particularly those associated with the payments for the culvert work.

Manager’s Report

Boat registration is complete, reported Community Manager Frost; and, based on a recent audit of the boat and trailer storage area, CAS is in the process of notifying those individuals who have not paid their fees. Approximately seventy-two compliance letters have been sent out, including storage violations.

Frost reported that the two small ponds on Longleaf Drive have been treated twice with herbicide for weed control — a process that will take most of the summer to complete. Wooden fence rails were

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found in one of the ponds and removed. New light fixtures at the entrance to Timber Drive have been installed.

Approximately 150 decals have been sold for entrance into Seven Lakes North and South, Frost said.

Communications Report

With approximately 565 people registered at the Seven Lakes West website, Secretary Jane Sessler has decided to continue to produce written media in the form of the

newsletter for those individuals not online.

Information that would otherwise be sent out electronically will be posted at the mailhouse and a copy will be available at the Community Center.

The Communications Committee has decided to shorten the newsletter by eliminating current events from the publication — but such events will still be posted on the website. Secretary Sessler will also start including links in her e-blasts that will con-

nect individuals with particular information from the website, including the newsletter. Anyone who still does not know how to use the website is encouraged to contact Sessler.

Other Business

Other business conducted at the SLWLA Tuesday, July 12 meeting included:

- During member comments, Westsider Pete Chase said he would like to see more storage room allotted to the design of the mailhouse(s) which could also include room for an expanded library. Chase asked how a mailhouse addressing system could utilize street addresses — an option that the Postal Service offered the West Side in the past and that, according to the Long Range Planning Committee, was well-received by community members who provided input on the mailhouse question.

Community Manager Frost told *The Times* that the post office has yet to agree to any changes to the mail box delivery system currently used in Seven Lakes West. Frost said a list of criteria from

the Post Office will have to be reviewed before any decisions are made for the new mailhouse(s).

- The Board approved the report and recommendations of the Long Range Planning subcommittee to continue ongoing studies of mail delivery, entries planning, the possibility of an alternate road near the dam, and ideas for use of the crest of the dam itself.

- The Board voted to proceed with the the Chandler Hills and Parkwood Development annexations.

- The West Side Park Community Center [WSPCC] has been repainted and the outside doors have been refinished, Frost reported, adding that some umbrellas and cushions at the pool will need to be repaired at the end of the season.

- HVAC issues at the WSPCC will be fixed shortly, Frost said, with major trimming of bushes around the Community Center being done to allow more light into windows.

- Exit signs have been installed near the Community Center and on Bainbridge.

Foxfire election

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years left in Koos' term of office.

Moore County Elections Director Glenda Clendenin explained that the Foxfire Village Charter requires the Council to fill a vacant seat with thirty days of a vacancy, but that appointment is good only until the next regularly-scheduled municipal election, when the voters are asked to fill the seat.

What if no one files to run for Koos seat by noon on Tuesday?

"Then we will facilitate a write-in space on the ballot," Clendenin told *The Times*.

Durham ready to serve

The new name already on the ballot, running for the seat currently held by Ed Lauer, is Steven Durham, a retired public schools superintendent from Connecticut, who moved to Foxfire in June of 2007.

Durham told *The Times* that he and his wife purchased their lot on Woodland Circle in 2001, having made frequent visits to friends who had already settled in the Village.

"We got to know the area and liked it, and liked the Foxfire golf courses Durham told *The Times*.

Asked why he had chosen to run for Council, Durham said he had spent his career in public service and had a "vested interest in the future of Foxfire Village."

He has served on the Long Range Planning Committee for the past two years, which has made him "familiar with the nuances of the challenges and opportunities facing the Village," Durham told *The Times*. "I think I have some sense for what the Village may need to continue to prosper going forward."

Durham noted that one key to Foxfire's future prosperity is likely to be getting more Village citizens involved in Village affairs.

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Burning the early morning coffee

I've developed a new habit of late, one born of necessity rather than choice.

I am working in the wee hours of the morning.

A dedicated fan of my pillow, this has not been an easy transition but, with school out for the Summer, my kids mounted a hostile takeover of my free time. So like that early bird grabbing a worm, on a choice day I can bang out a dozen complete sentences before breakfast.

It's a functional model — but so is my sluggish, gray mommy-van. I've decided I don't like either one.

I blame it on aging: the choice of vehicle on mine,

and the less-than-appealing work schedule on theirs.

Cruising into their 'tween' years, I figure my pirate and princess have lost about an hour of golden zzz's with each passing year.

These days I find myself actually looking forward to the upcoming, vampire-like teen years when they won't emerge from their bedroom lairs before noon.

But my real problem isn't sleep-deprivation, it's that I can't multi-task.

[That snarling sound you just heard was Darling Hubby choking on his coffee after reading that last sentence. Trust me: he agrees.]

I can do any one single

thing well. Add a second chore and it gets sloppy. Add a third task and chaos ensues.

I prefer to manage my life

in neat, tidy compartments. You know, kind of like those kid-friendly molded dinner plates with separate sections that keep your peas from rolling into your meatloaf.

My most impressive daily feat is remembering to flip a load of laundry in between phone calls, tapping out a few words on my keyboard and, of course, balancing my primary job: opening and closing the front door for my parade of pets.

Darling Hubby, on the other hand, is more of a beef stew kind of guy.

Left home alone, he's likely to start working in the yard while simultaneously firing up his office computer, start-

ing an ambitious organizational project in the garage, and tearing into that scattering of mail and magazine mayhem on the kitchen counter.

Like a circus performer spinning dinner plates on sticks, he'll push each project forward with just enough momentum to keep it from toppling over.

As I set the alarm clock to ring in yet another day, I've concluded that old habits — his and my own — are a bit like those plates.

The finest ones always get broken first.



Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

Going back to church after all these years?

Question: I am a widower.

My wife and I never made church a part of our long and happy marriage. In the last year, I have come to know and love a fine Christian lady. We do many things together and I no longer feel the deep loneliness that I experienced during the three years after my wife's death.

She keeps inviting me to attend church with her, but I have not been to church since I was a teenager. I am concerned that people will

think that I am going now because I am afraid to die, and I also wonder if they will approve of our unmarried relationship. What would you advise me to do?

Response: The first advice I'd give is to stop worrying about what people think about you. You have found a companion who speaks to your loneliness; your main concerns should be how she regards you and how you think about yourself.

Apparently her faith means

a great deal to her and these invitations to accompany her to church must mean that she wants to share with you that important part of her life.

You wrote that you once were part of a church when you were young. Try to remember that time in

your youth.

Did you attend then only because your parents insist-



Ask the 'Rev'

Rev. Don Welch

ed? Were you a baptized member of a church? What did faith mean to you when you were younger? Was the choice that you and your wife made not to attend church a conscious decision or just the result of benign neglect?

The answers to all these questions may help you in making your decision now.

Your loneliness after your wife's death was a hole in your life that your new companion is helping to fill. Blasé Pascal once wrote: "There is a God-shaped hole in every person that no created thing can fill. It can only be filled by God."

Perhaps your friend's invi-

tation will lead you to rediscover the faith of your youth and fill another hole in your life that has been empty for so many years.

The fact that you mentioned a "fear of death and dying" in your question indicates to me that you have given some thought to this subject.

People attend church for reasons known only to them. Seeking answers to the existential questions of the meaning of life and death certainly are valid reasons.

What God has prepared for us after we die is a great mystery. You may not find the answers in any church, but drawing near to God through worship can help us all live joyfully with the mystery.

I wish for you and your new found friend and companion much happiness and God's blessing.

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Tolerance for all – even Christian fundamentalists

In response to the article written by the Rev. Don Welch on June 24 2011, concerning beliefs held by Christian Fundamentalists, (Bible-believing Christians), I feel at this time that more insight is necessary and hopefully appreciated by the secular and religious groups concerning what and why Christian Fundamentalists believe and live as they do.

First of all, I am in total agreement that extremists exist in all belief systems and it's wrong and inexcusable for us to accept any physical or psychological harm to others with different values and beliefs. Burning or bombing abortion clinics or threatening staff employed is obviously unlawful. Extreme fundamentalists may think they are justified in such hateful behavior; but they do not represent the majority of Christians, who know this is deplorable and not the teaching of Christ. The Bible says to overcome evil with good (Romans 12.2 1).

Extremism is a threat to society, no doubt. Yes, We must seek respect and tolerance for those with different beliefs or religions. This means we wish them no harm and do not try to bring harm to them, as we want to live peacefully together. Saying this I must point out, evidenced by personal experience and the experiences shared with me by other Christians, that we Bible-believing children of God

should also be respected for our belief that the Bible, the inspired Word of God, was penned by chosen men and tells us how Christ wants us to live and act in obedience to Him. The Word of God is the truth we cling to.

From the article, "Why We Believe the

of the Earth. (Matthew 28:19: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.") A Christian who shares his faith is Just doing so in obedience to what Jesus said. If the person chooses not to convert he does not become our "enemy."

Critics say the Bible was written so long ago that it doesn't fit into today's society No, the Bible was written for

past, present, and future generations. It has so far stood the test of time, for it is His plan for all mankind. It is our lifeline; it is our truth; it gives us our hope.

Jesus Christ wants all of us to share His Kingdom with Him in eternity when we leave this earth. He clearly tells us how to attain this in the scriptures; believe Christ was sent to us to be our Messiah or "Savior" so we can be right with God and spend eternity with Him and all Christian brothers and sisters who on earth trusted in Christ for forgiveness of their sin. (John

Bible," "written by Jeremy Lyon, found on truelife.org, I list reasons why we believe God's Word is true and the foundation for our faith. Summary statements follow:

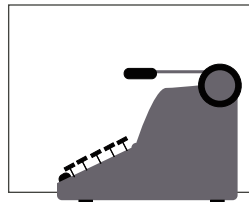
1. Ancient manuscript evidence confirms the original words of the Bible have been preserved.
2. Reliable eye-witness testimony confirms the history of the Bible.
3. Archeology confirms the history of the Bible.
4. Fulfilled prophecies confirm the divine origin of the Bible.
5. The consistent message confirms the divine origin of the Bible.

The entire article is worth reading and may help you to understand ideas that may be new to you. It is good "food for thought."

We Christians believe in the Great Commission — when Jesus told all of His followers to go and spread the "good news" to all ends

Your Turn

Ralph Rubino
Seven Lakes West



3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, whosoever shall believe in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.")

Without belief in the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, there is no substance to the Christian faith. When a Christian shares God's plan for redemption with non-believers, the hope Christians have is that they may also have this hope by accepting Jesus Christ as Savior. We would like to see tolerance on their behalf. Christians being labeled as "far right," "extremist," "Jesus freak," "Bible thumper," or other derogatory remarks is unnecessary. It is not what our Lord wants us to do, but commands us to do with

those who are without Him. Our prayer is that God will bring conviction to them.

When Christians share Jesus with non-believers, it should be out of love and concern for the individual and presented in a gentle way This is what Jesus wants from us, for He is love. People may not agree with what we say from Scripture, but we have a higher power (God), to whom we are accountable. We should be truly concerned for their destiny. Unfortunately, some non-believers do not see it that way. If we do not handle the discussion with the correct intention, then this is improper and going against what Christ wants us to do as His fol-

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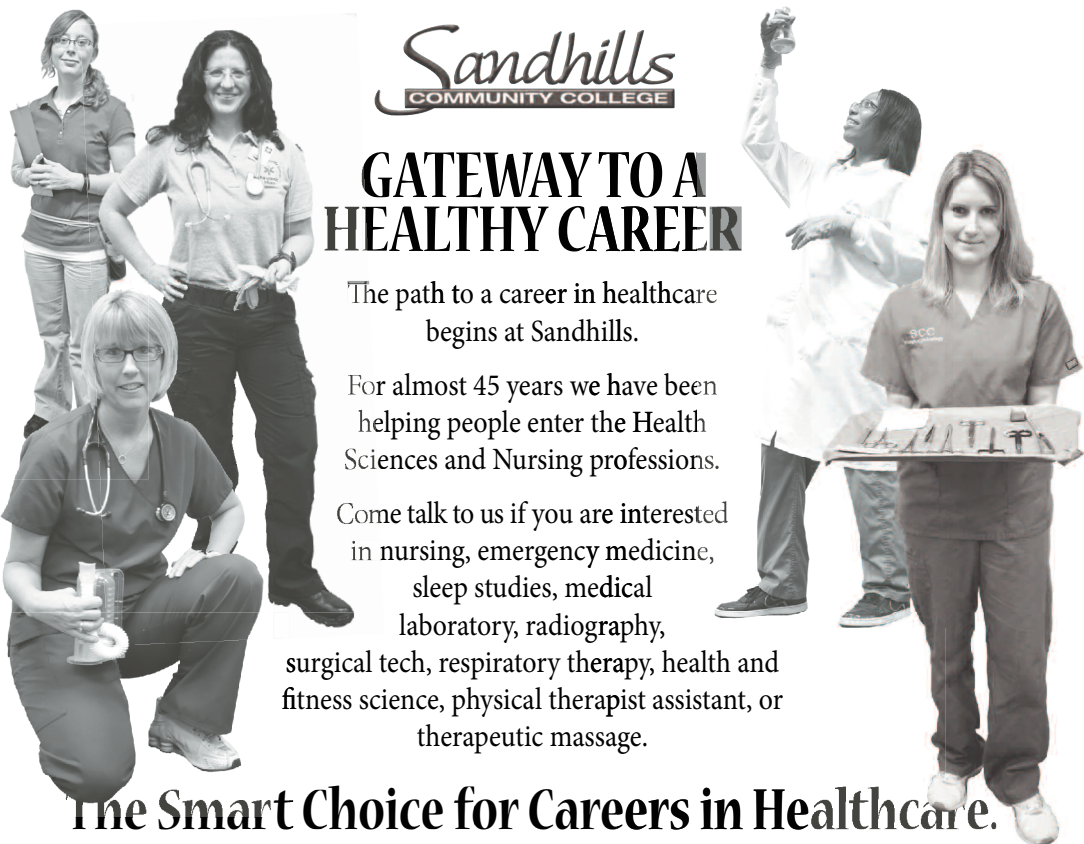
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We are *all* Seven Lakers – Let's act like it

Dear Editor:

Thank you Pamela Martin. After reading the July 8 edition of *The Times* I wrote a letter also . . . but I chickened-out and didn't send it in.

This was my letter:

I have never done what I am about to do now . . . When I read the last issue of *The Seven Lakes Times* it broke my heart. I have lived in Seven Lakes for 28-plus years. What a great place to live! Everyone was friendly

and happy. We were a loving and caring community. I remember the days when the West Side was nothing a very few houses, dirt roads, and only a dream of a lake. The North and South Sides never closed their gates to those on the West Side. For years the residents on the West Side were allowed to use our lakes, our pool, our tennis courts, our golf course and participate in our functions — No Questions Asked!

Now we are being treated

as "low lifes." We can't use their lake or amenities. What really hit me is how we have to jump through hoops to even go through their gates. We are *all* Seven Lakers. Going from North to South to West should be a matter of having a Seven Lakes sticker. We all live in Seven Lakes!

I really feel sad for those who live on the North or the South and rent — They are really on the bottom!

Articles like the one published July 8 do nothing but hurt. Remember: people considering moving to this area are not getting a very good impression of our community. The housing market is bad enough without any help. So many good things happen in Seven Lakes thanks to the Seven Lakers. Can't we submit and publish positive articles?

Thanks again to Pamela Martin.

Linda Carpenter
Seven Lakes North

In God I trust
Ralph Rubino

sidered a threat to society because of our beliefs.

This article was written with good intention. Tolerance for all. My desire is that people will increase their sensitivity and knowledge concerning Bible-believing Christians.

Your turn

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lowers. Along with our lifestyle, our witness must be out of love for our fellow man. Jesus walked and associated with the lost. Disciples of Him (true believers) should not be hesitant to do the same. We are not better than anyone, for Christ said, "All fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23. We are all sinners and must pray daily to God to help us walk in His footsteps. A believer, when he sins, must repent daily; and Our Lord promises to forgive him. I John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Yes, we do look upon the immorality of the world through the eyes of Jesus. He has set the standard for what we believe is right or moral. No matter what the belief system is, everyone struggles with decision making and the problems of everyday life. It is important for us as Christians to have a personal relationship with God.

Jesus and the Word of God changes lives. The choice to accept or reject Him and His Word is ours. The Lord has used many Christians as His vessels to extend His Kingdom. We who choose to share our faith should not be con-

Great Market!

Dear Editor:

Just a note of thanks to Sandhill's Winery for sponsoring the Farmer's Market.

There were 17 vendors in attendance last Saturday with everything from fresh veggies, breads, cakes, jams and local grass fed beef to crafts.

WOW!

What a wonderful community service. Both supporting our local farmers and allowing us to purchase local produce and products.

Thanks again!

Lyn Austin
Seven Lakes West

Foregone conclusion?

Dear Editor:

Why did West Side Board waste my time and call a meeting on ideas about the mailhouse — when all along they new what the outcome was going to be?

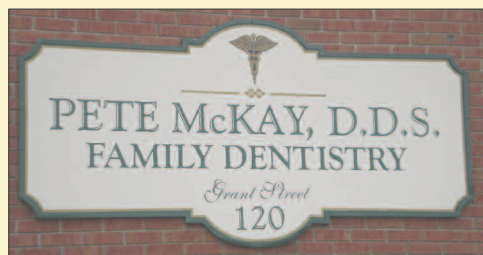
They played me by holding the post office card over my head.

I don't like the way they go about treating the West-siders like children. There has to be a way to let the community decide on its own fate instead of a Board.

You know, we all pay dues.

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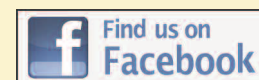
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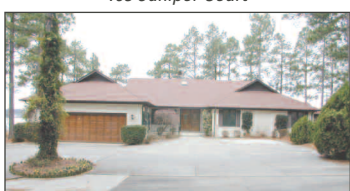
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SLLA work session

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tion flood zone maps.

The five SLLA EAPs, originally drafted in 2008 by dam contractor S&ME as part of several state-mandated improvements to the community's dams, cost approximately \$65,000.

SLLA President Bob Darr expressed concern about signing a contract with S&ME for the updates without first soliciting bids from other firms. However, in discussion the Board seemed to agree that looking elsewhere could cost more in the long run, if the dam contractor was starting from scratch rather than updating existing information.

"We've hired S&ME to be our mainstay in looking after our dams. It may not be sensible to question their bids for every little project," warned Director Bud Shaver.

Fentzlaff agreed and said the EAPs will require significant updates to be in compliance with the new format.

"If we call in someone else to look at the other problems we're dealing with right now, on top of the EAP, we would be throwing away a lot of money," he said.

A formal vote on the proposed S&ME contract will be called during the July 27 Open Meeting.

Proposed new boating rules

Buoys in Lake Sequoia are being routinely damaged, and are expensive to replace, reported Fentzlaff.

He proposed an addition to the community rules that would impose fines and other penalties for any boater that defaces or intentionally disturbs a buoy — including using them as slalom markers for water skiers.

"This is a big problem," he explained. "We have buoys that can barely be seen [that are partially submerged] because they have been hit so many times and are just generally abused," he said.

Fentzlaff also proposed a second addition to the rules that would require boat observers to raise an orange safety flag whenever their water skier drops down into

the water. He noted that such flags are available for purchase at a minimal cost, estimated at \$5 per flag.

"I'm not sure it will prevent an accident, but for five dollars, it sure is worth the effort," said Director Bruce Keyser, Jr.

The proposed rules will be voted on at the July 27 meeting.

In continued discussion of water skier safety, Southsider Ray Ulansey questioned how effective a safety flag would be and what other options could be considered, prompting Treasurer Conrad Meyer

to recommend that skiers should also be encouraged to raise their arm to signal the boat that they are okay, an action that would also render the skier more visible in the water to other boaters.

He said when skiing in heavy boat traffic as a young man, he was also taught to hold his ski vertically to increase probability that others would see him.

"It's real simple and there is no cost," said Meyer. "I don't want to make this a rule, but I think we could make the suggestion to our boaters."

Canada Goose control

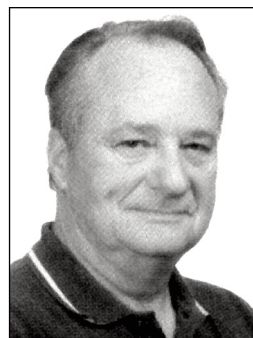
Picking up on a concern raised by John Allen at the June meeting, Community Manager Alina Cochran said the Association maintains a state-issued permit that allows Canada geese population control measures, such as egg addling or oiling, and destroying nests when they are identified on common areas.

She explained that two nests were reported last year, and none were reported on community property this year, so far.

"I consider this to be a sensitive matter," she said. "Some of our residents are strongly against the geese and some are strongly for them. I look to the Board for how they want to approach this and whether or not we continue with this program."

Director Keyser said he was familiar with the population program and noted that it had been used very successfully by the Seven Lakes West community, where it is implemented by a volunteer sportsmen group.

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"They started the program four or five years ago and are down to just a few geese issues now," said Keyser. "When the eggs don't hatch, they [the parent geese] try again the next year. When those don't hatch, the geese will move on to another lake. The program has made a significant difference over time."

In past years, egg addling has been performed by Association employees; but the Board discussed whether the program could be administered by a volunteer club or committee. Other population control options were briefly discussed, including hiring Border collies or purchasing lifelike fox decoys, but most seemed in agreement that such measures were not particularly effective.

"The island [located on Lake Sequoia] is a breeding spot and a common area," said Northsider Jim Allen. "This issue also affects the lake water quality — which is the Board's responsibility. The ultimate decision and control should rest with the Board." Allen noted that two Raleigh area lakes were recently closed to swimmers due to high bacteria readings.

Northsider George Temple disagreed with the premise that the fowl are to blame for foul water.

"There are many that love the geese and that should be noted," Temple said. "And there are questions as to whether or not goose poop degrades lake water."

Director Shaver also suggested that any population control measures must be done in concert with Seven Lakes Country Club, since a large number of the birds move back and forth between lakes in Seven Lakes North and those on the golf course in Seven Lakes South.

Security Director Andy Lowe also joked that the "five-star restaurant" provided to the geese by the pasture at the stables would make any eradication or population control efforts difficult.

Boat registration stickers

Looking to reduce the num-

ber of unregistered boats on Lake Sequoia, SLLA President Bob Darr proposed a new policy that would restrict entrance at the gates to boats bearing SLLA stickers, with the exception of boats owned by Westsiders participating in weekly sailboat races.

"I see boats without stickers coming in to visit as guests and then, next thing you know, the boat is launched," said Darr.

Resident-owned boats that are not displaying current registration stickers are also a concern, and Director Fentzlaff said the Lakes & Dams Committee will reinstitute a subcommittee formed several years ago specifically to monitor and report unregistered boats.

Director Shaver encouraged Fentzlaff to, in addition, move forward with a previously discussed plan to form a "boaters committee" of owners

who could, hopefully, police themselves on many of these concerns.

Boating violation follow-up

Northsider Rich Scott asked for an update on a serious boating incident on the lake that was reported to the Board in May.

Director Bob Racine said the boat had been operated by a juvenile and his mother had been contacted. A second violation would result in her being brought before Judicial Committee as the responsible party.

Since speeding is a difficult violation to prove without certified radar readings, Racine explained, Boat Patrol is monitoring the lake for 'unreasonable operation.'

Alcohol/ smoking ban at parks and beaches?

"Should we allow alcohol in our parks?" SLLA President

Darr asked his fellow Board members.

While Seven Lakes North has several recreational beach areas, alcohol consumption has been an ongoing concern for the last few years at the largest and most heavily used park, Sequoia Point.

"I took a trip around to other parks and all had signs that said no alcohol was permitted," said Darr. "I'm also looking for discussion whether there should be a smoking ban on the beaches."

Director Racine argued that such a rule would be pointless if the Association was unable or unwilling to enforce it.

"When we get some enforcement down there we can restrict it," Director Shaver

said. "But the problem isn't a drink; it is people getting drunk and out of hand. To enforce that, we have to hire police and the question to residents is: 'Are you willing to pay?'"

Off-duty Moore County Sheriff's Office deputies can be hired at a cost of \$35 per hour to work additional enforcement hours; however, Community Manager Cochran reminded the Board, those officers will only enforce state law — not community rules.

Informal discussion groups

The SLLA Board office will not be used for any Board of Directors meetings constituting a quorum, Darr announced, responding to

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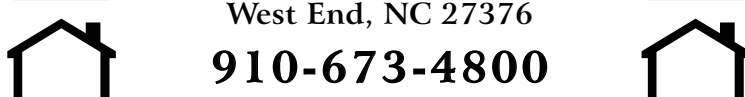
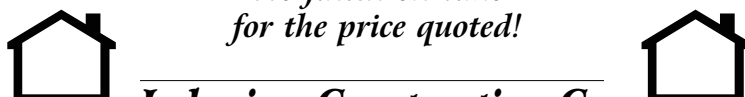
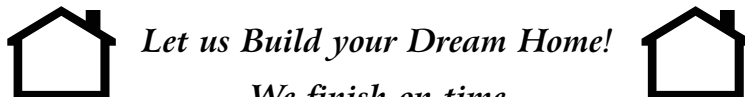


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SLLA work session

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an editorial in the Friday, July 8 edition of *The Times*.

"I have received lots of feedback from the community," said Darr. "During the election, I made a promise to the community that closed meetings would be kept to a minimum. I don't believe these discussions would be closed meetings; but, if there is a perception that they are, that is not the way we want to do business, so we will not do it."

Gate access & reciprocity

Darr reported nothing new on reciprocity and gate access with Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA].

He said that some [SLLA] residents have been stopped and asked to present identification, some have been stopped and their sticker number recorded, and others have been waved through.

"In the [reciprocal] agreement with them, there isn't really anything over there that we can share — and we share almost everything over here," Darr said. "And they are the ones making the noise."

"And they are welcome," Shaver chimed in. "There has been no effort by this Board to restrict Westside access."

However, Southsider Ray Ulansey sees the latest flap between the two communities as reason for the SLLA to develop a marketing plan.

"The problem is there is a perception that because we don't have McMansions, we are the poor brothers," he said. "We are not. We are a little more modest, but this is a nice place to live, and we need to make sure that word gets out."

Shaver agreed: "We have wonderful amenities and a golf course that has been declared, two years in a row, as the finest course in Moore [County]. We have everything going for us."

Darr responded that, in forming a Communications Committee, he would also look into developing a better marketing approach.

Delayed fireworks display

Inclement weather on the Fourth of July delayed the fireworks display by approximately thirty minutes, reported Community Manager Cochran.

She explained that the fireworks contract does allow for a rain date, but such a change would incur an additional ten percent fee — estimated at approximately \$1,500.

"We started later than anticipated, but we did have some savings," she said. "Some [residents] were happy and some were not."

Cochran reported she had contacted Darr at 9:15 pm to apprise him of the situation and that a window of opportunity at 9:30 pm allowed the fireworks to commence.

Meyer said the bigger issue the inclement weather raised was the lack of timely communication.

"This is a time sensitive event," he noted, "and there was a question whether or not it was going to happen."

He recommended that a website or telephone message should be provided to residents with current up-to-date information.

"What if this had been an emergency?" Meyer asked. "How would we communicate that to the community?"

Darr said he researched a "Code Red" type of emergency telephone contact system, with an estimated cost of \$100 per month for 400 numbers.

"Such a system would be used very sparingly," he cautioned.

Notification of Community Standards violations

A new procedure and timetable for Community Standards violation notifications and follow-up will be voted on during the July 27 Open Meeting.

As proposed, first contact with the resident would be a telephone call, followed by letters and, eventually, a Judicial Committee hearing if the alleged violation remains uncorrected. The resident may request additional time

as needed for extenuating circumstances.

Darr and Racine both commented that personal contact from an initial phone call is much more effective and "neighborly" than a letter.

Debris site

Security Director Andy Lowe reported he is researching different options for security cameras at the Yard Waste debris site, including a motion-activated camera that is currently in place.

Darr also distributed a leaflet that gate guards will hand out to landscape contractors which clearly states the debris site rules.

"Unlawful use will result in fines and non-entry of their equipment into the community," said Darr. "We have to stop this [illegal dumping].

It is costing us a lot money."

Cautioning the Board, Ray Ulansey recommended the Association attorney should be consulted to see what penalties would hold up in court.

Paving engineer contract

The Board reviewed a proposed scope of work that will be sent out to potential paving engineers.

Treasurer Meyer suggested the document should include a request for detailed square yardage per road to confirm information already compiled by Director Shaver.

"I want it to be crystal clear on the square yardage of each repair recommended," Meyer said. "I also want a very clear package, so when we get quotes for work, we have something that can be

sent out . . . to make sure we are comparing apples to apples to apples."

Shaver complimented Director Lowe for compiling a list of roads indicating which have centerlines, which have lines on the road edges, and which have both.

"He did a marvelous job!" exclaimed Shaver.

Other business

In other business on Monday, July 11, the SLLA Board:

- Heard from Racine that an addition to the Bylaws concerning the post-election Board of Directors Organizational Meeting will be voted on at the July 27 meeting. As proposed, the Nominating Committee chairman would preside over the meeting until a new president has been seated.

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