


## Guest use of SLLA amenities worries Directors

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

 Jumping feet first into a still simmering discussion of cost versus usage of amenities, Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] President Bob Darr presented a lopsided statistic related to the stables, demonstrating that guest use of the facility far outpaces member use.

Over the three month period of heaviest use this year [July to September], member trail rides totaled 240, he reported during the Monday, October 8 Work Session. That was just about half the 479 rides reported for guests during the same time frame.

"That means that 64% of our rides are to non-members," said Darr.

However, rather than revisit the idea of charging members for use of individual amenities — a concept much discussed earlier in the year, Darr took a different approach.

"My idea is with amenity usage is: they are being paid for by members," Darr said. "We are not looking to say to a member that a trail ride

will cost them \$20, because the assumption is the member has already paid," he explained. "What I have a problem with is guest numbers."

Calling the nearly double figure "abusive," he argued the Association must find a way to close the gap on costs versus usage.

"We are looking at increasing our dues because of what our numbers tell us, because we have all this stuff. When we have a situation like this, with non-contributing folks using . . . our amenities, we need to look at the whole issues of guest passes," Darr said.

Turning attention to a report of pool attendance, he said that amenity also showed heavy use by guests, estimated at 30% of all users.

"It seems to me that, if guests are using our facilities, our amenities, then they should offset the cost of that amenity," he argued. "In the big picture, we ought to be, I think, charging for use by non-members."

However, all amenities are not equal or, more impor-

(See "SLLA," p. 25)

## Sparky to the Rescue!



*Mayleigh and Kayanna King enjoyed meeting Sparky the Fire Dog at the Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department Open House on Tuesday, October 9. Activities included fire engine rides, a drunk driving goggles simulator, a children's fire safety house, and a practice fire wall with a hose and turn-out gear.*

## Fire Marshal orders fix to Lake Auman Dam gates

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter



Ten years of tenacity will pay off next year with the anticipated completion of the fire hydrant program, Director Jim Pierman reported during the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Work Session on Tuesday, October 9.

The program was initiated and doggedly administered by volunteers Ray McKay and Patti Cleary, and Pierman thanked them for their efforts,

which included the addition of dozens of fire hydrants throughout the community over the last decade.

### Fire Marshal objects to Lake Auman Gates

In related discussions on emergency services and public safety, Legal Director Jack Stevens noted that compliance with a citation from the Moore County Fire Marshal's office was "in progress."

That citation — technically an "order to comply" — is based on an inspection conducted in early August that found that the existing secu-

rity gates across the Lake Auman Dam roadway, with their manual lock system, violate the fire code. One option includes installation of an electronic lock that would automatically respond to an audible siren.

However, during a recent meeting of the Moore County Emergency Services Advisory Committee [ESAC], members of the SLWLA Board insisted that the manual lock system was "dry run" tested and approved by local fire services when it was initially installed.

Little detail was provided (See "Westside," p. 17)

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# Biz Guild sets October date for Fall Festival

by Cheryl Darwell  
Business Guild Secretary

The Seven Lakes Business Guild met in September at Seven Lakes Country Club.

There was a great turnout of guests and Bill Wiebking served a beautiful appetizer spread and generous beverage selections.

The meeting was used to finalized the details of the Fall Festival & Chili Cook-Off, to be held on Saturday, October 27 from 3 pm - 6 pm on Grant Street between Temp Control and Lake House Bar & Grill. (Rain date will be the same, but moved to the Seven Lakes Baptist Gymnasium behind the church.)

Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third best chili, as well as Peoples Choice and Best Decorated Booth.

The Guild is actively seeking more artisans to display their wares in a special area of the festival.

A Beer & Wine Garden will be hosted by Lake House Bar and Grill on the adjacent space to their property. Danny Bowers volunteered that all gross receipts from the proceeds will go to the Guild. He will also organize a corn hole tournament for \$15 a team, with registration at the Festival.

Mike Gorenflo of Gorenflo & Campbell offered to pay for the band. He is also handling preparation of a lease agreement for the festival. In addition, Gorenflo and Bowers will purchase a "Thank you for Shopping Local" ad following the event.

There will be a bouncy

house sponsored by the Seven Lakes Baptist Church and a children's area with special activities. The Guild also encourages all participants to have a trick or treat basket available at their table filled with goodies for children in costume.

Karen Milligan also asked about interest in a Tree Decorating event and/or Contest at each participating Guild member's storefront during the Christmas season. Ken Jenkins of the Kiwanis offered to contribute prize money for the top three businesses featuring the best trees and will ask his members to vote on it.

Following the general meeting, Tom Zaleski of Marketing Solutions gave an enlightening and thought provoking

presentation about marketing small businesses, with particular emphasis on technology. He also discussed networking, public relations, community ambassadors and search engines in terms of

marketing strategies.

Contact Cheryl Ann Darwell at 673-7245 or Karen (kmilligan1@embarqmail.com) to register for the Fall Festival/Chili Cook-Off, for any questions.

## Gallery Open House

Seven Lakes Art Gallery is proud to open the gallery season with "The Colors of Fall" at an Open House on Wednesday October 17, 7 to 9 pm.

The exhibit will include photography, watercolors and oils. Over 10 local artists will be represented including Helen Perdue, Magda Sonderfan and

Andrea Schmidt. Beverages and light hors d'oeuvres will be served. The gallery is located at 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church building.

The gallery is open every Wednesday and Thursday from 1-4pm. Contact Carol Burgess at 673-0356 for more information.

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# Village considers internet gaming regulation

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

The North Carolina Supreme Court will consider the legality of internet gaming sweepstakes parlors next week but, in the meantime, loopholes have allowed these types of businesses to flourish, despite opposition from municipalities throughout Moore County.

During their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 9, the Foxfire Village Council touched briefly on the subject, after a resident raised concern that the Foxfire General Store — which is currently on the real estate market — could be an attractive location for a gaming parlor.

"I noticed there is one next to Food Lion [in Seven Lakes], and there are more of these popping up as time goes along," said Brian Manley. "I wondered if you would consider looking at our ordinances to see what kind of businesses are allowed in our Village — and making sure we are not allowing that type!"

He continued, "With respect to our police, I think these places draw problems; and I don't think we need to invite them here."

In August, the Whispering Pines Village Council declined a request that would have allowed an electronic gaming business within their limits, a decision that appears to have emboldened the Carthage Town Board to prepare for a similar stance.

Unwilling to stake a personal opinion either for or against gaming businesses, Foxfire Councilman Mick McCue did recommend that quick action was required.

"I suggest we turn over the question to our attorney immediately for consideration," McCue said. "Can we ban them? Can we regulate them? I see this could become a time-sensitive issue. If they are there tomorrow, it will be much harder to regulate."

Mayor George Erickson agreed and tasked Town

Clerk Lisa Kivett with putting the question before Village Attorney Michael Brough.

## Amendment approved for temporary golf facility

With a unanimous nod of support, the Council amended the Zoning Ordinance to allow for a temporary golf maintenance facility in anticipation of Brown Golf Management [BGM] taking over ownership and operations of Foxfire Resort & Golf.

The addition to Section 6.22 restricts the use of a temporary facility to not exceed thirty-six months and requires that the facility will be fenced and screened in such a manner that it is shielded from view of any nearby residences.

During discussion, McCue noted that BGM has their own interests in mind by keeping the facility as temporary as possible.

"They are putting it in a place what is not the optimum," he said. "It is not convenient for them either, so they will be motivated to move into the permanent facility. Given the circumstances, this is the best we can do."

Based on a previous presentation by Brown representative Stephen Johnson, McCue anticipated the new facility will be much nicer than the existing maintenance area and that the structure would be constructed on the golf course property.

Finance Director Leslie Frusco also voiced strong support for the amendment as a first step in creating a good working partnership with BGM.

"They are looking to build something that not only will not be an eyesore, but will efficiently serve the functions of a golf course and maintain the aesthetics of a golf course as well," she said.

"I think they have extended a hand to the Village in terms of wanting to be partners and neighbors of Foxfire and consider themselves as res-

idents of Foxfire," Frusco continued. "I look forward to this because a well-maintained and marketed golf course will enhance the property values of everyone who lives here."

## Village to sell former well site for \$36,000

An offer received last month for two Village-owned residential lots, the site of a now closed municipal well, will be accepted, since no upset bids were presented during the required ten-day waiting

(See "Foxfire," p. 13)

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# Community comes together to mourn teen

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Tragically killed in a single car accident in late September, Allison Rabstejnek will be remembered and her contributions to the children's ministry honored with a permanent memorial at Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines.

Sixteen-year-old "Allie," a resident of Seven Lakes North, was on her way to Pinecrest High School to prepare for a band competition.

Allie played the flute and was also a drum line section leader in the school's marching band. In addition, she was active with the National Honor Society, the swim team, the French Club, and had taken several Advanced Placement courses.

Growing up in Seven Lakes,



Allie Rabstejnek

Allie and her sisters, Keelen and Casey, operated their own entrepreneurial business making and selling scented soy candles. Allie was a valued employee at Cook Out restaurant, but her true pas-

sion was caring for children.

Mourners by the hundred filed quietly into The Chapel in the Pines for her funeral on Thursday, October 4, including her large family, her friends and bandmates, and neighbors and community leaders, including Dr. Aaron Spence, Superintendent of Moore County Schools, and Board of Education member Ed Dennison.

"I loved Allie as if she were my fourth granddaughter," Reverend Don Welch told the assembled crowd, offering a touching homily that begged the question on everyone's mind: "Why?"

He said that, after much praying and soul searching, he heard God's counsel, and that God was as heartbroken over her loss as her earthly

family and community.

Instead of looking for where to cast blame, Welch said to seek God's peace by remembering all of the wonderful qualities about Allie: her beauty, her wit, her kindness, her faithfulness, her trustworthiness, and, especially, her love for children.

In the church program, she was described as a shining role model who had devoted her life to assisting the Sunday School teachers with crafts and lessons. In August, she served as a leader for

The Chapel's first Vacation Bible School. Her future plans were to attend college close to Seven Lakes, so she could continue her work with the children of the church.

A permanent memorial is planned at The Chapel, including a niche in the wall near the children's classrooms where her ashes will be placed.

Contributions may be made to Seven Lakes Chapel in The Pines, 2125 Seven Lakes South, West End, NC 27376.

## Uwharrie Festival is Saturday

People who love the outdoors, especially those who seek the health benefits of outdoor activity, will have even more reason to attend the Uwharrie Mountain Festival this year.

As the primary sponsor of the Saturday, October 13 event, FirstHealth of the Carolinas will bring an increased focus on health and the enhanced lifestyle that accompanies physical fitness.

The 2012 Uwharrie Mountain Festival will be held from 9 am to 4 pm at Kings Mountain Point on Badin Lake in the Uwharrie National Forest and around Eldorado Outpost on NC 109. A new event for this year's festival will be a scenic bike ride that will begin at 8 am from the Eldorado Outpost and cover 50 and 100 kilometers of Uwharrie roads and byways.

Additional festival activities will include gold panning, an "archaeology adventure," pony rides, a lumberjacking demonstration, music, food (with a new emphasis on healthy eating) and crafts.

The Montgomery County Partnership for Children will also offer activities for children.

From the Eldorado Outpost, festival participants can take free shuttle buses to Kings Mountain Point, where events will include the Badin Lake Trail Run/Walk and kids' fun run, free kayaking and disc golf.

To learn more about the 2012 Uwharrie Mountain Festival, visit the event's website at [www.uwharriemountainfestival.com](http://www.uwharriemountainfestival.com) or contact Marla Coulthard at [marla@centralparknc.org](mailto:marla@centralparknc.org) or (910) 572-2224.

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# Boody warehouse came with a tribe of tigers



Linda Boody wrangles the latest bunch of kittens from a West End tribe she and husband Jeff inherited.

**by Laura Douglass**  
Times Reporter

Little did Westsiders Jeff and Linda Boody know that purchasing a warehouse in West End would include “the whole kit and caboodle.”

When the owners of J & L Home Services bought the facility over a year ago, the couple said, they didn’t realize they would also inherit a small, resident colony of feral cats. Animal-lovers both — with two rescue dogs and six indoor cats at home — it didn’t take them long to start caring for this feisty mob.

“Now we feed fifteen to twenty a day, though that depends on their mood,” joked Linda Boody.

But, more significantly, the Boody’s have been trapping and spaying the adult cats as fast as possible. However, there are always a few that slip past until it is too late.

“Three of the females brought us their kittens this year,” explained Jeff Boody. “We took them in and had them adopted. We were able to catch two of the females and get them altered as well, but one was already pregnant. That is how we ended

up with this bunch.”

A few are gray, one is black, a particularly friendly one is buff with big blue eyes, and there is even a little Siamese-mix in the mix. To socialize the kittens and prepare them for adoption, the Boody’s brought them home for a period before delivering them to the Moore Humane Society, where they are currently available for adoption.

“Now we need to catch the bad boys,” said Jeff, alluding to the male cats in the colony.

The couple expressed appreciation to their friends and neighbors who have contributed donations of food and funding to help with their informal cat mission, but Linda said she really just wished the situation didn’t exist at all.

“People need to be educated about spaying and neutering,” she said, noting they have fostered thirteen kittens just in the past month. “No one else seems to care for them. We’re trying to give them a chance at life — a real life.”

Jeff agreed.

“Generation after generation living out here in West End, who knows how long these cats have been feral? They can’t fix themselves — or go open their own can of cat food.”



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# Study of County fire, EMS wins approval

by Stacy Naughton  
Times Reporter



Moore County is about to embark on a comprehensive study of its fire and rescue services, with the hope of bringing some rational order to an ad hoc system of fire departments and rescue squads that evolved over decades, as volunteers banded together in communities across the County to serve their neighbors.

At the request of the County's Emergency Manager, Scot Brooks, the Board of Commissioners approved, during their Tuesday, October 2 meeting a \$45,000 Fire Service Agency Evaluation and Emergency Service Master Plan that will be conducted by the consulting firm VIFS. The contract also includes up to \$9,000 for expenses.

In April, McLendon Hills Homeowners Association President Peter Dotto asked the Commissioner to move his community from the Eagle Springs Fire District to the Seven Lakes Fire District, arguing that the Seven Lakes firehouse is closer — and it's better insurance rating would lower residents' homeowner's insurance rates.

Eagle Springs currently has an insurance class rating of eight, while Seven Lakes has a six rating — and lower is better.

However, moving McLendon Hills out of the Eagle Springs district would significantly reduce that squad's fire tax revenues. Currently, there are sixteen different fire tax districts in the County, each with its own tax rate.

One possible outcome of the study is the recommendation that the County move to a single tax rate. Not only would this create a unified tax rate, it would also eliminate fire tax revenues as a factor in determining how the fire district lines should be drawn.

In May, Fire Marshall Ken Skipper recommended — and the Board approved — a comprehensive evaluation of the

fire and emergency districts. The current fire districts were drawn up in the 1960s and have been modified here and there over the years.

The approved Emergency Service Master Study Plan will evaluate the current staffing, operations, resource deployment, and district lines, in order to make recommendations for current and future operations, taking into account the anticipated growth in the County over the next 10 to 15 years.

The study will also develop Countywide standards, so that citizens throughout the County can count on receiving the same level of services.

The Emergency Services Advisory Committee [ESAC] and Public Safety Staff recommended that any changes

to district lines be delayed until the study is complete, which is expected to be the Spring of 2013.

## Public Hearings

The Commissioners held a second public hearing for the FY2012 Scattered Site Housing Community Development Block Grant [CDBG] Funding Application, and then approved the submission of the application. The \$225,000 grant will fund upgrades to the homes of qualifying low-income homeowners. There will be no fiscal impact on the County budget.

The Board tabled a public hearing for the CDBG funding for the Catalyst Program, which rehabilitates housing in Robbins, due to an error

in the public announcement of the hearing.

The Board called a public hearing on Tuesday, October 16 for an exchange of property between Moore County and Pinehurst, LLC. Pinehurst is seeking to acquire the sites of two abandoned County wells, at 212 Ridge-wood Road, and 2 Beulah Hill Road South, in order to use them during the 2014 US Opens. The Village would trade the County two adjacent parcels located at 290 East McCaskill Road.

## Other Business

Other business conducted during the Commissioners' Tuesday, October 2 meeting included:

- The Board approved a contract amendment with Mid-

South Food Services for home delivered meals and congregate meal programs for the Department of Aging at a cost of \$122,000.

- The Board approved the consent agenda, which deals with routine matters, unanimously. However, Commissioner Tim Lea pulled from the consent agenda Item 1 under budget amendments, which dealt with the transfer of \$329,000 from the Moore County general fund to the Moore County Airport. The Commissioners then approved Item 1 in a 3-to-1 vote, with Lea in opposition. The County will use a portion of the occupancy tax to replace the money in the general fund.

(See "Commissioners," p. 29)



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# Support group starting for early Alzheimer's

The Chapel in the Pines will be offering a support group intended for individuals who are in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease. It will be an 8 week program focused on providing support, resources and education. The program will include Mild to Moderate cognitive

decline – early-stage Alzheimer's. Most friends, family or co-workers begin to notice the difficulties in the early stages faster than family members. During a persons medical interview, doctors may be able to detect problems in memory or concentration.

Some of the common early stage difficulties include:

- Noticeable problems coming up with the right word or name
- Trouble remembering names when introduced to new people
- Having noticeably greater difficulty performing tasks in social or work settings
- Forgetting material that one has just read
- Losing or misplacing a valuable object
- Forgetfulness of recent events
- Impaired ability to perform challenging mental arithmetic — for example, counting backward

- from 100 by 7s
- Greater difficulty performing complex tasks, such as planning dinner for guests, paying bills or managing finances
- Forgetfulness about one's own personal history
- Becoming moody or withdrawn, especially in socially or mentally challenging situations
- Increasing trouble with planning or organizing.

The facilitator's for the program will be the Rev. Fran Stark and Amy Natt, M.S. The program will be held on Wednesday, October 17 from 2 pm – 3 pm for eight weeks (skipping the Thanksgiving Week). There is no cost

for participation in the program.\* For more information or to register for the group, please contact Fran Stark at 673-5493. The support will be held at thd Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, 581 Seven Lakes Drive. *\*All information is confidential when shared within a support group.\**

## Chapel to dedicate new education building

The Chapel in the Pines invites the Seven Lakes community to join the congregation on Sunday, October 21, at 3 pm for the dedication for its new Community and Education Building. An Open House and tours of the facility will follow the Dedication Service from 3:30 until 5 pm. The building was designed by Glen Stancik and built by Bill Seldomridge after years of congregational dreaming and planning for a structure that would enable the Chapel to better serve the families of Seven Lakes. It contains a fellowship hall with a modern kitchen, children's center, conference room, choir room, offices and class-

rooms. A generous challenge gift of \$325,000 by the late Jack Joralemon enabled the members and friends of the Chapel to raise the remaining money needed for the \$900,000 structure. The Joralemon Fellowship Hall is already being used by several community organizations and is available for meetings, dinners and receptions. The children's center was the focus of the Chapel's first Vacation Bible School and attracted thirty-five children from the community. If anyone is not able to attend the dedication service, please drop by for the Open House anyway and enjoy the facility. All are welcome.

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# Ed Cockman takes over Westside Security

by Stacy Naughton  
Times Reporter



Ed Cockman has been appointed by the Seven Lakes West Land-owners Association Board of Directors to serve out the unexpired term of Safety & Security Director Jim McCarthy, who recently resigned his post.

The Times interviewed Cockman via email last week, in order to introduce him to the community and get some of his thoughts on security issues facing Seven Lakes West. The paragraphs that follow are a lightly-edited transcript of that exchange.

*How long have you lived in Seven Lakes West?*

My wife Nelda and I moved here in Jan. 2006.

*How long have you served on the Safety and Security Committee, and in what capacity?*

I served on the Safety and Security Committee and was involved in the Neighborhood Watch program for two years when John Hoffmann was Director of Safety and Security.

*What made you decide to step up and serve as a Director?*

I have been actively involved in community committees and events since moving

here. When the position was posted, I submitted my name because I have supported the Board and appreciated what those folks give to the community. I felt that, if I expected others to serve, I should also be willing to step up.



**Ed Cockman**

*What do you see as the major safety and security issues currently facing Seven Lakes West?*

I know there continue to be concerns about unsafe speeding in the community and issues with unauthorized entrance or attempts to enter the back gate. We have a safe community here, and I will do all I can to keep it that way.

*What other safety and security issues do you expect may arise in the future?*

With construction beginning soon on the new mailhouse, and with plans for changes at the front gate entrance in the near future, we can anticipate new traffic patterns in these areas. The Safety and Security Committee, along with the Board, will address these adjustments as needed.

*The County is evaluating, and may realign, the current fire and emergency services' districts. How will you monitor this as Director?*

Board members and the Safety and Security Committee have been monitoring the discussions about the realignment and been in close contact with Moore County Emergency Services and the County Commissioners. Members of the Committee and other Board members have attended public meetings and offered input that best serves our community. I have been involved in these meetings and will continue to stay informed about continuing discussions.

*Moore County's Fire Marshal and Public Safety Director*

*have both stated that the padlocked gates on either end of Lake Auman Dam delay emergency response times. What would you propose to do to resolve this problem? [Former Director McCarthy proposed an electronic gate]?*

We are continuing to look into the electronic gates and the most advantageous manner of opening them by the emergency vehicles. We will work closely with the County Officials to ensure the best response times possible.

*This past year there have*

*been reports of vandalism and burglaries at Johnson Point. What do you see as the best approach to curbing this activity?*

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# In memory of . . .

**Margaret A. “Peg” (Hawver) Nutter**, formerly of Seven Lakes, Needham and Hingham, MA died October 6 in Richmond, VA.

She was the daughter of the late Margaret (Bridgeford) and Harley Daniel Hawver.

Mrs. Nutter was a resident of Needham for more than 40 years. She graduated from Newton High School and Boston University. She and her husband Pete were married in 1951. Upon their retirement, they moved to Seven Lakes, where they lived for more than 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband Denton G. “Pete” Nutter Jr.

Survivors include her son, Brad Nutter of Scottsdale, AZ; daughter Marcia Fryer of Richmond, VA; son Tom Nutter of Duxbury, MA; her grandchildren; and sister-in-law Marion Nutter of Eden Prairie, MN.

A private family service will be held.

Memorial donations in Mrs. Nutter’s name to the Alzheimers Assoc. 480 Pleasant St., Watertown MA 02472 would be appreciated.

**Allison Nichole Rabstojnek**, 16, of Seven Lakes died Saturday, September 29, as the result of an automobile accident.

A funeral service was be conducted on Thursday, October 4, at The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines with Rev. Don Welch officiating.

Allison was a junior at Pinecrest High School, where she was very active with the National Honor Society, the marching band, the swim team and the French club. She was employed with the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, working with the children’s education department, and was an employee at The Cook Out. She was lovingly known by her family as a “High Heel Diva” because of her love for high heel shoes and fashion. She was a much loved daughter, sister, niece, granddaughter and friend.

She is survived by her parents, John and Pam Rabstojnek of Seven Lakes; her sisters, Keelen and Casey Rabstojnek both of the home; her brother, Justin Rabstojnek of New York; and a host of extended family, including, aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends.

In memory of Allison Rabstojnek, memorial contributions may be made to Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, 2125 Seven Lakes South, West End, NC 27376. Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

**Clawson Lee Williams Jr.**, of Seven Lakes, died Friday, September 28, after a brief illness.

The son of The Honorable Clawson Lee Williams and Margaret Judd Williams, he was born in Sanford. He attended Sanford High School, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, and attended the UNC School of Law where he was a member of the Law Review.

Mr. Williams served as Chairman of the NC Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission and a member of the Utilities Commission under Governor Dan Moore. In Sanford, he was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, the Jaycees and Kiwanis. He was also a member of the North Carolina State Bar and the Moore County Bar Association. He opened a law office in Sanford and moved his practice to Seven Lakes, where he continued to practice law until his illness.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Reece Berryhill Williams and his sisters Elizabeth Judd Williams, Margaret Banks Williams and Linda Williams Jernigan.

He is survived by his wife,

Diane Bailey Williams; son, Clawson Lee Williams III (Debora) of Mesa, AZ; daughter, Jane Williams Meyer (David) of Raleigh; sister, Irene Williams Frazer of Mobile, AL; stepson, Michael Riggan (Karen) of Sanford; and two granddaughters.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at Reid Heart Center, FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital for their dedicated care.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday, October 3, at Buffalo Cemetery, Sanford.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of one’s choice.

**Nanie “Nan” Oliphant Jones**, 72, of Seven Lakes, died Monday, September 24, at Quail Haven Village, Pinehurst.

Funeral services were held on Friday, September 28, at Broad Street United Methodist Church, Statesville. The Rev. Dr. Michael Gehring and the Rev. Jason Harvey officiated. Burial will be private, at a later date.

She was born in Mooresville, daughter to the late Robert and Alma Lowrance Oliphant. She was a retired mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service.

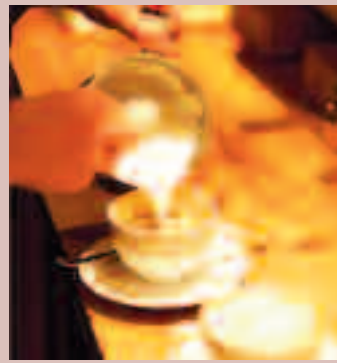
She was a member of Triplett United Methodist Church and currently a mem-

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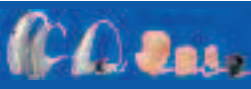
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ber of Broad Street United Methodist Church in Statesville.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Lena O. Jenkins; and brother, Joel A. Oliphant.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Jerry Lee Jones; daughters, Jennifer Parker and husband, Jimmy, of Statesville, Melanie Burgin and husband, Jerry, of Jonas Ridge, and Jessica Wimberly and husband, Adam, of Seven Lakes; sister, Geraldine Avett and husband, Wally, of Murphy; brother, Robert Oliphant and wife, Peggy, of Mooresville; grandchildren, Connor, Bryson, and Jeremy Parker, Margaret and Jacob Burgin, Asher Wimberly; special nephew, J. Allen Oliphant; and numerous beloved cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of Iredell County, 2347 Simonton Road, Statesville, NC 28625; Music Ministry of Broad Street United Methodist Church, 315 W. Broad St., Statesville, NC 28677; or FirstHealth Hospice, P.O. Box 5889, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

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The Seven Lakes Lions will be having their White Cane Drive on Friday and Saturday October 12 & 13th, at several of the Local Merchants' front doors. Your generous contributions have helped the Lions assist the Blind and Visually Impaired, and other humanitarian needs, that include canes, vision vans, eye research, Camp Dogwood and more.

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Some of the projects over the past year that have helped the children of Moore County include: West End Elementary “Terrific Kids” Initiative; North Moore High Key Club; West End/West Pine Schools Achievement Awards; Boys and Girls Clubs of North Carolina, Seven Lakes EMS; Project Linus; West End Food Pantry; Backpack Pals of Moore County; Boy Scouts of Moore County; Boys and Girls Home of NC and many more projects.

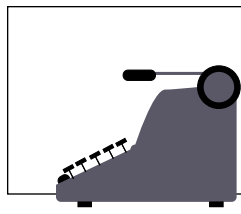
The Seven Lakes Kiwanis are aware that a large major-

ity of the younger population of the beautiful Seven Lakes are not aware of our projects. We would be happy to have you join us, as we have various ways to utilize

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Please find out more about Kiwanis at [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org) or feel free to call me at 910-400-5133 to discuss the many activities the Kiwanis experience as a group in Seven Lakes. When the Lord blesses you with two healthy children and one challenged (and now deceased) child as

As Ruth Smeltzer so eloquently said: “You have not lived a perfect day, unless you have done something for someone who will never be able to repay you.”

So, I add a giant “Thank You” to our current members for their selfless giving and their considerable talents.

Seven Lakes Kiwanis meets every Tuesday at Seven Lakes Country Club, lunch at 11:30 am, meeting at 12:05 to 1 pm.

## Chapel Lunch Bunch

The Seven Lakes Chapel in The Pines has started a new outreach program to bring together folks that live alone.

The community is invited to join the Seven Lakes once a month for lunch at The Seven Lakes Chapel In The Pines Joralemon Fellowship Hall. The next lunch will be held Wednesday, October 24 at 12 pm. There is no cost.

Reservations would be appreciated. Transportation will be provided if needed.

The Chapel will provide soup, sandwiches, drink and desert.

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# Foxfire

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period, reported Mayor Erickson.

Located on Eagle Drive, the lots were inaccessible prior to the Woodland Circle extension project and the well was abandoned after new higher-producing wells were drilled several years ago.

In response to a question on the proceeds, Frusco said the \$36,000 sale price would be placed in the Water Fund.

## Surplus police vehicle

Reaffirming his support of donating the soon-to-be retired police vehicle to the West End Fire & Rescue [WEFR] substation at Foxfire, Councilman McCue said he approves of their intention to use the car for administrative work and, eventually, medical runs in the community.

"We could keep it, but I see no use for it with the [Foxfire Police] department," McCue said. "The Blue Book value is \$3,000 to \$6,000, but I don't know if we would really get that," he added, noting that, before disposal, the vehicle must be removed from the Village rolls for insurance purposes.

McCue reported that delivery of the new police vehicle for Sgt. Chad Shue is expected soon.

Finance Director Leslie Frusco also expressed support for the donation because it will help lower fuel costs on calls where a fire engine is not required.

"If we can save WEFR money, that is to our benefit," she said. "Our cost, as a Village, is directly related to what their budget is . . . It is not like it doesn't affect the Village, because it does. It is a significant amount that we pay for fire services."

Councilman Steve Durham also noted that offering the vehicle was a goodwill gesture on behalf of the residents of Foxfire.

## Restructuring the Planning & Zoning Committee

Satisfying a nine-member requirement for the Planning & Zoning Committee has proved nearly impossible, with the Village chronically running short of active volunteers.

In restructuring the committee, McCue recommended that, rather than a fixed number, a "floating" figure of three to five members would best meet the needs of the Village.

"If we only have three, then we would be okay," he explained. "And if we can get four members, great; and if we get five, that is even better."

In a related discussion, Frusco reminded the Council that the ordinance stipulates that a ratio of resident members and Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction [ETJ] members must be maintained, a requirement that is problematic, as there is no easy way to determine the populations

of those areas.

"Does anyone know where we come up with this figure?," Frusco asked. "At this point, I don't know how we can calculate this. There is census data, but some ETJ folks may show up in West End, others in Jackson Springs, and some in the County numbers."

A similar requirement based on a membership ratio was also noted for the Appearance Committee.

"If we are going to change the requirements for our member numbers, we should also try to figure out a better way to come up with this composition of residents versus ETJ," she admonished.

## Finance

As of September 30, the General Fund was reported at \$899,932, including \$100,096 in capital reserves, \$9,703 in Powell Bill funds, and \$20,999 in the Stonehill Pines reserve account. The Water Fund balance was reported at \$253,715, and, in addition, the Village holds \$135,730 in restricted escrow for a new well.

Annual loan payments made in July included

\$26,192 from the General Fund for the Village Green Park, and \$41,144 from the Water Fund for wells and water line improvements. Anticipated for April 2013 are Woodland Circle pay-

ments of \$173,300 from the General Fund and \$13,929 from the Water Fund.

## Annual pool report

Comparing four years worth (See "Foxfire," p. 14)

## Trunk or Treat at Foxfire

A Halloween 'Trunk or Treat' event will be held at the Foxfire Village Green Park on Wednesday, October 31 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

Sponsored by the Foxfire Property Owners Association, the event will include a Costume Contest for little trick-or-treaters at 5:30 pm and a safe evening of activities away from dark streets.

"We would really like to see as many 'trunks' as possible," said Councilman Mick McCue. "Bring your car, truck or golf cart decorated for Halloween."

He encouraged any interested residents to contact him directly so he would be sure to reserve enough parking spaces.

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# Foxfire

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of pool expense and income data, Frusco summarized the season as successful and, in particular, praised Lisa Kivett for her efforts.

"Believe me, it is not an easy thing to open the pool," Frusco said. "She has to make sure the inspections are done and any issues addressed. Lisa schedules the life guards and pool personnel. She spends an extreme amount of time . . . getting this pool ready and operating for our residents."

Reporting on the budget versus actual figures, Frusco said revenue was up a tiny bit, but that pool fees had not been raised. Nearly eighty percent of pool income comes from season passes purchased by residents; the remainder is from daily pass-

es by both residents and non-residents.

Payroll expenses were down, due to the pool being closed on inclement days, but overall expenses were up, primarily due to non-capital asset purchases, including a new pool cleaning machine, security camera, umbrellas, and pool furniture.

"The pool is not self-supporting, and I don't envision it ever will be," she said. "But this report is food for thought, when we discuss whether we need to raise fees or structure things differently."

Councilman Steve Durham expressed support for the facility.

"The numbers speak for themselves," he said. "If we ever try to make it self-supporting, we would price our-

selves right out of the market. As a Village Council, we have a responsibility to provide amenities for our residents, and I think we are doing an admirable job."

## Steet drainage concerns

Pinestraw build up at drainage areas along some streets is to blame for drainage problems, reported Councilman Vic Koos.

"We've had complaints, and I inspected the drains," he said. "The Village has a thirty-foot-from-center-of-road easement that more than surpasses these drainage areas. Some people have no problem with us removing pine straw, because they have grass underneath; but other properties have manicured their lot with pine straw all the way to the road,

and that is what is causing the build-up of water."

Koos said that, technically, the Village has the right to clear the drain of debris, but expressed concern that, while some residents complained of poor drainage, there could be new complaints about aesthetics.

Also during the streets report, Koos said he will be looking to hire a contractor for crack-filling work. Specifically, he noted there are cracks along the roadsides as a result of vehicles driving on the pavement edge and, also, sand and dirt washing out from under the asphalt.

## Sign replacement

Replacing damaged street signs is costly, reported Koos, with estimates for a new top street name panels at \$278

each.

One street panel piece on Shamrock has been completely knocked off the pole and possibly could be repositioned with new bolts. Two additional damaged panels remained attached to the post but are bent.

Mayor Erickson recommended trying to bend the panels back into shape, before resorting to purchasing new.

"I have some ideas of how this damage occurred but I don't want to speculate," said Koos, and noted that he would also look into other less costly replacement options.

Turning attention to signs damaged at the Village Green Park — in this case, by woodpeckers — Koos said new

(See "Foxfire," p. 15)



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# League's National President visits Moore County

Elisabeth MacNamara, National President of the League of Women Voters (LWVUS), visited the Sandhills on Thursday, October 4.

Speaking to a group of local League members at a break-

fast meeting at Pinecrest Inn, she commended the League of Women Voters of Moore County for making a difference with the local voter registration campaign.

She also addressed the need for continued vigilance

and effort regarding voter ID, which the League is on record as opposing.

Additionally, she commented on the number of uncontested political races this November and cited some possible reasons for the trend.



Carolyn Mealing, President of LWVMC; Elisabeth MacNamara, President of LWVUS; and Jo Nicholas; President of LWVNC.

## Foxfire

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metal signs would be more durable and reasonably priced, at \$150 to complete the work.

Koos said volunteers would be staining and painting the picnic shelter pavilions at the park next week. Materials costs will be paid through the Beautification Fund.

### Water System not for sale

An extension to the water line into the Grande Pines Vista development is underway, reported Durham. He noted that, in accordance with past practice, the properties will be provided with water and later annexed into the Village as voluntary annexation requests are processed.

Also in conversation about water concerns, Councilman McCue said the Long Range Planning [LRP] Committee was studying various options and gathering information.

"We are not selling the Water Department!" he exclaimed, in response to erroneous rumors heard in the community. "The Council has not even taken up the issue up. Right now that is all it is. We are fact-finding and doing a study of our options."

### Other business

In other business on Tuesday, October 9, the Foxfire Village Council:

- Approved a new schedule for records retention provided by North Carolina General Statutes, that includes required storage periods and suggested destruction dates for public and tax records.
- Endorsed the Moore County Solid Waste Management Plan.
- Proclaimed Thursday, October 11, as 'Day of the Girl,' in support of the

United Nations and the Millennium Development Goals.

- Heard from Mayor Erickson that the Triangle J Council of Government was compiling an economic plan that encompasses all seven counties in this region. He estimated the project would be completed in January.
- Heard from Councilman McCue that work is still in progress on a tri-fold marketing brochure for Foxfire Village.



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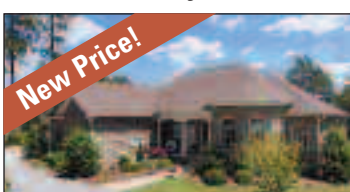
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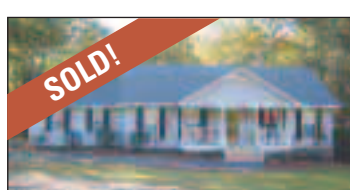
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# Westside work session

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during the open portion of Tuesday's Work Session, but Fire Marshal Ken Skipper told *The Times* in a brief interview that his office was ready to work the SLWLA Board to bring the gates into compliance.

"We know it takes time," Skipper said. "We know changing a gate isn't going to happen overnight. We're willing to work with them to develop a plan."

## Keeping an eye on EMS

Also on the emergency services front, newly appointed Director Ed Cockman said the Safety and Security Committee will continue to follow progress on changes to emergency services at the county level. Recently, the Board of County Commissioners hired a consulting firm to evaluate fire and rescue services, and to draft an Emergency Services Master Plan.

"Until that comes back, we are where we were before," said Cockman.

"Yes, but," responded Direc-

tor Jane Sessler, "we do have the dual coverage now, and that is working nicely. I'm glad we got that worked out before this study." "Dual coverage" means that both Seven Lakes EMS and West End Fire and Rescue are alerted when any 9-1-1 call emanates from Seven Lakes West.

Sessler noted that she will be meeting with Moore County Emergency Manager Scot Brooks and West End Fire & Rescue to tour their facility.

Cockman acknowledged Sessler for those efforts.

"I would like to thank Jane for taking over and pushing us to stay abreast with what is going on," he said. "Many of us have attended meetings, and we will continue to do so."

## Yellow Dot & File of Life

He also encouraged residents to participate in the Yellow Dot and File for Life programs; Both offer an extra layer of safety protection by providing valuable medical information to First Respon-

ders in the event of an emergency.

"These are two good programs we should really endorse," he explained. "We need to make sure people know about them."

On Saturday, October 13, there will be a Yellow Dot Program sign up period, from 10:00 am – 12 Noon, at the West Side Park Activity Room. Residents of Seven Lakes and McLendon Hills are encouraged to drop by and sign up for this life saving program. Packets include a Yellow Dot sticker to affix to your vehicle and a medical information form to store in the glove box.

File of Life materials are similar and available at Seven Lakes EMS. Packets include a door sticker for your residence and a magnet folder with a medical form that will alert First Responders of any ongoing medical issues or medications.

## Lot foreclosure

An undeveloped lot in Seven Lakes West [Lot 4097] will be sold to the highest bidder by Moore County, in a foreclosure sale for delinquent taxes.

Legal Director Jack Stevens said the Association also holds a secondary lien against the property and that, "It is our intent to be present [at the auction] and protect our asset."

He noted the concern would be discussed at more length during Executive Session, but, presumably, the Board will determine a fair bidding price.

During public comment, a question was raised about the number of foreclosures; however, Stevens said he did not have a specific figure.

"There have been many," he said, explaining that foreclosures include county tax auctions, sales of bank-owned properties, and properties

that the Association has foreclosed on for failure to pay dues. In one recent instance, he said, a lot owner simply walked away from a property.

"It is happening here, as it is happening across the country," Stevens said.

## West Side Park lot combination

Based on a recommendation by SLWLA Treasurer Don Freiert, the Board approved a motion to allow the combination of platted lots for the new mailhouse with the larger West Side Park property.

"In working with the County on [construction] permits, it appears, due to technicalities, that we will have to combine the lots," he explained.

Infrastructure Director Jim Pierman amended the motion to also include a separately platted but contiguous lot

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- **Uwharrie Mountain Festival** – 9 am to 4 pm at Kings Mountain Point on Badin Lake in the Uwharrie National Forest and around Eldorado Outpost on NC 109. [www.uwharriemountainfestival.com](http://www.uwharriemountainfestival.com) or contact Marla Coulthard at [marla@centralparknc.org](mailto:marla@centralparknc.org) or (910) 572-2224.
- **Shaw House Fair** – 10 am - 4 pm, Fourth Annual Shaw House Fair of vintage collectibles and antiques at the Shaw House, corner of Morganton Road and Broad Street, Southern Pines. Admission is free.
- **Yellow Dot Sign Up** – 10 am to 12 pm, at Seven Lakes Westside Park Community Center. Open to all residents of Seven Lakes and McLendon Hills. Bring a list of all medications.
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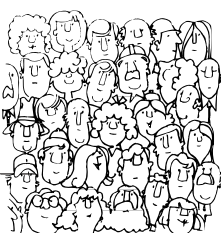
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- **The Rooster's Wife** – 6:45 pm, doors open at 6 pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. Music guest tonight is Adam Ezra Band,

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## What's When Calendar

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

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 16**

- **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.
- **League of Women Voters of Moore County** – 11:45 am, Lisa Donnelly Mudd, President of the Junior League of Moore County, will speak on, "Creating

Healthy Self Esteem in Young Girls." Table on the Green, Midland Country Club. \$12. Everyone welcome, reservations are required. Charlotte Gallagher, 944-9611.

- **Moore County Board of Commissioners** – 6 pm, at the Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

- **Moore Philharmonic Orchestra Fundraiser** – 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, fine wines and music, 905 Linden Road,

Pinehurst. Tickets \$25 includes appetizers, wine samples and a discount on the purchase of featured wines. Proceeds benefit Moore County music students.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17**

- **Photography 101** – 1 pm - 2 pm, Tommy Deese will give a short photography presentation at the Senior Center. Feel free to bring your camera or photos. 215-0900 to reserve a seat. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, Pinehurst.
- **SL Gallery Open House** – 7 to 9 pm. "The Colors of Fall" Exhibit will include photography, watercolors and oils. Beverages and light hors d'oeuvres served. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church building. Contact Carol Burgess at 673-0356.

- **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.

- **Welcome Home Bible Study** – 7 pm, West End United Methodist Church. Bible Study. Meet in the WEUMC Fellowship Hall.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18**

- **Anthology of Flowers Special Lecture** – 10 am, Sandra Rusak, will speak on *Still-Life Masterpieces: A Visual Feast*. Owens Auditorium, Sandhills Community College, 3395 Airport Road, Pinehurst. \$10 admission at the door.

- **How To Safely Transfer Yourself and Others** – 4 pm, Karen Backall, PT, Appalachian Physical Therapy, will speak to offer tips on transferring those for whom they give care, as well as themselves, in order to prevent injury. 215-0900 to reserve. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, Pinehurst.
- **Hastings Gallery of Art** – Opening Reception:, 4:30

pm - 6:30 pm of UNC-Pembroke Art Faculty in the Boyd Library at Sandhills Community College, 3395 Airport Road, Pinehurst. Exhibit runs through November 28. Gallery hours: 7:45 am-9:00 pm Monday-Thursday; 7:45 am-5 pm Friday; and 8:30 am-2:00 pm Sat. Free.

- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. [www.sandhillswinery.com](http://www.sandhillswinery.com)

- **Rufus Barringer Civil War Roundtable** – 7 pm meeting, at the Southern Pines Civic Club, located at Ashe and Pennsylvania Aves., behind the tennis courts, Southern Pines. The Roundtable welcomes Civil War historian, John V. Quarstein of Virginia. He will present, "CSS Virginia: Sink Before Surrender." New members and visitors welcome. Refreshments served. 910-235-0946 or 910-695-9058.

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• **Bird Walk** - 8 am, Join the Ranger for a two mile hike to look for winged wonders. Bring binoculars, tick repellent, sunscreen and field guides. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg

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• **"The Haven Friends for Life"** - 12 pm to 4 pm, *Adoption Event* at "Watch My Wag", 225 Commerce Avenue, Southern Pines.

• **Oktoberfest At Seven Lakes West** - 6 pm to 9 pm, at Seven Lakes West Side Park Community Center. Special "beer tasting" session from 6 pm to 7 pm. Bavarian Brass Band will entertain. Tickets \$17/person at Westside Community Center office.

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• **SL Chapel in the Pines Dedication** - 3 pm, dedication Ceremony; 3:30 - 5 pm, Open House. The Seven Lakes community is invited to join the congregation at 3 pm for the dedication for its new Com-

munity and Education Building. Open house and tours of the facility will follow the Dedication Service. If anyone is not able to attend the dedication service, drop by for the Open House.

• **Owology** - 3 pm, Join park staff to learn all about owls, their awesome adaptations, ecology and their calls. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.

• **The Rooster's Wife** - 6:45 pm, doors open at 6 pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. Music guest tonight is *Tom Maxwell, and Walter Strauss*. Buy tickets on line or at the door. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, [www.theroosterswife.org](http://www.theroosterswife.org) (910) 944-7502.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

• **Weight Watchers Meeting** - 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

• **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.

• **Carolina Philharmonic** - 7 pm, "Moonlight" David Michael Wolff in Recital at Sandhills Community College Owens Auditorium. Tickets: \$25/general, \$40/preferred, \$10 students. 910-603-0444 [www.carolinaphil.org](http://www.carolinaphil.org)

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

• **SL Chapel In The Pines Lunch Bunch** - 12 pm, in The Pines Joralemon Fellowship Hall. No cost. Reservations appreciated. Chapel will provide soup, sandwiches, drink and

desert. Rev. Dudley Crawford (retired) will present a travelog on "Recent Adventures In Eastern Europe." Reservation for lunch and if transportation is needed call Fran Stark 673-5493.

• **West End United Methodist Church Fellowship Meal** - 6 pm, members of West End United Methodist Church will meet and enjoy a special Chili and Cornbread Meal. Church and community members are invited.

• **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** - 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.

• **Welcome Home Bible Study** - 7 pm, West End United Methodist Church. Meet in the WEUMC Fellowship Hall.

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where a storage building is located near the back of the boat yard.

"It would help get rid of all these little boundaries," he said, explaining that the building had to be slightly shifted because of property line setbacks.

The Board also approved the fees required for the survey work necessary to support the lot combination.

## Nominees sought

An "open casting call" has been online at the community website for nominations to the SLWLA Board, reported Communications Director Sessler, and the Nominating Committee will meet with identified individuals in the next few weeks.

"We are still asking for more volunteers," she said, noting that the Nominating Committee is interested in identifying both prospective Board members and committee members willing to assist behind the scenes.

In particular, the Architectural Review Committee is in need of additional members.

## Upcoming events

Presenting a substantial list of upcoming community events, Director Rosemary Weber noted the Summer ended with a nice flourish, as The Musicians entertained the crowd with a jazz performance to conclude the Summer Concert Series at Johnson Point.

On Saturday, October 13, an open sign up event will be held for the new Yellow Dot safety program at the Westside Park Activity Room, from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon.

On Saturday, October 20, the Octoberfest party will feature a Bavarian brass band, German food, keg beer and also a beer-tasting event, monogrammed beer mugs, and more. Tickets are \$17 per person, available at the Community Center, and seating is limited.

A Saturday, October 27, Halloween Trunk or Treat party, including pumpkin picking and other kid-friendly

events, is schedule from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at West Side Park.

Other upcoming events include a second offering of the popular Concealed Weapon Carry Permit Course, to be held November 10 and November 17 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, at the Community Center. Cost is \$80.

Also in November, the community gates will be decorated on Friday, November 16, and the Westside Park Community Center will be decorated on Saturday, November 17. Volunteers are needed.

## Lake & Dam

Thanking the community for their patience, Director Bruce Keyser, Sr. reported that sheet pile work is now complete at Pond Dam 3, so the roadway will be less obstructed as work continues on the downside and pond face at that location.

"Rain has delayed progress a little bit, but we are pretty much on schedule to finish in the next six to seven weeks," Keyser said.

Recent cold weather has hurried along the end of boating season, Keyser reported, noting that Chatlee Marine and Seven Lakes Marine have mechanics available on October weekends at Johnson

Point for any needed service work.

"You can contact them for an appointment at quite a bit of savings," he said.

## Walking trail discussion

A proposal by a resident to include a walking trail as part of Carriage Park dam remediation efforts prompted a far-ranging conversation on walking trails and how those relate to long range planning and, ultimately, a vision for the community's future.

Noting that a community-wide walking trail project has not been approved, Legal Director Jack Stevens distributed the resident's request to Board members — a document which also contained data that was not made public.

He said the cost for a survey and construction plans for a walking trail at that location would run upwards of \$2,000 — not including construction — but explained he primarily was bringing up the issue as a launching point for discussion on whether similar trails should be included alongside other proposed infrastructure projects.

SLWLA President Mick Herdrich noted there was also a recommendation on the

table for a proposed walking trail from the new mailhouse to the Westside Park Community Center and that, if finances allowed, he preferred adding a trail there instead of another location.

Director Pierman agreed and said he also was in favor of adding a pedestrian trail from Longleaf Drive to the new mailhouse.

"A walking path is a good idea; but, when you are in the middle of a construction event like now, there is no way to incorporate it into construction without redoing drawings and additional engi-

neering work," said Pierman. "I think it [approval of walking path at Carriage Park] would put the current project in jeopardy."

SLWLA Treasurer Don Freiert also said he favored walking trails but cautioned the Board that they must look at the bigger picture.

"Where does it connect, and where does it lead you too?" he asked.

Freiert suggested the Long Range Planning Committee should outline a plan for how a mailhouse walking trail would connect with Westside

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# Westside work session

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Park.

“My view, is let’s bring all that together and see where the pieces line up,” he said. “Then we have the appropriate backing to get it planned for.”

Director Stevens said the walking trail discussion was just one good opportunity, but that there were others that have come up before and been cast aside due to lack of funding. He cautioned that there would be more in the future.

“In my mind, we need to start,” he said. “We can’t continue to let these opportunities go by the wayside because we haven’t set aside funding. I suggest we need a long range vision in planning.”

During member comments, Dale Erickson expanded on Stevens comment.

“A walking path is one thing [at the mailhouse location]. One step above that is a walking path throughout the community. One step above that is long range planning, and above that is the one word that I am going to harp on again: vision,” said Erickson. “We talked about this before. It is impossible to develop a long range plan, if you don’t have a vision of what you want to attain.”

Erickson encouraged the Board to set aside some funding in the upcoming budget to develop a vision plan.

“It may not be the entire \$40,000 to \$50,000 plan we discussed before, but a vision is required. It is absolutely necessary if you want to have viable long range planning projects and a walking path.”

## Other business

In other business during the Tuesday, October 9 Work Session, the SLWLA Board:

- Heard a request from Barbara Lewis to prune an unkempt lot on her cul-de-sac. She explained that she has cared for the property personally or neighbors have contributed funding to hire a contractor, but that it was not their responsibility. Instead, she told the Board it was not too

much to ask to have a community maintenance crew attend the area once a year.

- Heard from Director Dan Blue that is heartened to see activity increasing with the Architectural Review Committee, including a net increase of three new residential projects and two new home construction plans in the approval process.
- As a result of Ed Cockman’s appointment to the Board of Directors, the

Judicial Committee is seeking a new alternate member. Nominations are being accepted.

- Community Manager Jeanette Mendence reported the pool is closed for the season. Some pool furniture has been sent out for repairs and a resident has volunteered to repair broken shade umbrellas. In addition, she thanked Betty Milligan for her beautification efforts with planting mums at the mailhouse.

## Chapel Rummage Sale

The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines Annual Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, October 20, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Old West End Gym.

Donations will be accepted on Thursday, October 18

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# It's Fall – Just ask Biscuit

The days have grown cool and crisp and there is a pumpkin on my porch.

That means two good things have occurred: it is finally Fall, and I am wearing my preferred wardrobe of head-to-toe wool and fleece.

Sadly, the change of seasons has also harkened a bad thing: my dog's arthritis is acting up.

When they say growing old isn't for sissies, I don't think they meant dogs because it's clear that "Biscuit the Wonder Hound" never got the memo.

She hurts, and she isn't afraid to let me know that she is miserable. My shedding

speed bump of a pooch is more like a fur-backed puddle this morning. Snout pressed firmly to her window side bed, she is not moving even for a tasty kibble.

I have decided that Biscuit is most definitely not from the noble British line of Labrador retriever dogs. Her slack upper lip reveals a much more mundane and domestic heritage.

But there is a fate worse than having a dog with swollen joints: three chilled house cats. Well, "house cats" meaning that this trio is usually found in front of said dwelling waiting for the magic

food bowl to refill.

These, my own personal, living lion statuary, also offered commentary on the



## Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

shift in weather by abandoning their standard post in favor of my cozy bedspread.

Not that I blame them. It's a good bedspread!

Antique white chenille, I

bought it years ago because it reminded me of Andrew Wyeth's famous watercolor, "Master Bedroom." Simple with wintery

hues, his painting of a stark room is warmed by the addition of a Yellow Lab curled in

sleep.

Biscuit is a time-traveling clone of the dog in Wyeth's portrait, which, I've heard, was named because he complained that a dog will always

take over and become the master of the house.

I love this work of art for it speaks my heart; but, today, I had a good laugh at its expense. For there above my bed hangs my very own reproduction copy, and underneath, the dog is notably absent. In her place, curled ever so neatly on my antique chenille bedspread are three slumbering cats.

Amused, I had to suppress the urge to crayon in a few kitties on my print so I could say without irony that art was imitating life in my house, instead of the other way around.

# Afflicting the comfortable?

**Question:** Don't you think preachers should preach sermons that comfort people? Last week was a particularly hard week for me, and I went to my church seeking peace and comfort. What I got was loud organ music, hymns I didn't know, and a sermon about money and missions. I went away feeling that I got nothing from the service.

**Response:** I'm sorry that the service at your church last week didn't meet your needs. One thing I have dis-

covered over many years of preaching is that I cannot meet the spiritual needs of every congregant every Sunday.

During the week, each worshiper lives in a separate world with multiple experiences that affect each person differently. One hour each week in worship, all of these worlds collide, as scores of men and women of various ages come together.

Years ago, as a Divinity student, I was instructed

that my job as a preacher was to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.

While that sounds like a trite cliché, it is usually what happens in most churches every Sunday.

I have never read in the scriptures that worship should be a therapy session. I know that Jesus said: "Come unto me, all ye who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." Many people have found comfort in that promise, but

is that the purpose of worshipping God?

Do we follow Jesus in order to find out what he is going to do for us, or do we seek



## Ask the 'Rev'

Rev. Don Welch

him to ask what he wants us to do for others? When your minister preached about money and missions, wasn't he afflicting the comfortable in order to free them from self-centeredness and open their lives to the joy of generosity and stewardship?

When I leave any worship service saying "I didn't get anything out of it", I have fallen into the trap of believing that worship is about me rather than about God.

I have spent as many years on the pew side of the chancel rail as I have in the pulpit. When I have gone to church with an open mind and an open heart, I have never failed to discover God's presence

in a hymn, an anthem, a verse of scripture, or a prayer.

Many times I have been comforted in an hour of need, but my most memorable and meaningful and hours of worship have come when I have been shaken out of my self and transformed into a more

faithful follower of Jesus in ministry to others.

In my youth, I learned a hymn that I have never forgotten. C.D. Meigs wrote these words: "Lord, help me live from day to day in such a self-forgetful way, that even when I kneel to pray, my prayer shall be for others."

What would happen to us if we, on entering church, silently prayed: "Lord, this is not about me, it's about God"?

*Don Welch, the minister at the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines welcomes your comments and questions at: [dwelch1@nc.rr.com](mailto:dwelch1@nc.rr.com)*

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# Wonderful 1st Amendment

After watching the Presidential Debate on Wednesday evening, I was moved with the realization that thousands of people have sacrificed their lives in our nation's short history so that these two men with very different views could openly debate.

I couldn't help but be proud of our nation as I watched Governor Romney and President Obama respectfully disagree. Each candidate has vastly different ideas of how the country should be run, but each has the right to proclaim his views. They can do that because, at the infancy of our country, our forefathers had enough insight to implement a wonderful addition to the Constitution known as the "First Amendment."

It seems that recently, many leaders from around the world would disagree with our first amendment rights.

Last week at the UN summit, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Egyptian president and member of the Muslim brotherhood, Mohammed Morsi, thought it appropriate to lecture the UN about how foolish our First Amendment rights are. It was clearly an attempt to blame the terrorist attacks against US Consulate in Libya on free speech.

I found it ironic coming from leaders of countries who implement and enforce sharia law. What a joke!

The first amendment is not culpable for the attacks — terrorists are, evil people are.

### Fall Festival

The West End United Methodist Church will have a Fall Festival on Sunday, October 28, from 5:30 – 7 pm, at the West End Scout Lodge (3164 Carthage Road – just outside Seven Lakes).

There will be games, crafts, bingo and a cake walk, and also serving Hot Dogs. Everyone is invited to attend this time of fun and fellowship.

One of the very things that make us great is that we can disagree. We have the right to peaceably contend for our views, no matter how different they may be. Rather than apologizing for the different



## Bound by Grace

Rev. Chris Hrabosky

views and how people in America express those views, we should celebrate the fact that we can disagree and we are legally allowed to voice our beliefs.

How terrible it must be to live in a place where you are not allowed to express what you believe for fear that it might offend someone, and worse, you may have to be publicly disciplined for believing something that is contrary to what your government may think.

Above that, as citizens of this nation, we have the right and privilege and civic duty to vote for the candidate for whom we think will lead our country in the right direction.

In a day where political views seem to divide our country, let us remember that one of the best things about America is that you and I have the right to disagree and debate. Rather than allowing our difference of opinion to divide us, we should celebrate that freedom.

You have the right to think any way that you like and I have the right to try to change your mind, and you have the right to try to change my mind. After all, you can be wrong if you want to disagree with me!

God Bless our First Amendment, and God bless America!

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# O'Reilly? What about that loudmouth Matthews?

Dear Editor:

I read with shocking surprise your editorial in 'Digging Deeper' on the future of Seven Lakes.

Up to now, I thought that you gave your readers an unbiased view on many diversified topics. However, I was disappointed in you for singling out Mr. O'Reilly as one who shouts down whomever he disagrees with. To be fair, you should have at the very least included a commentator from the left

side of the aisle. If one wishes to be overwhelmed with the most obnoxious personality on TV, you might have selected the screamer Chris Matthews of Hardball on MSNBC. I would rather be subjected to lapidation than be interviewed by that crazy man.

Of course, that's my opinion and you are entitled to yours, but as owner/editor, I would expect just the facts pure and simple, with your personal political or religious

beliefs kept out of *The Seven Lakes Times*. As Sgt. Joe Friday would say, "just the facts, please."

Oh, just in case anyone is interested in my opinion, I vote "No" to incorporation. I do not want more government, higher taxes, municipalities, etc. We moved here for that good old country feeling and want to keep it that way.

All that aside, I assure you I have no enmity toward you or *The Times*. I still look for-

ward to, and read every issue. That's more than I can say for *The Pilot*.

I remain,

An avid and loyal reader,  
Bob Kieling  
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## Thank you

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

Words alone can not express my sincere gratitude for the many cards, emails, calls and prayers I received on the death of my brother Arno Gemmerich who recently passed way in Germany.

On behalf of my entire family I wish to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart.

Marijola (Gemmerich)  
Farley  
Seven Lakes North

# Thanks to Seven Lakes for supporting Prancing Horse

Dear Editor:

I'd like to give a shout-out to the Seven Lakes Community for its support of Prancing Horse Therapeutic riding. I've had the pleasure of volunteering (along with one of my horses!) with Prancing Horse at McLendon Hills for the past few seasons.

My husband and I have also welcomed the opportunity to volunteer alongside many others in the community for the new classes being held at the Seven Lakes Stables on Wednesday mornings. It is especially meaningful because our daughter, Emily, and some of her classmates at Project Succeed at Sand-

hills Community College are the participants at Seven Lakes.

I also recognize several other Seven Lakes residents as participants. Our horses here are perfect mounts, the facility is outstanding, and the students are having a blast. Prancing Horse is a well-run, professional organization that has been certified as a Premier Accredited Center through the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International organization( [www.pathintl.org](http://www.pathintl.org) ).

I know the students at Project Succeed are thrilled with the new classes, and once

again the community spirit that thrives in Seven Lakes is spotlighted.

By the way, you don't need to know a thing about horses to volunteer and it only takes an hour or so a week. Sessions run each Spring and Fall. Volunteers are always heartily welcomed!

Sandy Corr  
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# SLLA Work Session

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tantly, equally controllable, Darr admitted. Guest passes at the stables and pool are closely tracked; however, guests using the beach recreation areas or Northside Park basketball courts and playground go unmonitored.

## Previous Guest Pass Plans Went Nowhere

Director Racine reminded Darr that the Recreation Committee had submitted two proposals earlier in the Summer to address guest pass use — and abuse — but both proposals were quickly shelved.

“I agree we have a problem, but I am reluctant to move forward unless there is a definite desire,” Racine said. “Twice we were beaten down by the crowd. We need to get on board if we’re going to do something, or not do it at all. If you want to address this issue, then address it. But don’t rip apart the plan every time a new suggestion comes in.”

Perfectly demonstrating the complexity of the issue, Northsider Bob Cook said he was in favor of a significant increase to the annual guest pass fee purchase cost, but opposed the suggestion that he may have to pay a separate fee for his grandchildren to use the pool or stables.

“See? This is where it always comes down to,” Director Don Fentzlaff said. “Is it a grandchild that wants to go on a pony ride or a repeat guest? Do we go back to a punch pass system? But that gets so burdensome. We

really have to be willing to say, a guest must pay this amount for the use of that.”

New Community Manager Ray Sohl also weighed in, suggesting the goal for the stables should be to make it self-sustaining and, more pointedly, that users — not all residents — should pay for the use of facilities.

“Why should the rest of the community pay for what others don’t use,” Sohl asked.

But Treasurer Meyer and Darr quickly put the brakes on that suggestion.

“I don’t think we can put the entire cost of amenities on those who use it,” Meyer said. “And, even if you don’t use an amenity yourself, the fact that it is here and the opportunity increases your home value.”

Darr said he did have a proposal in-hand from the new stables manager, Kate Pennington, that could make the stables more self-sufficient, but he did not elaborate on that plan. Instead, Darr said his primary concern was that, before he can ask the community for a dues

increase, he must be confident that every possible step to reduce costs has already been taken.

Zeroing in on the Board’s role, especially when an issue is heated, Northsider Chuck Stephenson argued it was their job to make the hard choices.

“The problem is the Board does not want to make community mad,” Stephenson said. “The community can vote on a dues increase, but not on a decision to increase fees,” he said. “That is why the Board has to make the decision. You have to listen to the community, but you also have to make a decision based on the best interest of the whole community, not just those who come to a meeting to complain.”

## Transition to CAS

Other than a few hiccups related to receipts, the transition of financial information from Talis Management to CAS has been smooth, Community Manager Sohl reported, adding that that income statements will be posted by

the end of the week.

In addition, new standardized reports for violations are ready for review by Architectural Review Board Director Don Fentzlaff and Community Standards Director Bob Racine.

“I want to make sure they see what they like to see; and, if not, we will tailor a report to their needs,” Sohl explained.

“Does that mean we can

start generating letters?” inquired SLLA President Darr. “And that we have all files as they relate to violations?”

Specifically, Darr raised concern over previously identified “repeat offenders” and that the Board had determined that such violators were to be fast-tracked in the system. For example, a property owner cited for parking a trailer in their driveway

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would not be given the standard grace period to correct the violation as a first-time offense.

Sohl said he would check the records to see if repeat violators could be sorted by address — but he was cautious about shortcutting the process.

“If the first violation was resolved, then you have to go through the process again, even if it is a separate violation of the same type,” he told Darr; however, Sohl agreed to take the matter up with legal counsel to further discuss repeat violations.

### Road striping anticipated

The price tag for road striping work is a bit higher than expected, President Darr reported, adding that he has made some adjustments to the proposed striping in areas of Shenandoah, Firetree, and Edgewater Drive.

Striping will be limited to road sections that would typically fall within a No Passing Zone, including inclines, curves, and dam causeways. Also, speed bumps located at Sequoia Dam and the entrance gates will also be cross-hatched with new striping paint.

“Striping will not be applied to straight areas of roads, Darr explained. “From a cost standpoint, it would be excessive.”

Community Manager Sohl cautioned that some straight-

aways could be difficult to navigate without striping, particularly at night, and also recommended that glass beads be installed along with striping paint. He said that addition would have a negligible cost.

In related discussion, SLLA Treasurer Meyer and Director Steve Ritter both noted that certain areas at the entrance gates that were not included in the recent repaving project were an aesthetic issue.

Ritter suggested that seal coating, which is much less costly than paving, would allow the areas to be color-matched, which would “sharpen up the look of the gates.”

Sohl agreed to seek an estimate for the work, but Darr reminded the Board that seal coating can only be used during warm weather and has a 24-hour drying period.

### Proposed capital projects

Roofing work will be underway shortly to re-shingle the North Clubhouse and install new metal roofing at the pool pump house and Sequoia Point pavilion.

Reporting on a request from Director Chuck Leach, Sohl said he was collecting estimates to reroof the Association’s administrative building.

“If we have all the buildings on the same schedule [roofing replacement], there may be some advantages with mobi-

lization costs,” he said.

Turning attention to the Southside gate house, Sohl said he had been in contact with two local, reputable contractors. Based on those discussions, a scope of work was detailed and requests for proposal have been issued. Anticipated work includes replacing some concrete areas with brick to prevent water from seeping under the wall, replacement of some cabinets, and installation of non-slip tiling.

“These fixes will make it safer and more attractive,” Sohl said, in addition to extending the lifespan of the physical structure.

In other discussion of security and the gatehouses, Sohl and Director Ritter offered several recommendations related to the cameras and barcode system. Items that are under active discussion for follow-up included relocating a camera at the South entrance; training the new Budd Group supervisor on how to operate and troubleshoot the barcode system; installing flexible nylon bolts on the gate arms, which would cause less damage to a vehicle and less cost to the Association if a vehicle is

accidentally struck.

President Darr encouraged Ritter and Sohl to investigate the tangle of wiring at the North gatehouse desk — some of it being related to the barcode system, with other wires no longer attached to any devices.

### Cameras and curfews may curb vandalism

President Darr said the

addition of a new Budd Group supervisor has strengthened security — a thought echoed by Sohl, who described him as “one sharp guy” with good people skills and “the right man for the job.”

But Darr said he remains concerned about ongoing petty vandalism. “It is primarily concentrated at the

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pool and pavilions here [Northside Park],” he said, “and most of the vandalism happens after dark. I think it is an issue we ought to address as it relates to park hours.”

Specifically, Darr made the case that closing the park areas earlier in the evening, perhaps at 9:00 pm instead of 11:00 pm, could be beneficial.

“I am conflicted with relocating the thugs,” he added. “If we shut down the park, they may just go somewhere else.”

An alternative solution may be the installation of motion-sensitive infrared cameras at common areas. These would be remotely connected to alarm at the gatehouse when they pick up any after-hours activity.

Director Ritter said the close proximity of the park, pool, and common buildings would make the use of infrared cameras less expensive and less complicated. A buried wire would send real time feed to the gatehouse, if the cameras were tripped.

Community Manager Sohl argued that a camera detecting motion and sending an alarm would establish a lot more security in those areas.

“We have all kinds of issues. It is not as easy as just put up a camera and saying it’s fixed,” cautioned Ritter.

Director Meyer noted that the next logical place for such technology would be Sequoia Point, but Sohl cautioned the area is much larger and costs could be prohibitive.

Darr said his goal is to resolve the vandalism problem, not just chase it somewhere else in the community.

“If we have vandalism, there are things we can do [legally] if we can identify them,” he said. “Documentation or camera footage could be used to prosecute.”

Sohl agreed, and said that any destruction of property should be dealt with legally.

“When it comes to community property, there is

only one call to be made, and that is to the Sheriff,” he said.

## Seeking Board candidates

One advantage of political

turmoil in a community is that it generates a lot of interest in serving the Board. Unfortunately for the newly-forming SLLA Nominating Committee, while the Direc-

tors workloads have been heavy this year, much of the political furor of past years has settled down.

Next March, four seats, representing the majority of

the SLLA Board will be up for election. And the team is already short one member, with the recent resignation of former Director Dave Buck-  
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ingham.

"Either because we have done a good job or whatever, there seems to be no great interest in running," said Darr. "I am concerned about the potential of five vacancies."

Of the four director's seats up for election, only Director Bob Racine announced he would run again; Darr, Meyer, and Fentzlauff all stated that they were undecided at this time.

Director Steve Ritter volunteered to head up the Nominating Committee and Darr opened the floor for suggestions on recruitment strategies.

Going around the room, recommendations include setting up an information table with scheduled hours at the mailhouses and also at any community-wide events, such as the upcoming Halloween Party. In addition, a flyer that includes information on Board service and SLLA committees will be distributed.

"We are often limited at what we can get done by committees, because they have a limited number of members," noted Meyer. "Without that kind of support,

stuff doesn't get done. We do need people to step up and volunteer."

One big change moving forward with the Board, Darr said, is the anticipated workload.

"I have pleasantly found, with our new management, that a lot of stuff we [Board] dealt with before is being taken care of," he said. "So the appeal of the job is that what we may have done before is not as large now."

Darr also noted that not every committee needs to meet on a monthly basis.

"As we look forward, there will be less of a time commitment for Board members and committees, and we need to make that known," he said. "Some have backed out of interest in this job because of the workload, but I am convinced that it is less."

Meyer agreed.

"I second that!" he said. "I have already seen a dramatic reduction in my time, and I expect it to go down even further — to a level one would expect for a volunteer position."

Other ideas for drumming up candidates briefly discussed included revising the rules to allow long-term renters to run for office and

reducing the number of directors from seven to five.

## Authority to dissolve or create advisory committees

Looking to limit the power of the SLLA President as it relates to committees, Director Racine recommended a change in policy.

"When the Board changed direction a year and a half ago, there were few advisory committees at that time," he said. "We have since established many, and I think they are very important."

Suggesting a revision to the Bylaws, Racine noted current rules allow advisory committees to be created at the pleasure of the SLLA President. He argued that, once established, they should

only be dissolved by a majority vote of the Board.

"We are headed in the right direction," Racine said. "I don't want to see someone come in and have one person, the President, have the authority to dissolve these committees."

## Payment plans may be restricted

Once a rarity, dues payment plans have increasingly gained popularity in the community as the economy has slogged along with little improvement.

Community Manager Sohl argued that rules should be tightened up to only allow payment plans for a reduced period each year, and that reasons for granting the priv-

ilege should also be restricted.


"They should not be arbitrarily granted," he said, suggesting a justifiable reason would be a hardship issue.

He also noted that CAS typically restricts payment plans to a three-month period. If the property owner fails to meet set terms, the remaining balance is due in full and delinquent accounts are turned over for collection.

Treasurer Meyer agreed that many more property owners are using the payment plan option, with some paying on a quarterly basis, others monthly.

"He is right," Meyer said. "If you look at registration and billing, it is very com-

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plicated — and we have people on these payment plans. The majority of our owners pay in one lump sum, but we also have to manage all these others — and there are many different ways to pay. We are very flexible for members, but this is not the majority [those on payment plans], and it is creating a lot of extra work.”

Meyer’s speculated that the twelve percent interest fee

attached to payment plans is not recouping the cost of administering them.

“We have to balance this out with the community’s needs,” Meyer said. “We need people to understand we may be headed in a direction that may not give them as many options as we have now.”

## Other business

In other business during the October 8 Work Session, the SLLA Board:

- Accepted the resignation of one member of the ARB and heard from Fentzlauff that he is seeking one more member, though the committee does currently meet the required five member minimum.
- Heard from Treasurer Meyer that he has received the FY 2011 audit and that it will be reviewed by the Finance Committee. Other proposed documents under review by the Finance Committee include a standard retention policy table that will define categories of files and storage requirements for each; a revised collection policy provided by CAS, which includes a recommendation to limit dues payment plan options; and a standard contract template that lays out all pertinent details that should be included in such documents.
- Heard from Sohl that Occupational Health and Safety Administration [OSHA] rules may not apply to the Association. In recent years, concerns over potential occupational and safety hazard violations have been problematic for the Asso-

ciation, particularly for routine maintenance tasks when ladders are required. “There are rules, and they are prudent to follow; but, generally, they would not be required for an Association,” Sohl said. He noted that he would follow up with legal counsel to ensure his information was correct.

- Approved changes to the upcoming meeting dates for October and November to avoid conflicts with holidays. The next Open Meeting was moved to Wednesday, October 24. The next Work Session will be held on Monday, November 5, and will be followed by the Open Meeting on Wednesday, November 14.

day, November 14.

- Called a Closed Session immediately following the meeting to discuss legal issues, which, according to the published agenda, and update from the Association’s attorney on negotiations with Seven lakes Country Club.

# Commissioners

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- Commissioner Nick Picerno requested that Planning Director Debra Ensminger update the Board on the progress of the Land Use Plan Steering Committee.
- The Board accepted the Moore County Library’s Annual Report.
- Employee service awards for the month were presented.
- County Attorney John Maxwell will temporarily replace County Attorney Misty Leland.
- Chairman Larry Caddell

was absent from Tuesday’s meeting.

## Appointments

The Board approved the following appointments during their Tuesday, October 2 meeting:

- Judith Krall to the Sandhills Center for Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities/Substance Abuse Services.
- Dr. James Watson as the Moore County Animal Cruelty Officer.
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