

Tops in the Sandhills



Head Pro Gene Roberts and Course Superintendent Scott Clawson are celebrating Seven Lakes Country Club's third year in a row as the Sandhills Golf Association's "Course of the Year."

Three in a row for SLCC

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Recently named the Sandhills Golf Association's "Course of the Year" for the third consecutive year, Seven Lakes Country Club is at the

top of its game.

"Last year, we won for the second year in a row, which had never happened," said SLCC head pro, Gene Roberts." So that was a really a feather in our cap to get

two, but the third is like icing on the cap."

The Sandhills Golf Association represents thirteen area courses, including SLCC, Beacon Ridge Golf & Country Club, Little River Golf & Resort, Talamore Golf Club, The Carolina, and many others. With "Course of the Year" judging based on numerous criteria — from a club's conditions on any given day to customer service in the pro shop — Roberts credits Seven Lakes' success on a proactive attitude and the strong support of members.

"We try to improve our facility every year," Roberts explained. "And this year (See "Course," p. 14)

SLLA hires new security company

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter



The Budd Group, a Charlotte-based firm, was awarded the security contract for the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA], in a unanimous decision during the November 16 Board of Directors Open Meeting.

While the new contract will offer a reduced rate overall, SLLA President Bob Darr noted that cost was not the primary motivation for selecting Budd over SFI, the current vendor.

"We wanted to make sure we were getting the most bang for our buck," Darr

said, "and whether we were getting the services we wanted. The Budd Group is a fairly local and a relatively small business. The feedback we received on them was excellent; and what they do, that I find appealing, is they are very locally-oriented. They look at each contract individually to zero in on and solve any problems."

"Yes, there will be a reduction in costs," Darr concluded, "but I am also very hopeful that we will get much better security."

Security Director Andy Lowe said he was particularly impressed by The Budd Group's training programs,

(See "SLLA," p. 25)

Foxfire considers rental restrictions

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter



With a proposed update to the current zoning ordinances in hand, the Foxfire Village Council engaged in a roundtable discussion of how to best approach a multi-family housing situation during a Special Work Session called on Tuesday, November 15.

Earlier this month Villagers raised concerns over a single-family home that is currently under a 90-day rental agreement and being used by a business as a dormitory for six non-family residents. In Tuesday's Work Session, Councilman Mick McCue said that usage is, in fact, a violation of the current zoning

ordinance.

However, during discussion it was apparent that the Village Attorney has advised the Council that the zoning ordinance is weak on that point and recommended revisions that included a clarification on the definition of "family."

McCue described the amended language as "pretty good," and said he felt the new definition for "family" "would pass muster. It is not the most expansive or the most restrictive."

One major complicating factor for any proposed changes is to ensure the zoning ordinance will not prevent property owners from allowing their homes to be used as short-term golf rentals.

Councilwoman Leslie Frus-
(See "Foxfire," p. 17)

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Cedar Grove Baptist Church plans new sanctuary

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter



The congregation of Cedar Grove Baptist Church can begin building a new sanctuary

after receiving approval for a Special Non-Residential Intensity Allocation [SNIA] from the Moore County Watershed Review Board.

The church sits on three acres beside West End Elementary, near the intersection of NC Highway 211 and Seven Lakes Drive.

The Intensity Allowance, approved during the Moore County Planning Board's November 10 meeting, will

allow the church to increase the percentage of the tract covered in impervious surface from twenty-four percent to fifty percent. Members of the Planning Board also serve as the County's Watershed Review Board.

Watershed protection rules became effective in Moore County in 1992, dividing the county into watershed protection zones and limiting the the total acreage that can be covered with surfaces that don't absorb rainwater: including buildings and both asphalt and gravel parking lots.

The Cedar Grove Baptist Church is located in the Little River [Vass] WS-III-BW watershed overlay.

County Planner Robert Farrell told *The Times* that there have been eight SNIA requests — totaling 6.5 acres — in the Little River Watershed Overlay District in almost twenty years.

"It's not really common," said Farrell. The Little River Watershed overlay District has an additional 3,800 acres remaining for SNIA requests.

The proposed church expansion includes a 100 foot by 45 foot sanctuary with porches, parking, fire access, and sidewalks. Farrell told *The Times* that the new sanctuary is designed to hold 160 seats.

The Cedar Grove Baptist Church owns three adjacent lots on NC Highway 211. The current sanctuary sits on one lot, and is scheduled to become a Fellowship Hall. The second lot holds parking and a cemetery; the new sanctuary will be built on the third lot.

Kent Black of KB Development of Southern Pines represented the church during Tuesday night's hearing.

Other Business

In other Business conduct-

ed during the Moore County Planning Board's Thursday, November 10 meeting:

- A request by Von Allen to rezone 3.5 acres off of Highway 1 and Savannah Lane from Residential Agricultural-20 to Highway Commercial was tabled until the Board's December 8 meeting.

- The Board will review the Unified Development Ord-

nance [UDO] table of uses and definitions at their December 8 meeting, after which the UDO will be moved forward for the Moore County Board of Commissioners to review.

- Debra Ensminger announced that she has been promoted to Moore County Planning Director, filling the position previously held by Joey Raczowski.

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County turns down Carthage ETJ expansion

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter



A proposed expansion of the Carthage Extraterritorial Jurisdiction [ETJ] was unanimously rejected by the Moore County Board of Commissioners during their Tuesday, November 15 meeting. More than eighty Moore County residents who attended the meeting greeted the decision with a standing ovation.

The Carthage Board of Commissioners had asked to extend the ETJ to include 371 parcels of land — a total of 5,700 acres.

"All we want is the one mile around our town to protect our boundaries," Town Manager Carol Sparks explained during the public hearing.

North Carolina General Statutes allow towns one-mile — and, in some cases, two-mile — ETJs, so that they can exert some control

over development in areas just outside the city limits. But the General Statutes also make the enlargement of a town's ETJ subject to approval by the county Board of Commissioners.

Because Carthage has annexed areas in its ETJ, making them part of the town, the ETJ in some spots no longer extends a full mile from the municipal limits.

When questioned by Commissioner Tim Lea about whether or not the expanded ETJ would eventually lead to annexation, Sparks denied that was the motive. Referring to the residents of the areas that would be rolled into the expanded ETJ, Sparks said, "They're not paying any taxes. They're not going to pay any taxes."

"The whole purpose of this is to protect the town," she added.

Tom Brady, a landowner in the proposed ETJ expansion area, told the Commissioners, "It is one thing to

say today that there will be no tax implications with expanding the ETJ, but it is a foot in the door for future fees, more regulation, and taxes."

The Times spoke with Planning Director Debra Ensinger, who explained that areas outside the ETJ are subject to County regulation and County taxes.

Sparks told *The Times* that residents within the ETJ pay only County taxes, but are subject to land use and zoning policies set by the town. ETJ residents have representatives on the town's planning and zoning board; in fact, they would have made up half of that board's members under Carthage's ETJ expansion proposal. However, ETJ residents, because they are not citizens of the town, cannot serve on its Board of Commissioners.

"The County already has planning, zoning, and permitting departments," Brady told the Board. "I see

absolutely no rationale for creating another layer of bureaucracy and regulation."

"By definition an ETJ is a precursor to annexation," third generation farmer Joan Robinson told the Commissioners. "We are independent people and enjoy our rural lifestyle . . . we want to remain independent and want to remain in the country. That is why we live there."

Commissioner Larry Cadell responded to the ETJ expansion request by saying, "I am for less government, not more . . . This is a very difficult decision, and one we [Commissioners] won't take lightly, I assure you."

The Moore County Planning

Board reviewed Carthage's ETJ expansion request in October and recommended denying it, on the grounds that explaining that there seemed to be no benefit to landowners if the ETJ was approved, and that property owners within the expansion area would not have representation regarding future zoning changes affecting the property [despite having representation on the town's planning and zoning board.]

After hearing the Planning Board's recommendation against approval and the overwhelming opposition to the extended ETJ from members of the public who spoke

(See "Commissioners," p. 24)

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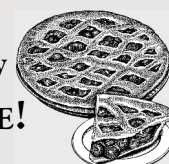
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Earlier in the month of November, Club Board members elected to dedicate one of their recently developed bird dog training fields in his honor. During the ceremony a hand crafted sign was unveiled to permanently mark "George Worst Field" in Worst's honor.

Later that same evening at the club's annual Fall Hunt Test dinner both George and Betty Worst, were inducted as the club's first Lifetime Members. The Club Board members in attendance during the hunt test dinner presented the Worsts with a plaque to honor the important occasion.

George and Betty Worst were honored as the club's founding members who have tirelessly nurtured the club for the past almost fifteen years. Under the Worsts tenure as club members, they have held numerous committee chairperson positions

in the club including land committee, clubhouse interiors committee, and nominating committee, while also holding positions on the club's Board and occupying the President's post for many years. The Worsts also played an instrumental role in facilitating the acquisition of property in Jackson Springs for the club's permanent home.

The Sandhills Pointing Breeds Club manages and leases the use of their grounds in Jackson Springs from the Sandhills Area Land Trust (SALT). In 2003, Hank Wheeler of Southern Pines donated his Jackson Springs property in an effort to provide the club with a permanent home and to promote the sport of upland bird dog training and quail habitat. Since 2004, the Sandhills Pointing Breeds Club and SALT have collaborated to restore the 100 acre property with native Longleaf Pine and warm season grass habitat

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Sandhills Pointing Breeds Club President Jeremy Rust and founding member George Worst.

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Savannah: prodigy on the links

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

"She is just awesome."

That's how head golf pro Gene Roberts, of Seven Lakes Country Club [SLCC], describes Savannah Thompson.

The Southeast Conference Player of the Year and a standout member of the Pinecrest High School women's golf team, Thompson is ranked fifth in the State among players at 4A schools, and her dazzling resume also includes winning this year's Couples Club Championship and Women's Club Championship at SLCC — at fifteen, the youngest player to ever do so.

It was only four years ago when Thompson first picked up the game, as a juniors player in a local tournament sponsored by SLCC. Hitting around balls in tournaments every now and then, it wasn't until her third year playing that she decided to get serious about the sport.

"She got the disease. She got bit by the bug, and it's terminal," joked Roberts.

Playing nearly every single day Thompson improved her skills at an astounding pace and started winning — frequently.

"I never get nervous," she told *The Times*, describing

herself out on the course. "I'm not a golfer who thinks about what I'm doing. I'm the social butterfly in my group, and it is only when I get up to my shot that I am quiet."

Roberts agreed.

"She defeats the pressure of golfing by talking and opening up," he said. "Some players are in cocoons and they don't want to talk or look around. But everyone finds their own way to what works to get rid of the jitters."

"She is the icebreaker," he added.

And while Thompson describes herself as good at chipping and putting, Roberts quickly chimed in that she has a formidable drive.

At Pinecrest, she is coached by Jennifer Kearney, with assistance from Pinehurst Resort pros Rich Wainwright and Eric Alpenfels — and Thompson continues to work with Roberts, her first teacher.

"I'd like to take a lot of credit, but it's really her," Roberts said. "She is just awesome."

The daughter of Sam and Jill Thompson of Seven Lakes South, Savannah is looking forward to playing college golf and has her sights set on a career as a pharmacist or in golf management.



Savannah Thompson with Seven Lakes Country Club Pro Gene Roberts

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Commissioners briefed on county economy

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter



From the current outlook on the housing market to how to deal with nine percent unemployment — the focus was on all things economic at the Moore County Board of Commissioners' Thursday, November 17 retreat.

Maintaining the County's financial stability is a principal objective for the Commissioners, as they look ahead to a new year. "This Board is of one mind; we all believe in being fiscally responsible," said Chairman Nick Picerno.

Commissioner Tim Lea echoed Picerno's comments, but cautioned against adding to the County's current indebtedness. "We've got to be more vigilant with the steps or actions that we're taking to make sure . . . we are decreasing the liability to the taxpayer in Moore County — not increasing that liability," he told his fellow Commissioners.

Lea said the County's debt now totals \$222 million, which includes funds borrowed for the benefit of Moore

County Schools, Sandhills Community College, Moore County Public Utilities projects, and the building of the new detention center and public safety complex. That total includes not just the principal owed, which totals \$157.8 million, but, in addition, the \$64.6 million in interest expected to be paid on that debt.

Property taxes — the biggest revenue producer in the County — are "staying pretty revenue neutral," according to Assistant County Manager Ken Larking. The county expects to collect \$100,000 less in property tax revenues in the current year than it did in 2008.

The Commissioners' stated goal is to increase property tax revenue only through growth in the County's population — not by increasing the tax rate. "We are probably one of the very few counties to actually cut the tax rate last year," said Picerno.

After property taxes, sales taxes are the second largest revenue generator for the County. And, although they have steadily inched up each year since plummeting in 2009, sales taxes revenues remain \$2 million below 2008

levels.

The Commissioners have made up for lower revenues by cutting the County budget. Three years ago the budget was \$100 million; last year the County operated on \$83 million.

Chairman Picerno explained that the Board has been able to steer the County in the direction of cutting spending and not increasing taxes — while maintaining services to the community.

"We reduced the number of [County] employees from 650 to 620," Picerno said, "All without our citizens having to suffer from services we couldn't provide because we didn't have manpower."

The County is anticipating another \$2 million surplus

from last year's budget. The Commissioners haven't decided what they will do with the projected surplus, but Chairman Picerno told *The Times* it could possibly go to paying off debt, such as General Obligation Education Bonds issued in 2003.

"The financial position we are in is not somewhere we found ourselves," County Manager Cary McSwain told the Board. "It was due to setting goals." The Board will take another look at the County's financial goals during a retreat in January 2012.

Moore County Housing Outlook

The outlook for Moore County's Housing market offers little hope that growth

in the tax base will increase property tax revenues in the near term.

"It looks like the worst of the foreclosure problems are behind us," Jarrett Deerwester, Former President of the Moore County Homebuilders Association, told the Board. "It is a slow and steady march to recovery."

Deerwester briefed the Commissioners on the economic outlook for the housing market, saying North Carolina is predicted to be at sixty percent of the normal housing production rate by 2014.

However, in Moore County, the number of permits issued for new homes has almost tripled since last year — with military personnel driving (See "Commissioners," p. 15)

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Born in Hazel Park, Michigan, he was a son of the late John and Jessie Woolner Smith and husband of the late Edna Dawson Smith.

Mr. Smith was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and the owner of Don's Beef Buffet Restaurant in Tecumseh, MI.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Archie and Harold Smith; a sister-in-law, Henrietta Brown; and two brothers-in-law, William Brown and Roger LaCasse.

He is survived by a sister, Edna Mae Plumber; a sister-in-law, Florence LaCasse;

and his twelve nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to FirstHealth Hospice Foun-

dation, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

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Thank you to everyone who sent sympathy cards, as well as prayer and Mass cards in Mom's memory. Your kindness and sympathy at this time are more appreciated than any words can ever express.

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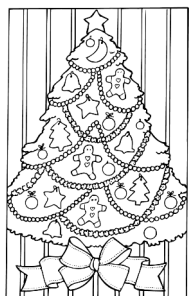
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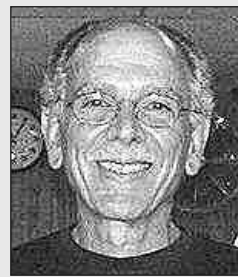


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Pictured at right are:

Back row: Marjory Leidy, Catherine Thayer, Rose Corcoran, Phyllis Cole, Charlotte Gallagher, and Chris Sundman

Front row: Linda Zupan, Betty Milligan, Nancy Costantini. Not available for photo:- Carol Dunbar



West End Methodist Cantata

West End United Methodist Church will hold their Christmas Cantata with the Sanctuary Choir at the Church on Sunday, December 4 at the 11 am service. They will present their special music exploring the promises of the advent season. Mark your calendar for this special worship service of the season's songs. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Highway 73, West End, 673-1371.

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First Casualty launches 5 + 5 = 5000 food drive

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter

5 + 5 = 5000?

That's either the "new math" or the catchy way that Westsiders Gary and Ann Wooten Kunce — owners of First Casualty Insurance Group [FCIG] — are talking about their drive to gather up to five thousand cans of food and distribute them to five local charities by December 19.

For every five cans of food contributed by an individual, FCIG will match the gift with an additional five cans.

What's the motivation?

"Being a part of the community," Gary Kunce explained. "We have always tried to be active in the community."

And there's one great advantage to this kind of local, grassroots food drive, Kunce told *The Times*: "No administrative costs — every-

thing goes back to the community." Kunce gave credit to his wife and co-owner Ann Wooten Kunce for hatching the idea.

In an attempt to maximize donations, FCIG has reached out to other food drives.

For example, FCIG Insurance Agent Kim Kelly has been working with local schools — Pinecrest High School, Cranes Creek, Vass Lakeview, and New Century Middle — asking them to donate from their own food drives in order to capture the generous match from FCIG.

The Lawn and Tennis Club of Pinehurst has already taken FCIG up on that offer.

"We're making it a community wide project," said FCIG Agent Jill Edwards, also a Westsider, who has volunteered since 2008 with the Back Pack Pals program of Moore County — one of

the five organizations on FCIG's delivery list.

The other four are Sandhills Food Bank, Moore Humane Society, Animal Advocates of Moore County, and Sandhills Animal Rescue League.

Reflecting the long association of the Kunces with animal rescue efforts, FCIG is not only accepting canned "people" food, but canned pet food, as well. The latter

will be delivered to three local animal shelters.

FCIG has offered to match any single donation of up to 2500 cans of food. To date the agency has collected 200 cans of food.

Donations may be dropped off in either of two locations:

- The FCIG office located on 190-A Turner Street in Yadkin Park in Southern Pines. [Located next to the

Wal-mart and Goodwill] Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

- Seven Lakes Pizza Kitchen on Seven Lakes Drive, Monday thru Saturday from 10:00 am to 2 pm and 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

The food drive will run through Monday, December 19. For more information, call FCIG at 910-692-8303 or email FCIGinfo@FCIG.com



Kim Kelley, Jill Edwards and Gary Kunce of First Casualty Insurance Group show some of the food for people and pets already collected in their 5+5=5000 food drive.



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Chapel Christmas Fund in 23rd year

The Chapel in the Pines begins their 23rd year of holiday fund-raising this month.

Aiding needy children, adults, and seniors, the Chapel's community Christmas Fund encompasses much more than Christmas.

It also expends sums for those in need at Thanksgiving and Easter, as well. The money raised provides food vouchers and gifts for more than 50 area families in West End and Jackson Springs for these festive occasions.

"The source for these gifts is threefold: the Chapel's Benevolence Fund, Seven Lakes area businesses, and individual contributions," said Alice Shaughnessy, the

Benevolence Committee's Chairwoman.

"I would like to assure contributors that the Chapel works diligently with Moore County's Social Services Department to ensure that the fund's recipients are appropriately selected."

With the continuing troubled current economic conditions, the local need for aid has become urgent.

If you would like to make a contribution for the holiday season, please send your checks to the Chapel/Community Christmas Fund, c/o Alice Shaughnessy, Box 3081 Seven Lakes West, West End, NC, 27376.

Holiday mail box and door arrangements

The Sandhills Horticultural Society is hosting a make it and take it workshop conducted by Maggie Smith of Maggie's Farm. The workshop will be held on Thursday, December 1, 10 am to 1 pm. Create mail box or door arrangements using live greens. All materials will be provided.

Held at the Ball Visitors Center, Sandhills Community College. Space is limited. Horticultural Society members \$20 nonmembers \$25.

All must prepay to be registered for the class. To register call Tricia Mabe 695-3882.

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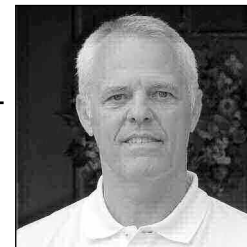
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Seven Lakes Blood Drive - a brief history

by Jack Lynn
Moore County Red Cross

Prior to 1990, West End blood drives were held at Stanley Furniture Factory. But those were forced to end because of a Food and Drug Administration ruling forbidding collections in a cafeteria.

Jack Lynn, a regular donor, was asked by the American Red Cross blood services director to explore prospects for establishing a collection site at Seven Lakes. The rules and regulations for this operation were reviewed with the Seven Lakes Landowners and the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club for their sponsorship. Both endorsed the function enthusiastically.

The Kiwanians agreed to provide management and

funding for the canteen. The Landowners would make the North Clubhouse available, provide all the necessary equipment, and book the appointments. The Lions Club volunteered to transport donors from Stanley.

Recruitment of Seven Lakerers to undertake advertising, setup and takedown, greeting, registering, taking vital signs and bag preparation was easy, with many ex-nurses volunteering.

The site and staffing were approved by the Blood Council and the first drive was scheduled for February 6, 1990, with a goal of 70 units. The goal was exceeded, with 82 units collected, including 6 donors from Stanley. A new goal of 75 was usually met

or exceeded during the 1990s, with a high of 92 following the disaster of 9/11.

Two events conspired to reduce participation: the closing of the Stanley plant, and a consent decree that prevented the Red Cross from allowing non-employees to provide services other than just greeting, setup and takedown, and canteen service. Later, The Women of Seven Lakes volunteered to serve orange juice to donors.

Soon, other factors further suppressed donations, including the widespread use of blood thinners and the difficulty accepting donations from those who had traveled to malarial areas or resided in the British Isles and Europe.

And those factors have been exacerbated by the aging of the generation that started the program.

During the last ten years, blood collection has dwindled severely, while Seven Lakes population has increased

substantially. The last collection netted only 21 units, with goal of 40.

Blood collection from volunteers is down nationwide, partly due to natural disasters limiting sites for collection.

In order to increase the opportunity for our younger working folks to participate, the next Kiwanis and Amer-

ican Red Cross Blood Drive will be extended from 2:30 to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 7.

If you are in good health, over 17 years [16 with parental consent] and over 110 pounds, please call 673-4931 to reserve a time for your "Gift of Life." Everyone is needed.



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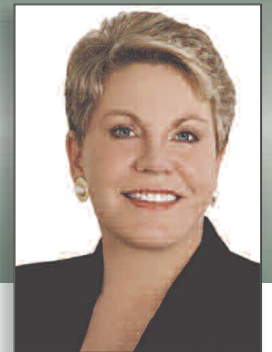


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November means clean-up month in the garden, and it's time to think about planting trees and shrubs.

Leaf cleaning and disposal is always on of the job list of any gardener. Some rake or blow the leaves up in piles, load them up, and take them to the trash dump. Others like to pile them up in an unused area in a compost pile, let them decompose, and use them as an organic garden amendment. This is an excellent use for leaves, if they aren't heavily infested with unwanted grasses or weed seeds.

Many prefer to mulch-mow them into the lawn. This practice has gained more popularity, because it has been observed to help winterize the lawn.

Another clean up task is trimming, shaping, and winterizing all of the landscape plants. Trim and shape up your shrubs sparingly, making sure not to remove too

many of the soon-to-be budding and blooming limbs.

Mulch around your shrubs with two inches of pine straw,



Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

pine bark, or hardwood bark. You can also use black plastic around shrubs and other plants, covered by stone or brick particles. Two to three inches of mulch is enough, since mice and voles like to use deeply mulched areas.

Experience has shown that the best time to plant trees and shrubs in the Sandhills is during the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas, or in the month of January. So now, when deciduous plants are fully dormant, is the time to plant trees and shrubs — and it isn't too late to plant pansies and some other perennials and wild flowers for blooms next Spring and Summer.

Be careful not to plant trees and shrubs too deep — no deeper than the top of the root ball. More plants die from being planted too deeply than for any other single reason.

If the plant is root bound, after removing it from the container, break the root ball apart and spread out the root system.

If the plant was dug and wrapped in a plastic covering, loosen the top of the plastic and punch holes in the covering without removing it.

Dig the planting hole twice the size of the root ball; and then add dry cow manure and a sprinkling of pulverized limestone, thoroughly mixing these amendments with the soil from the hole. Cover and compress the soil around the plant, only covering the root system to the original soil level. Leave a slight depression around the base of the plant to hold water.

Do not stake the plant unless it is top heavy or doesn't settle in the soil. Remember to water new trees and shrubs immediately after planting and again thoroughly once or twice a week, unless there is significant rainfall.

November Gardening Tips

Cut chrysanthemums to the ground after blooming.

Winter weeds are beginning to emerge, including chickweed, common yellow sorrel (oxalis), hen bit, dandelions, and wild onions and garlic. Pull or dig them out or use a spot or broadcast herbicide. On centipede lawns, use only a herbicide recommended for

centipede. Roundup (Glyphosate) may be used for spot treatment and will kill both grasses and weeds by contact. The phenoxy and dicamba herbicides generally kill the most troublesome broadleaf weeds.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are thankful for the many blessings in our lives. We are thankful that we live in a neighborhood, community, county, state, and nation, in which we are free.

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(Continued from front page)

we've been ahead of the curve and have done some things to help your average golfer. We now have six sets of tees. I don't think you'll find another course that has so many."

Based on "Tee it Forward," a new initiative developed by the United States Golf Association in partnership with the Professional Golf Association [PGA], this program encourages clubs to improve their courses with additional tees, to allow players of all abilities to enjoy the game.

Options for tees at SLCC now run the gamut from a beginner level at 4,100 yards to the lengthy advanced distance of 7,000 yards.

Additional efforts to make the course more playable and enjoyable include several reconstructed tee boxes, removing a few intrusive trees, and selectively eliminating five sand bunkers.

"We looked at the bunkers that were the most difficult to hit out of," explained course superintendent Scott Clawson. "Removing them will help speed up play. We are trying to make changes that will make golf fun again. We are doing small things that will make the course more friendly."

Another improvement — the one Clawson points to as the single most significant improvement this year — was the installation of an irrigation system.

"It has allowed us to have quality turf from tree line to tree line," he said. "We are as good as anybody around."

The Club's relocated driving range has also drawn praise — as has a brand new chipping practice area that was recently added behind the Clubhouse. Using the spot as a test location for a new breed of Bermuda grass, Clawson said he is carefully monitoring the green to see how it will react when exposed to the elements.

"We have ninety-five acres of maintained turf," he said. "This is a pretty huge piece of property. We are using the chipping area as a template for the future. This new variety of Bermuda is becoming

very popular right now . . . I think it could be the future of golf in the Southeast."

However, as a three time award-winner, SLCC already has a reputation for quality course maintenance.

"Seven Lakes is one of the few courses in the area that does not put rye grass on

the fairway," Clawson said. "So, when the Bermuda breaks dormancy, it has no competition with the rye grass. It allows the course to green up much quicker."

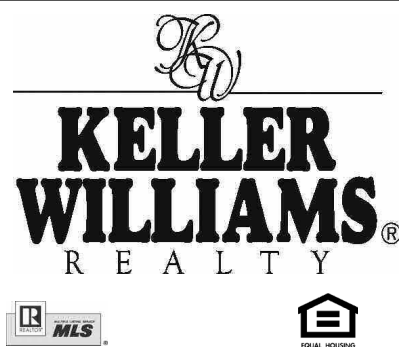
Because of this long-maintained practice, less water is needed and the use of pesticides is reduced. Plus, Claw-

son noted, the dormant period allows staff to break away from mowing and focus on other course-related maintenance projects.

SLCC members also assist with maintenance efforts through an "adopt-a-hole" program. Clawson explained that members volunteer to

perform minor work before tournaments and at least once a month otherwise, picking up pine cones and filling in divots.

"We've tried to keep moving forward," said Roberts. "In this business, it is important that each and every trip for golfers is enjoyable."



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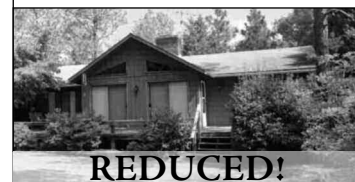
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most of that growth, said Deerwester, who predicts at most a four percent growth in housing production this year.

Echoing that point, County Tax Administrator Wayne Vest said the amount of new construction in the County doesn't compare to the high levels of production seen during 2004 and 2005.

According to Vest, assessed housing values in Moore County are "right in line with the market." With 70,000 parcels in the County, "I don't see an overall shift up or down" when it comes to home values, said Vest.

He noted that homes valued at roughly \$180,000 are seeing more activity than homes above \$350,000, and, as a result "certain areas of the market have benefited."

According to Deerwester, three key factors may affect growth in Moore County and growth in the demand for housing:

- An interest among some current residents in seeing the County remain rural and uncrowded.
- The winding down of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, which could reduce demand in the military sector.

- Any change in the desirability of the County as a retirement destination.

The retirees who moved to Moore County in the 1990s will age out, Deerwester said, and the less lucrative pensions available to many younger retirees may make it more difficult for them to move to Moore County.

Deerwester said the type of home being built in the County is already changing, with builders moving to lower-priced homes in order to preserve their profit margins. The price in Moore County has dropped to \$95 per square foot.

Commissioner Lea said the increase in "cheaper" homes is affecting the tax base, which then is impacting money going into public works, utilities, and roads.

"Looks like a better part of a decade to get out of this thing," predicted Deerwester.

Rebecca Troutman of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners [NCACC], told the Commissioners that the state has lost thirty-three percent of construction jobs since 2008.

In forty-three counties, home values are underwater. "This is unprecedented," said Troutman. "Not only does

this have monetary implications to counties, but political ones too."

Partners in Progress

While the housing market is recovering slowly at best, Moore County does have real prospects for economic development Partners in Progress Executive Director Pat Corso told the Board.

"The economy changed things," Corso said. "We need to engage our community and try and change the game."

The Heart of North Carolina Mega Park offers one possible engine of economic develop-

ment, Corso said, noting that the Mega Park is located in an ideal spot for a distribution center. Other industries that could be attracted to the Park include: agriculture, biofuels, and advanced manufacturing.

The 3,000 acre facility, which lies astride the Moore-Montgomery County border, is in its marketing phase — and is trying to gain the support of other nearby counties, including Randolph, Chatham, Lee, Richmond, and Scotland.

"We would have a coalition of counties in rural North Carolina," Corso explained, "a grouping of common inter-

ests — so that the interests in our area are recognized at the state level."

Bringing new businesses into Moore County is just one goal of Partners in Progress, Corso told the Board. Another is to retain the businesses that are already here. Six existing companies that have expanded in Moore County in the past year have added 275 jobs and \$3.6 million into the economy.

The North Carolina Rural Center has awarded a \$1.1 million Building Reuse and Restoration Grant to support (See "Commissioners," p. 16)

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the expansion of eight businesses in Moore County. Corso called it "a significant win for us in the last year."

Partners in Progress is also working with the North Carolina Department of Transportation [NCDOT] to voice concerns about the economic impact of a possible US 1 bypass.

NCACC

"It was largely a favorable session for counties," the NCACC's Rebecca Troutman reported, referring to this year's "long session" of the NC General Assembly.

Yet there remains a fifty-fifty chance that the state could end up in another recession, Troutman warned. With over 300,000 jobs lost, and only 4,200 new jobs expected this year, Troutman said she is concerned about the next six months.

Unemployment state wide is up one percent and production is down two points.

"[I'm] anticipating job recovery many years off," said Troutman.

Though the statewide projections are bleak, there are some bright spots for Moore County, which has the lowest unemployment rate of any county surrounding it, has not raised taxes, and has cut spending by \$17 million since 2008.

The General Assembly meets next for a mini-session on November 27.

Moore County Schools' Goals Reviewed

Moore County Schools [MCS] was represented during the Commissioners retreat by Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser and School Board Chair Laura Lang.

Dr. Purser gave the Board an overview of the school's Long Range goals, which were broken down into three phases.

MCS met its key goals during Phase 1, covering the past four years, building two

new schools (Cranes Creek and West Pine Elementary) and making infrastructure improvements to eight schools and all MCS athletic facilities.

"We couldn't tackle everything we needed, so we had to prioritize," said Dr. Purser.

Phase 2 of the MCS' long term goals calls for the building of a new high school, or the expansion of the current facilities — something that Lang said was unlikely to occur within the next year. Neither Lang nor Purser discussed either the cost associated with Phase 2, nor the likely source of funds. MCS does plan to host a series of public meetings to obtain feedback from the public before moving forward with

any new projects.

The Board thanked Dr. Purser, who is retiring, for her time with Moore County Schools. Commissioner Lea attributed the open communication between the County and the School Board to her leadership.

Moore County Airport

As Treasurer of the Moore County Airport Authority, Deerwester gave the Board

an overview of the upcoming goals and expenses scheduled for the airport. The main goal for the airport is to get ready for the 2014 US Opens.

The airport anticipates \$500,000 in capital expenditures over the next two years. Deerwester said the only taxes that go towards paying for the airport are from property taxes collected on planes housed at the airport by individuals.

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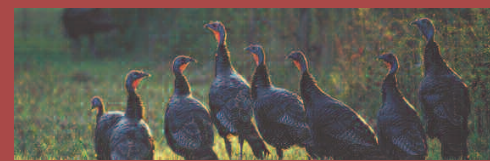
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Foxfire Work Session

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co noted that the proposed policy included a clause that homes could be rented for multi-family use — at no more than two persons per bedroom — for periods up to thirty days.

"This is a golf resort community . . . Most golfers will come in as a foursome for thirty days or less," she said. "I don't have a problem with the wording in this. It has enough teeth to protect us from a transient situation, but still provides flexibility to homeowners with what they may want to do."

Councilman-elect Steven Durham expressed concern that restricting the number of people per bedroom would be difficult to enforce.

"I am opposed to writing any ordinance that we can't adequately oversee," he said. "Until someone makes a complaint, we won't find out about it — and I want to be proactive not reactive [with ordinances]."

Councilman Ed Lauer also had reservations. While supporting the proposed changes, he warned the Council that "you cannot legislate for morality."

Presenting examples of both real-life and potential living arrangements, such as four

military officers sharing a residence, Lauer argued that it was an oversimplification of the issue to assume that four or more non-family residents living together was suspect.

Also discussed was the inherently slow process required to update or modify the zoning ordinance — and whether the existing ordinance was substantial enough to warrant pursuing the current multi-family violation.

Mayor George Erickson explained that the Village Attorney advised in favor of the standard progression: first sending the proposed changes through the Planning & Zoning Committee for review, before a Public Hearing and adoption by the Foxfire Village Council. In the best possible scenario, Erickson said, the revised ordinance could be approved in January 2012.

Strongly opposed to bypassing that process for the sake of expediency, Lauer said it was difficult enough to find residents willing to serve on Planning & Zoning and argued that going around them would be disrespectful to their efforts.

McCue suggested an alternative timeline might be pos-

sible if the Planning & Zoning Committee could review the proposed ordinance in November and then present their recommendation at a public hearing that could be scheduled to coincide with December monthly meeting.

Yield or Stop at Tie Road?

A recommendation by Frusco to replace the Yield sign located at Tie Road with a Stop sign to improve safety has attracted little support from her fellow Council members.

"Do I believe people will come to a full stop? No," Frusco said. "But if they come to a rolling stop and slow down to look . . . I think the Yield sign is an invitation to go faster. A Stop sign would at least make people slow it down a little more."

But anticipating those rolling stops prompted concern from Erickson and McCue, who said Village Police would either have to look the other way or write tickets all the time; a concern more pertinent since this particular intersection is primarily used by residents — not thru traffic.

"I don't think a Stop sign

is warranted," said Councilman John Eltschlager. "There is plenty of vision there for a Yield."

Proposed rumble strips

The NC Department of Transportation [NCDOT], which has already declined two requests from the Council to reduce the speed limit on state-maintained roads that crisscross the Village, has also declined an alternative request to install a stop light to slow and control traffic on Hoffman and Richmond Roads.

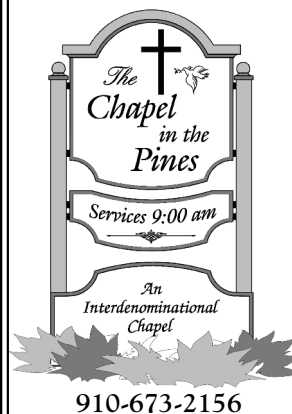
The Council has been considering other possible safety improvements, including installing thick, safety paint striping leading into the Hoffman and Richmond Road intersection that would, in effect, act as rumble strips.

However, NCDOT representatives warned that such strips often create a noise pollution problem — particularly for nearby homes.

"Large trucks come through on a regular basis and will create a lot noise," said Erickson.

(See "Foxfire," p. 20)

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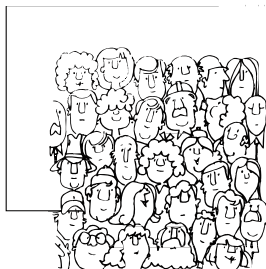
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- **Jazz: Christmas in New York** – 3 pm, Cardinal Ballroom of The Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst Popular jazz pianist, Joshua Wolff and trio return from The Big Apple with rising young jazz star, Whitney James as guest vocalist. Tickets: \$20 general; \$10 student

tickets available at www.carolinaphil.org or (910) 687 4746.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- **The Rooster's Wife** – 6:45 pm, doors open at 6 pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. Rod Picott in



concert

tonight. Buy 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.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes 673-3838.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 10 am to 3 pm, at Sandhills Community College, Van Dusen Hall, 3395 Airport Rd., Pinehurst. Sign up at www.membersforlife.org. Enter sponsor code 1769. 866-236-3276.

- **Seven Lakes Artists Group** – 1 pm, meets every Monday at Seven Lakes Northside Clubhouse. All Local artists are welcome join the group.

- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. Group leader Rachel Carr.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- **Holiday Crafts Fair** – 10 am – 2 pm, Dempsey Student Center at Sandhills Community College. The community is invited to sell or shop with Sandhills students, staff and faculty. Tables are free for use, but crafters must pre-register. Deborah Ashby at 695-3821 ashbyd@sandhills.edu
- **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.
- **Women of Seven Lakes** – 4 - 6 pm, hosting a Happy

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive,
- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am to 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). A time of fellowship and devotion and a wonderful meal provided \$5.
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5 Split Pea & Ham Soup Shepherd's Pie Dinner	6 Mushroom & Wild Rice Soup ♥ Chicken Tetrassini Dinner	7 Chicken Brunswick Stew Two-Bean Enchiladas Dinner ♥	8 Tomato Tortellini Soup Crab Cakes Dinner ♥	9 Shrimp & Corn Soup Beef Stroganoff Dinner
12 Broccoli Spinach Soup ♥ Turkey Meatloaf Dinner ♥	13 Goldie's Chili Chicken Parmesan Dinner	14 Beef Barley Soup ♥ Smothered Pork Chops Dinner	15 Vegetable Soup ♥ Shrimp Creole Dinner ♥	16 Manhattan Clam Chowder ♥ Chinese Pepper Steak Dinner ♥
19 Chicken & Dumpling Soup Italian Meatloaf Dinner	20 Tomato Basil Soup ♥ Chicken Pot Pie Dinner	22 White Bean Chicken Chili ♥ Eggplant Parmesan Dinner	23 Crab & Shrimp Bisque Bourbon Salmon Dinner ♥	24 Butternut Bisque ♥ Baked Spaghetti Dinner
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** - 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes 673-3838.
- **West End United Methodist Church** - 11 am service, Christmas Cantata with the Sanctuary Choir at the Church. They will present their special music exploring the promises of the advent season. This is a special worship service of the season's songs. 4015 NC Highway 73, West End, 673-1371.
- **Bryant House and McLendon Cabin Christmas Open House** - 1-4 pm, Decorations are based on old time materials and traditions, refreshments, and live music at Bryant House. 3361 Mt. Carmel Road, Carthage. www.moorehistory.com or 692-2051.
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call 910-486-1330 or www.museumofthecapefear.ncdcr.gov. Cape Fear Historical Complex Foundation, Inc. Fayetteville.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

- **Moore Republican Women's Club Brunch** - at Pinehurst Members Club. Registration begins at 9:30 am, brunch is served at 10 am. Cost is \$16 and may be paid by cash or check at the door. Valet parking is available. Reservations may be made by calling Kay Wildt at 235-4654 before Wednesday, November 30.
- **Seven Lakes Artists Group** - 1 pm, meets every Monday at Seven Lakes Northside Clubhouse. All Local artists are welcome join the group.
- **Weight Watchers Meeting** - 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. Group leader Rachel Carr.
- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** - 7 pm, work session. Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Open to all landowners.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

- **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.

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** - 9:30 am-1:30 pm Moore Co. Employees Agriculture Bldg., 707 Pinehurst Ave., Carthage. Sign up at www.redcross-blood.org. Enter sponsor code 5824. For eligibility questions, please call the donor counselor at 866-236-3276.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** - 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive,
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Councilman Eltschlager said he was also concerned that local drivers might object to the feeling of their vehicle shuddering when they drove over the strips.

Appearance Committee

Looking for a recommendation on the best approach to notifying landowners of appearance standards violations, McCue offered a few ideas for the Council's input.

Option one, he said, would be a courtesy letter that was neither a threat nor a warning, but instead a "nice, neighborly letter" noting the violation had been reported and asking the resident to comply. The alternative option would be to begin the notification process with a sterner, more formal letter.

If the violation is not corrected, the initial letter — whether written as a courtesy or a more formal warning — would be followed up by a second notice signed by the Mayor, and a third notice from the Chief of Police.

"Let's try to be friendly and help people out," said McCue,

arguing in favor of the first option presented. "I think being nice works often."

He also noted that there were only a few currently outstanding concerns that required notification.

Unkempt condo parking area

Haphazardly parked vehicles and occasional issues with overgrown grass and trash in the median in front of the condos section prompted McCue to look for a long term remedy.

"Most visitors to Foxfire come right by this area," he said. "There is trash and cars parked all over. It looks horrible. Is there any way to make it better?"

Erickson offered some background, noting that he heard the units have an agreement that allows parking in the median area, but adding that he has never seen the document. In addition, he recalled that, when the middle building burned down, the condo residents looked into purchasing the land as a parking lot, but were unable to settle on an

acceptable price with the land's owner. He said, to his knowledge, the median itself was within private property lines, which further complicated the issue.

Councilwoman Frusco agreed that the median area was an eyesore, but asked where else condo residents might find suitable parking space.

Taking a different tack, Councilman Lauer suggested that a frank discussion with the condo owners was warranted.

"Tell them if they don't clean up the area properly, that it is the intention of the Village to ban parking on the median. Put them on notice," he said.

"It is their responsibility, and we can ban parking on the median because it belongs to us [Foxfire Village]. Either they maintain it, or we'll ban parking and then we'll maintain it!"

Councilman McCue said he would start a discussion of the concern with the condo owners.

Collection procedures for delinquent accounts

Citing assessments as the most pressing issue, Finance Director Leslie Frusco opened discussion over collection procedures for several specific outstanding assessment accounts, as well as delinquent property taxes and a long overdue, significant water bill.

Drawing attention to two water assessments related to the Grande Pines development, Frusco said one owner has asked to set up a payment plan and the other is active-duty military currently deployed overseas.

"We can't even make contact with the overseas owner," she said, "and I am not comfortable starting foreclosure proceedings in this case."


Going around the table, all were in agreement that no action would be taken against the serviceman; on the other account, a payment plan would be acceptable within set guidelines.

"Let's get something in writing that states a minimum set figure," recommended McCue. "If he doesn't pay then there would be liens and foreclosures."

Turning attention to Woodland Circle, Frusco said she believes at least two owners plan to default on assessments due. She warned that to foreclose on the properties would require legal fees, but that such costs were potentially recoverable, if and when those tracts were sold.

Frusco also reported there are outstanding property taxes owed on several Village properties, including one owner who has requested a reevaluation by Moore Coun-


(See "Foxfire," p. 21)



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ty. In other cases, some delinquencies are related to commercial owners and, as such, are difficult to track or to garnish bank accounts.

Courtesy reminder notices that property taxes are due on or before January 4, 2012, will be mailed to all Foxfire residents in the second week of December.

Reviewing overdue water bills, Frusco said Foxfire Resort owes \$2,000 but said the Village "may be out of luck" because the delinquency predates the Club's bankruptcy proceedings.

In another case of a long overdue water bill, she said the property owner uses a well for their home and that the delinquent account reflects the hook-up usage fee required of all customers — whether they use city water or not. However, unpaid for years, the account has accrued to over \$1,000.

Frusco reported that the property owner recently sent in \$30 towards the account and asked the Council whether such minimum payments would be acceptable. After discussion, she recommended filing a lien against the property.

Pinehurst Planning & Zoning Services

Given the depressed economy, with few new homes under construction and lim-

ited remodeling projects, Mayor Erickson and Finance Director Frusco recommended developing an interlocal agreement and fee structure with the Village of Pinehurst to provide Planning & Zoning Services for Foxfire.

"We are better off doing it with people who are more familiar with zoning ordinances, not just building code," Frusco explained.

However, those services would not include fencing requests, which, Frusco said, could be reviewed by the Appearance Committee.

Historically, planning requests were handled in-house by the Zoning Administrator; however, as building requests tapered off and the position fell vacant, salary funds were instead allocated to the Foxfire Police for a third part-time law enforcement officer.

Vacation & Sick Leave Policy

Amended in 2004, 2005, and 2007, the current vacation and sick leave policy includes thirteen paid holidays for Village employees.

Frusco recommended two policies for reconsideration: one which allows employees to accumulate up to forty vacation days, and the other to substitute a personal leave day of choice instead of a day off during the employee's birthday month.

"We are not doing a good job of implementing [policy] the way it is written," Frusco said. "We either need to rewrite it or start implementing it as is."

In addition, she recommended rewriting the sick leave policy to eliminate unnecessary verbiage and clarify bereavement leave policies.

Councilman-elect Durham agreed that the existing policies were ambiguous.

"It would behoove everyone to clean it up," he said.

Erickson asked Frusco to put together her thoughts and to submit a written recommendation of any proposed changes.

Woodland Circle

In a wide-ranging discussion of multiple issues related to the Woodland Circle Extension, a road-building project which resulted in one landowner opting to donate his 160-acre parcel in lieu of the assessment due, Frusco recommended putting that property on the market sooner rather than later. In addition, she suggested using some available Village funds to help pay down the principal on the interest-only loan payment due in April 2012.

"Putting it on the market

doesn't cost us anything until it is sold," said Frusco.

However, during discussion it was noted that both of the local Realtors invited to make presentations anticipated the property could be on the market for at least a year at the current assessed value of \$1.4 million.

Concerned that a slow sale will impact loan payments, Frusco recommended a twelve-month real estate contract and said the Realtor must actively market the land.

She also suggested that one-acre "front row" parcels could be sold off quickly by a developer, while the larger interior spaces were reserved and built upon later.

In a related report, Mayor Erickson said the North Carolina House had approved the Woodland Circle assessment, but that he had not received confirmation whether the NC Senate had taken similar action. The Village has asked the General Assembly to affirm the Woodland Circle assessment.



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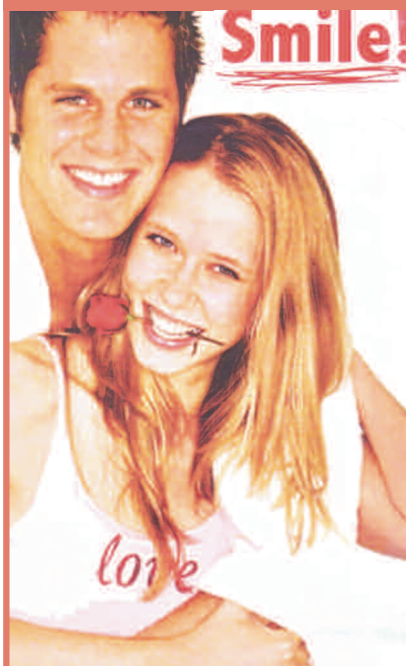
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Now I know why I stand in front of the dairy aisle at

the grocery store with a glazed look on my face.

Why am I here, I'll ponder out loud.

"Milk, Mother.

You're here to buy milk!" my exasperated nine-year old will huff as she rolls her eyes.

No doubt my children see me as a thick-skulled dimwit, most of the time anyway. I write 'to do' lists and promptly lose them. I jump in the car to run an errand only to drive in the wrong direction. And

I'll dial a phone number and forget who I'm calling right about the same time it begins to ring.



Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

"Hello? Oh, hi! It's me. I was calling because . . . uh, uh."

Unwilling to concede age as a possible factor in these lapses of synapses, I used to blame my underlying

blonde highlights or, more often, on the basic reality that my head is full.

Full of facts, full of wit, full of experience, and — go ahead, you know you want to say it — full of cr*#.

Seriously, though. As a teenager, I could easily rival Encyclopedia Brown for on-the-spot delivery of arcane knowledge and other useless information. Memorized telephone numbers were stacked neatly like a deck of cards in my cranium. And I was a heck of a final round Jeopardy player.

These days I shoot for slightly less-intellectual goals, such as, Is it Monday or

Tuesday? Did I turn off the oven? And where, oh where, did I leave my [insert small object of choice here] glasses? keys? cell phone?

At least thanks to those big-thinkers at Notre Dame, I have a solution to my woes: remodeling. By narrowing down my daily existence to one single but expansive space, I can once again realize my full potential.

And I finally know the answer to the mother of all questions: where did I leave my mind?

Behind the door, of course.

How to handle insensitive bores

Question: I have two questions. What should I do about friends who make racist jokes? I enjoy these friends in other ways, but I find their insensitivity offensive, especially in this day and time.

The second question pertains to friends who are good people, but are just boring company. I don't want to be rude, but I find my wandering or at times, I actually nod off when they get involved in a long and boring story. Our wives enjoy one another

but it is a dilemma for me.

Response: The world is full of insensitive people. Some tell racial jokes because they grew up hearing them and hearing friends and family laugh when they are told. Others simply repeat stories they have heard or read on the internet and it never enters their minds that someone might be hurt by the story or that a friend might disapprove. Of course, there are those who actually intend to hurt people or offend people

by using words that stereotypes people of other races or ethnic backgrounds.

Didn't all of us grow up reciting the lines: "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never harm me?" How wrong was that saying?

If you have ever been the

butt of an ethnic or religious slur, you know what I mean. Words are often more hurtful than physical beating. I often recommend a book by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, "Words that Hurt, Words that Heal."

This is what I have learned to do when I am in the presence of someone who begins to tell a racial joke.

They often begin by saying, "What I am going to tell you is probably politically incorrect."

I say, "If it is politically incorrect, it is probably morally and ethically incorrect. I don't think I want to hear it."

If the story teller persists, I do not laugh, or I simply walk away. If these tactics do not stop my friend, I will say, "Our friendship means a lot to me. I would hate



Ask the 'Rev'

Rev. Don Welch

to see it end by my insensitivity to your feelings or your insensitivity to mine, wouldn't you?"

The results can be an apology, a meaningful conversation, or, perhaps, the loss of a friend.

Your second question reminds me of a book which is long out of print that was given to me by my cardiologist at Vanderbilt Hospital after my first heart attack. It was entitled "Healing Type A Behavior."

Some of the recommendations the author made were: Intentionally find the longest line at the super market and

stand in it. Drive for 100 miles on an interstate highway and stay in the slow lane. Once each week, seek out the most boring person you know, encourage him to talk, and sit back and listen.

I had a colleague years ago, a professor of Psychology, who was the most intent listener that I have ever known. When I asked him how he was able to listen so intently to boring lectures, sermons, or conversations, he told me that he has never yet failed to learn something worthwhile when he listened.

I confess that I have not yet mastered my colleague's skill at listening, so my behavior now is maybe a B-plus.

But I have observed that, when I begin to yawn or nod, the stories do get shorter.

Don Welch, the minister of the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, welcomes your questions and comments at dwelch1@nc.rr.com.

His weekly sermons can be heard on the website, sevenlakeschapelinthepines.com

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Thanks from the Chapel . . .

Dear Editor:

The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines rummage sale on October 15 was a huge success. Many thanks to the organizers Don and Pat Truesdell and Butch and Mary Kay Allen for their tireless efforts, along with George Hoffman and Bud Holzerland

with their dedicated workers who help throughout the year also to help make this event a success.

The sale proceeds were over \$12,000 all of which go to help others in the community and neighboring ones. This is possible because of the wonderful people of Seven

Lakes, their generous donations and their work throughout the week of the sale and the day of the sale. Many thanks one and all!

Thank you,
Alice Shaughnessy
Chapel in the Pines
Benevolence Chairperson

. . . for the volunteers . . .

Dear Editor,

Thanks to the generosity of the many volunteers of Seven Lakes, this year's Halloween bash was a howling success.

In addition to those residents who assisted with decorating and providing games and snacks, we wish to thank

Seven Lakes EMS for furnishing safety glow sticks. These lights added an eerie magic to our flashlights egg hunt and helped to keep little trick-or-treaters safe.

Many thanks also to the residents of Sandhills Memory Care and Monica Keating, Director of Activities, for mak-

ing and donating ghost lollipops for the children to enjoy. And thanks to all who participated in this great annual event.

Director Bob Racine &
the SLLA Recreation
Committee

. . . and for the honesty.

Dear Editor:

I lost my credit card yesterday and didn't find out until later on in the day. I retraced my steps back to the Food Lion in Seven Lakes.

Apparently, a very good person found it in the parking lot and turned it in to the manager.

I would like say to "Thanks" this person for being so honest. It is so nice to live in a community filled with people who care about their fellow man.

Thank you,
Paula Hill
Seven Lakes West

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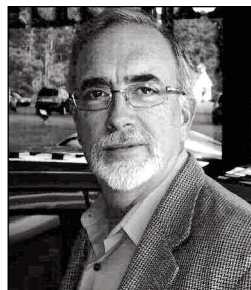


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Commissioners

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during the hearing, the Commissioners voted unanimously to turn down Carthage's request.

Twenty-one citizens signed up to speak in opposition to the proposed ETJ expansion, but only three actually gave testimony, after the Commissioners determined that they had heard all they needed to hear to render a decision.

Working Lands Plan Tabled

The Commissioners tabled a decision on The Working Lands Protection Plan after a public hearing was conducted during the Commissioners' Tuesday, November 15 meeting. Chairman Nick Picerno asked the Planning Board to try to gather additional input from Moore County farmers before bringing the plan back before the Board.

Testimony during the hearing suggested that one of the primary benefits of the plan — if adopted — is that it could facilitate the flow of grant money from the North Carolina Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund to farmers in Moore County.

For example, Moore County Planner Jeremy Rust told the Board, it could be used to pair retiring farmers with beginning farmers in a type of apprenticeship.

"If one deserving farmer benefits from the plan, it's a success," Glen Bradley, Chairman of the Agricultural Advisory Board, told the Board.

So far, ten counties in the region surrounding Fort Bragg have adopted similar plans, leaving Moore County as the only county that has not adopted a working lands protection plan. The concern is that, if Moore County does not adopt the plan, it may end up at the bottom of the list to receive any grant funding.

Commissioner Tim Lea said it seems as though the plan "is all tied to money."

"It's a good plan," Soil & Water Conservation Board Member John McDonald told

the Commissioners. "The boards who have worked on it have taken the County's best interest to heart."

But there has been "limited response" from the public about the plan, McDonald added.

Planner Rust told *The Times* that gathering the additional input requested by the Commissioners will take time, making it unlikely that it will appear on the Board's agenda again until after the first of the year.

The Working Lands Protection Plan assesses the current state of the \$373 million farm and forest industries in Moore County, and suggests strategies for preserving working lands. To date the plan has been recommended for approval by the Moore County Soil and Water Conservation District Board, the Moore County Agricultural Advisory Board, and the Moore County Planning

Board.

Public Works Projects

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the Commissioners accepted a \$150,000 Rural Economic Development Center grant that will help fund a waterline upgrade on Midland Road.

The project will both approve hydraulics in the County's water system and allow the expansion of Carolina Eye Associates; the Rural Center grant is tied to the ten jobs that expansion is expected to create. Moore County's total contribution to the project is \$408,000. The grant will be used to create ten jobs at \$15,000 each.

The Board approved a \$1 million project ordinance for the replacement of Pinehurst Lift Stations 3 and 4, as well as an \$129,000 engineering agreement with McGill Associates, PA, and Hydrostructures, PA. Public Works Direc-

tor Randy Gould said the project is being funded by a low interest loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The existing lift stations pump one million gallons of wastewater per day.

US 1 Bypass Public Hearing Scheduled

The Commissioners scheduled a special public hearing on a possible bypass of US 1 near Southern Pines that is among the long-term options the NC Department of Transportation [NCDOT] is considering to improve transportation in Moore County. The session will be held on Monday, December 5 at 5:00 pm in the Historic Courthouse in Carthage.

Commissioner Jimmy Melton, who is the Board's point man on transportation issues, said he wants to "be sure all people of Moore County have their say on this particular transportation thing."

Steven Later, an attorney with Robbins, May and Rich, told the Commissioners during Public Comment that any US 1 bypass routed through "horse country" would do damage to a sector that contributes \$165 million per year to the County's economy. Later is scheduled to make a presentation during the December 5 hearing.

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SLLA meeting

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which will bring all security staff up to NC standards.

Recognizing that the final decision was made swiftly, SLLA Treasurer Conrad Meyer reported that six firms had submitted bids and, of those, current security contractor SFI and two others were invited to participate in

a more-detailed interview process. He said the cost differences between the top three candidates had been insignificant, prompting the Board to consider other aspects of each contract.

"Price wasn't the driving factor," Meyer said. "We looked at other intangible factors, such as their will-

ingness to customize services to the Association."

He noted that The Budd Group will be interviewing for positions and anticipated that community residents will see some new faces at the gatehouses, as well as a few familiar individuals.

"It's not like all of our present force will lose their jobs,

and we will have all new guards," said Meyer.

In addition, he noted that the annual contract includes an initial thirty-day provisional period, which allows the option for either entity to back out.

Midterm progress report

Offering a midterm report

on a variety of issues, Darr said that, this year, the Board has been primarily focused on both community and architectural standards, reviewing and updating some rules and regulations, attending to lakes and dams issues (including pumps and drainage concerns), and improving the annual registration and dues process.

In addition, the Board oversees three ongoing contracts — security, grounds and landscaping, and management — as well as short term contracts for road and dam projects.

Darr said there are other focus areas that are under consideration or still in need of attention, including Association communications, lake water quality and testing, and updating the community disaster plan.

"I expect these issues will (See "SLLA," p. 26)

Commissioners

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Redistricting Tabled

The Board tabled a decision to adopt a new map for Moore County residency districts until each of the six options can be further reviewed; the Commissioners plan to look at the options in more detail during a retreat on Thursday, November 17.

During Tuesday night's public comment period, both Jo Nicholas and Carolyn Mealing of the League of Women Voters of Moore County spoke in favor of adopting residency district map "Option Six." The "Option Six" map would produce five equally-sized districts and avoid moving any current Commissioners or School Board members outside the boundaries of their current districts. However, Option Six would split Seven Lakes across two districts.

Other Business

In other business during the Tuesday, November 15 Commissioner meeting:

- Two Moore County citizens — David Korb and Jo Nicholas — spoke in favor of video recording regular Commissioners' meetings and making them available to the public. Commissioner Lea has advocated this step, proposing that video recordings of the meetings could be placed on the County website alongside the audio recordings of meetings currently offered on the web. The County's Information Technology department is gathering information about the cost and feasibility of video recording the Commissioners' meetings.

- The Board approved a compensation policy that details how Commissioners can be reimbursed for travel and other expenses. Chairman Picerno said the new policy brings transparency to the process.

- The Board approved a binding commitment providing a \$15,000 grant to the Northern Moore Family Resource Center to administer and a program is designed to help thirty low income families or individuals

become homeowners in northern Moore County.

- The Board appointed Ken Crow to an additional three year term to the Board of Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Tabled Items

The following items were tabled during the Board of Commissioners' Tuesday, November 15 meeting:

- A revision to the residency recruitment policy requested by Commissioner Craig

Kennedy.

- The appointment of a Steering Committee to spearhead an update of the County's Land Use Plan. The Commissioners wanted more time to review a list of organizations the Planning Department felt should be represented on the committee.

- The refinancing and refunding of a series of General Obligation bonds issued in 2003.

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SLLA meeting

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lead us to our next Town Hall meeting," said Darr. "We will need to decide how to prioritize and will be developing committees to help us come up with ideas."

Community events

A Christmas Mingle & Jingle party will be held Sunday, December 11, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, in the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse and Community Activity Center [CAC]. All residents are invited to attend, as this BYOB event has something for both the young and the not-so-young. Refreshments and hot hors d'oeuvres will be served. And Santa Claus, that jolly old elf himself, will make an appearance.

"This will be a party for all ages," said Racine.

Community Manager Alina Cochran recognized the Recreation Committee for their efforts in hosting another very successful Halloween Party. Especially thanked were Director Racine, Laura Douglass, Barbara Keating, Kurt Kreuger, Sue Darr, Brenda Massimo, Joyce Keller, and Amanda Keller. The residents of Sandhills Memory Care, and their

Recreation Director, Monica Keating, were thanked for making and donating "ghost lollipops" for the children. Seven Lakes EMS generously donated glo-sticks to keep trick-or-treaters safe on their travels.

Petty vandalism at parks

Disappointed and disgusted, Director Racine reported that juvenile vandalism in

the community recreation areas continues to be a problem.

"The swings are dangling and broken because their chains are whipped over the tops at the park," he said. "Our beautiful slides, that we paid a lot of money for, have a swastika sticker and graffiti on them. And there is mud thrown all over the shelter at the Big J play-

ground."

"I don't know why we should spend one dime over the activities of a few!" Racine said "This takes money away from the things we seriously need. What we don't need is vandalism!"

Racine said he hopes that, with new security in place, the problems will be reduced and, once that happens, he would like to expand the recreation program.

"I come every day and see kids playing in our park and having a ball," Racine said. "I hate to see this jeopardized by the actions of a few."

Finance

Dixon Hughes is still in the process of completing the annual audit, and no target completion date has been announced, reported Treasurer Meyer.

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Candidates wanted!

Three seats on the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board of Directors will be determined by the annual election in March, and progress has been slow in attracting candidates, reported Director Bob Racine.

"I would like to encourage anyone to consider running," he said. "And talk to your neighbors and folks interested in this community."

President Darr also encouraged candidates to step forward. While admitting that service on the Board is time-consuming

and "a hell of a lot of work," Darr said it can also be, ultimately, a very gratifying experience.

One particular priority noted by Darr and Racine is attracting Southside residents as candidates, as the current Board of Directors is composed entirely of Northsiders.

The list of candidates will be presented to the Board at the December Open Meeting. Those interested in serving, interested in suggesting a possible nominee, or with questions about the process can contact Racine at 910-400-5116.

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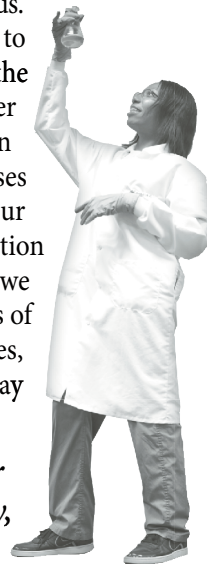
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"It continues to be very frustrating, and this is holding up other activities normally performed by the Finance Committee," he said.

Also incomplete at this juncture is a planned improvement of the financial statement formatting.

"This has yet to be accomplished," Meyer said, "but not due to lack of effort. Some issues have popped up with the database," he explained, noting that a meeting has been scheduled to resolve the concerns.

Also progressing is a volunteer-led initiative to improve the annual dues billing process for both residents and staff. Meyer reported that the committee meets every other week and that information is currently being loaded into the main database.

One major project that has reached completion was an improved lot audit.

"This was a lot of work, but a worthwhile exercise," Meyer said, recommending that a new audit should be completed every three to four years "to make sure the information in our database matches what is going on out in the community."

During the auditing process, Meyer discovered that the maps in use by the community were not accurate. New maps of streets and lots, downloaded from the Moore County GIS system, are available for review at the office and on the Association website.

Meyer reminded his fellow Board members that they should submit, in January, any proposed capital expense items for the new fiscal year.

Reporting on the current budget, Community Manager Alina Cochran said year-to-date figures are very close to budget. She noted that there is a large positive variance under salaries, and a corresponding negative variance under group insurance, which will be adjusted in the coming month.

"Other than that, we are looking good so far," said Cochran.

Lakes & Dams

Reporting for Director Don Fentzlaff, who was not in attendance, Darr said the Lakes & Dams Committee had recently welcomed three new members — and added that additional help is needed.

"Ideally, we would like to have one volunteer to champion each lake," Darr said, "and our preference would be for that volunteer to be a lakefront resident of that lake."

Thanking the members of the Lakes & Dams Committee, Darr said they have done a lot of good work and had saved the Association a great deal of money through careful oversight and volunteer maintenance.

Director Shaver expressed concern over silt build-up that is occurring in some coves and recommended that a long range plan should be considered.

Road repaving project

Engineering firm S&ME is currently conducting a thorough analysis of road conditions and recommending repaving options, a process which should be completed in approximately sixty days, Shaver reported.

Southsider Tom Zaleski recommended developing a standard policy in the future to ensure that utility companies and other businesses would adequately and appropriately patch or resurface any disturbed road areas.

"Our policy now says they

have to fix the road," Zaleski said, "but, the problem is, previous management didn't always make sure that

occurred."

He recommended that any notice of work, except for (See "SLLA," p. 28)



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SLLA

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emergencies, should be pre-approved by the SLLA office.

Director Shaver said he agreed there should be a set standard follow up after any work that disturbs the road.

Security

"The cameras are working at the [yard] Debris Site, and I think they are having a positive effect," reported Director Andy Lowe.

Additional cameras may soon be installed near the pool and gazebo areas at Northside Park, he added.

Turning attention to the ongoing project of clearing out decaying boats and trailers from the storage yard, Lowe said registered letters have been sent to three boat owners, and he is working with the Department of Motor Vehicles to resolve paperwork on an abandoned trailer.

Other Business

Director Bruce Keyser, Jr. was unable to attend the meeting. In other business on Wednesday, November 16:

- Director Bud Shaver applauded his fellow Board members and cautioned that, without solid leadership stepping up to serve in the future, the overall quality of the community would diminish. "This is my fourth year on the Board and never have I worked with a Board that has worked as hard individually as this one," Shaver said.

- Director Racine reported that the Community Standards Committee is completing an audit of all cases reviewed this year. He thanked the members and said he especially appreciated several new volunteers who recently signed on.

- The Board learned that the Architectural Review Board denied two applications for lack of materials and incomplete drawings. The applications will be resubmitted at a later date.

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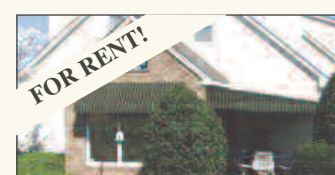
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