

## SLLA may drop pool lifeguards

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter



Should the swimming pool in Seven Lakes North continue to have lifeguards and a diving board?

That was the contentious issue the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors dove into during their Work Session on Monday, January 14 — and are expected to vote on during the January 30 Open Meeting.

Manager Ray Sohl and sev-

eral board members argued that eliminating lifeguards could save money and reduce liability. Other Directors felt that providing lifeguards at the pool was not only the expectation of residents, but also the responsibility of the SLLA.

### How much would be saved?

How much would be saved by dropping lifeguards appears to depend on exactly who — or what — replaces them.

SLLA Manager Ray Sohl  
(See "Lifeguards," p. 28)

## Events spending raises hackles

by Stacy Naughton  
Times Reporter



Tensions ran high during the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association's [SLWLA] Tuesday, January 22 work session, with the budget and spending controls at the center of the debate.

Events Director Rosemary Weber defended the Recreation budget, taking full

responsibility for \$1200 that was spent but not budgeted for the year.

"The Events Committee works extremely hard to provide the best events and activities for this community," said Weber. "They should be commended for their efforts and not criticized by anyone."

During the last SLWLA work session some Directors asked that the Events budget

(See "Westside," p. 18)

## On patrol in Foxfire Village



Sgt. Chad Shue with his three year old daughter Madison Shue and his new K9 partner 'Bu' of the Foxfire Police Department.

## County realigns Animal Center

by Stacy Naughton  
Times Reporter



After years of working under the supervision of the Health Department, the Animal Center of Moore County will become a stand-alone department, "Animal Operations," setting them on the path to becoming a "no kill" shelter.

During their Tuesday, January 15 meeting the Moore County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a request by the Citizens' Pet Responsibility Committee, with the support of Commissioner Jimmy Melton, to remove the Animal Center from the Department of Health.

The Center will now operate independently, reporting directly to the County Manager. A twelve-member com-

mittee will serve in an advisory capacity.

The twelve members of the newly-approved advisory committee attended Tuesday's meeting. They include veterinarians, a liaison from the military, representatives of various County departments, and other County residents.

Commissioner Melton will also serve on the twelve member advisory board.

Angela Zumwalt, of the Pet Responsibility Committee, who presented the request to the Commissioners, said she wanted the County's Animal Center to mirror the success achieved in Orange County.

Currently, Orange County adopts out seventy percent of its animals, while Moore County only adopts out twenty-nine percent.

Commissioner Melton told

*The Times*: "Our goal is to become a no kill facility." Currently, the Animal Center has to euthanize seventy-five percent of the animals it takes in.

Moving the Animal Center from the Health Department and creating the new advisory board will not result in an increase to the County's budget, explained Chairman Nick Picerno. Funding for the Animal Center that is currently part of the Health Department budget will be moved into a new Animal Operations department.

More than thirty people attended Tuesday night's meeting in support of funding the Animal Center separately from the Health Department.

"I've never seen such dedicated people," said Melton. "It's a great thing that the Pet Responsibility Committee

(See "Animal," p. 20)

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## Family course on mental illness

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Moore County is offering their signature 11-session Family-to-Family Course FREE to family members of close relatives with mental illness.

The course will begin Saturday, February 16, and will be held every Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 9 pm for six weeks, ending March 23.

This course will be held in a classroom courtesy of First Baptist Church of Southern Pines located on the corner of Ashe and New York Avenue, Southern Pines.

Attendees will learn of all current information about the severe and persistent mental illnesses, up-to-date information about medications, and current research. They will also gain empathy by understanding the subject, lived experiences of a person with a mental illness while learning in special workshops about problem solving, listening, and communication techniques.

Attendees will be given strategies for handling crises and relapse, all the while learning how to cope with the worry, stress, and emotional overload of being a

caregiver. They will also be given guidance on locating appropriate support and services within our community, and information on advocacy initiatives designed to improve and expand services.

This educational course is free with limited enrollment. Interested parties must pre-register by calling 910-246-6231 to register and/or for more information.

For more details, check out NAMI-Moore County website - <http://www.nami-moorecounty.org>

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25	26 Tomato Basil Soup ♥ Broccoli Manicotti Dinner ♥	27 Chicken Florentine Soup Herb-Roasted Turkey Dinner	28 Beef Vegetable Soup ♥ Lemon Shrimp Oriental Dinner ♥	March 1 New England Clam Chowder Beef Burgundy Dinner

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# Position of boat lift sparks SLLA debate

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter



When they received a permit from the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] to install a mobile lift to house their boat, Jack and Sue Wheeler thought that they had covered every base.

Due to a drop in the water level of Lake Sequoia, it was necessary to place the lift at the end of their dock. And that's when the trouble started.

Upon inspecting the installation, the Architectural Review Board [ARB] found the apparatus in violation, because it extended into the lake beyond the twenty foot limit prescribed in the Rules and Regulations.

The Wheelers could park their boat at the end of the dock, but they could not have

the lift there, they were told. Mr. Wheeler told the SLLA Directors, during their Monday, January 14 Work Session that the apparatus is no bigger than the boat and would protect it during storms.

"I guess I am not sure why it was denied," Mrs. Wheeler said. "Boats are to be parked at the end of dock — the only thing is different is we have a lift there, so the footprint is the same. We would like to have it [the boat] secured, so that it doesn't get damaged. I am not sure what the reasoning is."

The reasoning, according to Lakes & Dams Director Don Fentzlaff is that: "It specifies in regulations that no structure is to go beyond twenty feet of the shore, that is not easily movable. The Architectural Review Board (ARB) felt that this was a

bad precedent to set. There was additional discussion with The Dams and Lakes Committee, and they agreed. The twenty-foot restriction is for structures."

"The original application

had to do with placing it next to the dock," Fentzlaff explained, "and that was approved. Then, upon you trying to do that particular thing, there was not enough water depth and so you sub-

sequently moved it to the end of the dock without approval to do so."

Seeking clarity, Director Steve Ritter asked: "What is the purpose of this rule?"

(See "SLLA," p. 12)

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# Seven Lakes couple plan park in the Village

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter

Walking the sandy lane beside a rail fence, Tammi Smith sees beyond the pasture, the friendly horses, and the shimmering pines boughs brushing the blue sky horizon. She sees a future with children chasing soccer balls, teenagers swinging lacrosse sticks, and a community watching from the sidelines. She sees her own children still young enough to enjoy, play, and grow up on the field.

Tammi and Steve Smith took a portion of their life savings to fund that dream. Their family project is a ten-acre athletic park located in the heart of Seven Lakes — just off MacDougall Drive, across from the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines Cemetery. The athletic field will provide a venue welcoming players and teams through out the county. The Smith's reward will come in not having to

drive to another town to watch their kids play sports — and in contributing to the community in which their family lives.

The Smiths moved from Florida to Seven Lakes in May 2004. They are both

nurses at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Sitting around their dining room table, Steve and Tammi say that they have struggled to come up with a simple explanation of why they used a portion of their retirement

money to build an athletic park named "Synergy."

"We chose the name, because 'synergy' means working together," said Tammi.

"We moved from an area that had a lot of community activities to a place that's pretty isolated," she explained. "We have to drive thirty minutes to get anywhere. As the community grew, we saw more need in this area and in this part of the county. Finding a place for sport and community activities has always been an obstacle."

Putting pen to paper to explain the project, they came up with this explanation of Synergy:

"After several years of transporting our kids to neighboring sporting events, we began to recognize how those activities seemed to provide opportunity for family recreation and how it encouraged community building. That those programs

and services provided by neighboring parks and recreations departments were creating opportunities to link individuals, neighborhoods, and communities in a socially beneficial way.

So we decided to create a park and provide events that encourage a sense of cohesion; unity, belonging and appreciation for the Seven Lakes area. We feel that communities that invest in recreation create a greater opportunity for personal, social, and community enrichment.

We will be establishing a nonprofit association called, "Friends of the Park." This association will evolve from a group of volunteers to a board that reaches out for donations and grant monies to support the development and maintenance of the park and to host community events."

The Smiths are encouraging anyone who might want to

(See "Park," p. 15)



Tammi & Steve Smith are planning a ten acre park with athletic fields in Seven Lakes Village.

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# James is a 'quilter's quilter'

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter

The needle meets the fabric, stitching a pathway of white thread on white cloth. The faint lines create soft plumes of feathers, flowers, and geometric shapes.

Linda James' passion is the actual work of quilting. She glides her long arm quilter freehand over the blank canvas, and stitches a fluid tapestry.

Usable Art is what she creates.

"The wonderful thing about quilts is, you not only pass on a part of yourself," James said, "but it warms the heart and the body."

An old quilt and oil lamp still warm James' heart. The quilt was made long before she was born stitched by her mother and great-grandmother in the light of the oil lamp. That family quilt lit a small flame in James, but it would be years before she could fan the flame.

"If you would have said I was creative, while I was raising my kids," she said, "I would have replied that there's not a creative bone in my body." Her creativity blossomed after the kids left to pursue their own lives, after she and her husband Craig had relocated from Fox-fire to Charlotte, after they retired and roamed the coun-

try in an RV, after they had returned to Pinehurst to care for Linda's mother, after they sold their RV and moved to Seven Lakes — with a room big enough to house a long arm quilter.

In the past seven years, Linda James has warmed countless hearts. She has found her passion, invested in it, mastered it, created a source of income, and shared it. She has averaged creating ten quilts a year of her own, and has quilted six times



James' quilts have won many ribbons.

that many for others.

Technically, "quilting" is the process of sewing the quilt top to the bottom. Between the layers is sandwiched cotton batting. Quilting creates the small pillows

that give a quilt its warmth and cushion — yet the quilting itself is often considered the drudgery of quilt making. So many quilt makers bring their pieced tops to James and pay her to quilt them.

James has turned quilting into hi-tech art. Her long arm quilting machine is intimidating. At first glance, you might think the machine is doing all the work until you try it out for yourself. James free-hands and free-minds the guide bar, creating plumes, fleur-de-lis, intricate designs that bring balance and harmony to the quilt.

"It's free-handed just like moving a pencil across the paper. Just like sketching," explained James.

To illustrate how she works, she lays down a pattern and follows it with a laser. The long arm is loose and seems to have a mind of its own. But with James' soft touch she glides the laser smoothly, tracing the design. There are patterns and stencils but James most often works from neither. "My pencil is my needle," she said. "It just happens to be attached to a very large machine."

Locally, a group of quilters who have invested in long or mid arm quilters have formed a support group. "We meet once a month and call

(See "Quilter," p. 14)



Linda James with one of her creations.

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# Shaver on 'preparing loved ones for your death'

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter

You no longer have to just hope for the best, when planning for the worst.

Major General [RET] Manila G. (Bud) Shaver, Jr. has provided a "lifeline" for the grieving spouses and children left behind to pick up the pieces after a death.

That lifeline is a simple binder, containing all the information necessary to put the deceased persons affairs in order. Shaver led the seminar "Preparing Loved Ones for Your Death" on Thursday, January 17 at the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines.

Shaver updates his binder once a year. It is an act of love. Within it are not only Shaver's personal documents, last wishes, and list of contacts — but his eulogy and funeral service as well. A Bible verse from his eulogy — "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity" — might best explain Shaver's personal reasons for researching and creating the binder for his loved ones, and for sharing it with others in the community.

"During my lengthy lifetime, I have seen spouses have to

select a casket, burial place, and church all within twenty-four hours of losing their spouse," Shaver said. "I decided some time ago that I would not do that to my bride." Shaver and his wife Do retired to Seven Lakes in 1990.

Much of the information in Shaver's binder is simple, straightforward information. The question, when someone dies, is often the whereabouts of that simple, straightforward information.

How hard will your spouse have to dig to uncover your will, life insurance policy, or the location of your safety deposit box key?

Shaver's presentation also included lesser known requirements. For example, did you know that, when bequeathing specific gifts to a specific person, that bequest needs to be in your own handwriting?

Shaver approaches death with common sense, maturity, organization, foresight, and humor guided by his own personal life experiences.

"During one of my weekly calls to my daughter," he said, "I said that I would like to be buried the way I was born, naked without teeth. She said: Fine. But it will be

a closed casket."

"The first thing my wife has to do is to call the Army and say 'He ain't here anymore' and stop the checks," said Shaver. "If you don't, then you will have to return them." Shaver provided necessary information including local, military, state and federal forms, phone numbers, and web addresses.

Touching on the expense of a funeral, Shaver also advised thoughtful spending. "One does not have to purchase the casket from the mortuary," he explained. "A funeral home cannot refuse caskets purchased elsewhere — nor require you be there to accept delivery."

Shaver also advised practical restraint. "Caskets should be sensible," he said. "Remember, it's going to be put in the ground."

The last requests of the dying and deceased should also be honored, Shaver said. Taking the time to prepare

An Advance Directive for a Natural Death reduces the strain on family members while providing that the wishes of the dying are respected.

"You also might consider a living will if you do not want your life to be prolonged by extraordinary measures," said Shaver. "If they try (family members or doctors) to do something different from my advance directive, my advance directive will override any of their decisions. You also have the right to revoke this advance directive."

Making known personal

wishes is also necessary, if they are to be carried out. Shaver experienced the sorrow of losing his daughter Elizabeth Lynn McCain two years ago. He has made known to his family, and has written that his desire is that her ashes be buried with him. All the information can be found in his binder.

Shaver provided a handout that provides a step by step outline: Location of Important Papers; Personal Data; Professional Assistants; Insurance Companies, Funeral Arrange-

(See "Shaver," p. 13)

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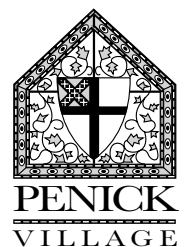
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# Committee reviews plan for Veterans' Park

by Stacy Naughton  
Times Reporter



The Moore County Veterans Memorial Advisory Committee has endorsed a landscape design that would help preserve the Moore County Veterans Memorial, by developing the land surrounding it into a public park.

During the Committee's Friday, January 11 meeting, member Carolyn Mealing presented the design, which includes walking trails, an amphitheater, additional parking, and restrooms.

While Committee members praised the concept, they decided that one or two additional designs will be needed before making a recommendation to the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

Southern Pines Landscape Architect Vince Zucchini developed the design pre-

sented by Mealing. He told the Committee that there are other design options for the Memorial and the area surrounding it.

Moore County Planning Director Robert Hayter praised Zucchini's work, but asked whether a different design might generate some cost savings.

Zucchini's design could cost as much as \$1 million. However, Mealing reminded the Committee that the County would not be liable for the cost of the project. Rather grants, donations, and fundraising efforts would be utilized to cover costs, explained Mealing.

The only thing that the County would have to pay for is maintenance and insurance costs — which the County already covers for the current Memorial site.

"It will be done in a step by step process," said Committee member Ruby Hendrick.

Mealing said Zucchini's design places the Memorial within a park that could be enjoyed not only by Veterans, but by all residents of Moore County and for various events.

One current problem with the Memorial, Mealing said, is that it does not have public restrooms, adequate parking, or any type of stage for larger events.

Zucchini's design meets all of those needs, she said.

"There isn't a family in Moore County that has not been touched by what Veterans have done for us," said Mealing. "The Veterans are a very important part of our citizenry in this County . . . This is our opportunity to show our appreciation, gratitude and respect."

During Friday's meeting, Raymond Doby, President of the original Moore County Veteran's Memorial Committee said he only became aware of Zucchini's design

on December 17, during a meeting of the Design Subcommittee of the Memorial Advisory Committee.

Doby asked why he was not involved in the design process.

Zucchini said he was asked to create a landscaping idea for the Memorial and the three adjoining acres at the beginning of December.

Doby was reminded by Hendrick that the original Moore County Veteran's Memorial Committee — including Doby himself — had unanimously approved Zucchini's design before it was presented on Friday.

Moore County Board of Commissioner Jimmy Melton,

who presided over Friday's meeting, recommended that the Design Subcommittee, under the leadership of Social Services Director John Benton, meet to discuss a second concept design.

"We are going to look at all avenues," said Melton. "This is just one concept."

Coming up with a second design concept may be tricky, since the Design Subcommittee has no budget to pay for it. Zucchini donated his time and design.

The Design Subcommittee will meet on January 28 at 9:30 am at the Department of Social Services in Carthage to begin the process of devel-

(See "Veterans," p. 13)

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# In memory of . . .

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No local services are planned.

Mr. Habicht was born in East Orange, NJ. After graduating from East Orange High School, he joined and served in the Merchant Marines for eleven years. His travels took him all over the world to many different ports. After completing his service, attaining the rank of First Officer, he started working at the Fireman's Insurance Company as a Loss Control Representative. He attended night school at the Newark Division of Rutgers University.

He later started working at the Hartford Insurance Company where he retired 21 years later as a Fire Protection Engineer. He continued his education in order to advance in his career.

He was a Free Mason and a member of the Raritan Valley Lodge in Somerville, NJ.

In 1992, the family moved to Seven Lakes, where they built their home. He purchased a sail boat called the Ghost and was an active member of the Seven Lakes Sail club as the desire to sail never left him. He was the first recipient of the "Nicky Award" for his dedication and service to the sail club.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Dolores; daughter Cindy, and son Jeffrey.

Memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorder Association at 3800 Sham-

rock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28215

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

**Mildred Yelton Commnaki**, 92, of Seven Lakes, the widow of Siverin P. Commnaki, died on Saturday, January 19.

Mrs. Commnaki was born and raised in Pensacola, NC and completed nursing school at Lees-McCrae College before joining the Army in World War II as a nurse. Her nursing career took her to England with the Army, and after she mustered out, she worked in New York City and then New Orleans, Louisiana. During her Army duty, she met her future husband when they were both stationed at Ft. Bragg. The family moved to Virginia Beach in 1954 and remained there until 1984, when they moved to Seven Lakes.

She is survived by her children, William Y. Commnaki, Lauritz P. Commnaki, John

S. Commnaki, Janet C. Lundin, and M. Louise Commnaki, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 4 pm on Saturday, January 26, at the Chapel in the Pines, 518 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. A reception will follow in the Chapel's social hall.

Memorial donations may be made to The Foundation of FirstHealth, Hospice and Palliative Care, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes is serving the family.

**Jerome (Jerry) Snee**, 75, of Seven Lakes died at home January 18.

A Funeral Mass was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pinehurst on Tuesday, January 22.

He was the son of Mary Pilcavage Snee and John Thomas Snee, of Edwardsville, Pennsylvania.

Born in his parents' home

and raised in coal country of northern Appalachia, Mr. Snee lived a rich life. He served two years in the U.S. Army in Korea and Fort Dix, NJ. Afterward, he attended Kings College and Bloomsburg State Teacher's College; later completing his master's degree at Hofstra University. He married Priscilla Luzetsky in 1962, they made their home in Sayville, Long Island, New York, where he had a long career as a reading teacher and they raised three children.

After retirement, they relocated to Seven Lakes. He and Mrs. Snee have been devout members of Sacred Heart Parish, Pinehurst, for eighteen years, where Mr. Snee also served as an Adorer.

He was also a Knight of

Columbus for over fifty years, serving both on LI at St Lawrence the Martyr and at Sacred Heart parishes. He enjoyed golfing and time spent in the company of his family, friends and doting dog, Monty.

Mr. Snee was preceded in death by his twin brother Charles John, brother John Allen, his parents, John and Mary Snee, and his in-laws Mary and Stephen Luzetsky.

Survivors include his wife Priscilla; children Karen (Bill Campbell), Jerry, Kathleen Murphy (James), his grandchildren, and his brother Eugene V. Snee.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to FirstHealth Hospice & Palliative Care, Pinehurst, 150

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Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

**Edwin "Poppy" Louis Thayer**, 85, of Seven Lakes, died Thursday, January 17, at the FirstHealth Hospice House, Pinehurst.

Mr. Thayer was born in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas son of the late Edwin J. Thayer and Ruth (Taylor) Thayer.

A grave side committal will

be held at a later date in Leavenworth National Cemetery in Kansas with full military honors.

Mr. Thayer served four years as a paratrooper in the Marine Corp during WWII. Following the war he attended the University of Houston where he majored in accounting. When he left Houston

University Mr. Thayer enlisted in the US Army serving as quartermaster and comptroller during the Vietnam War. His life was dedicated to serving his country and the freedom shared by all, it was important to him. He retired after twenty two years of service.

He was preceded in death

by his first wife, Hazel (Bodenhamer) Thayer; his second wife, Sherry (Barber) Thayer, son Donald Louis Thayer, and his sister Dorothy Thayer.

Mr. Thayer is survived by two daughters, Deborah Thayer of Vass and Gayle Olszanski of West End; three grandchildren; step-daughter, Cheryl Baxley of Diane, Texas, and three step-grandchildren.

Memorial donations can be made in memory of Edwin Thayer to FirstHealth Hospice and Palliative Care, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Boles Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

## Grace Church offers course on Jesus

Grace Church Seven Lakes will be offering an 8-week study entitled "Who is Jesus?"

The course is for anyone who would like to spend time learning more about Jesus as teacher, savior, lord, friend, king, judge, and more.

The study will be taught by various men and women who know and love Jesus; people who walk with Him in their ordinary lives. We'll meet on Tuesday nights from 7 pm – 8:30 pm beginning on Tuesday, February 5 at Grace Church, Seven Lakes (at Seven Lakes Plaza, off Highway 211, near the entrance to Seven Lakes West).

Many other topics will be covered including:

- Who did Jesus say that He is, and how do we know He told the truth?

- What does the Old Testament have to say about Jesus, and what do we know about Christ's existence before He was born in Bethlehem as baby Jesus?
- Did Jesus give up His divinity, or God nature, when He lived as Jesus on the earth? How is Jesus God if He is also a man?
- What did Jesus accomplish by dying on the cross, why

did it have to happen, and what difference does it make to me?

- How do we get to know Jesus after we give our life to Him, and what does He expect of us?
- Does recognizing Jesus as King conflict with His earthly ministry as the suffering servant?
- What does it mean to call Jesus Lord?
- How is Jesus a judge? Does

His role as judge conflict with His role as merciful Savior?

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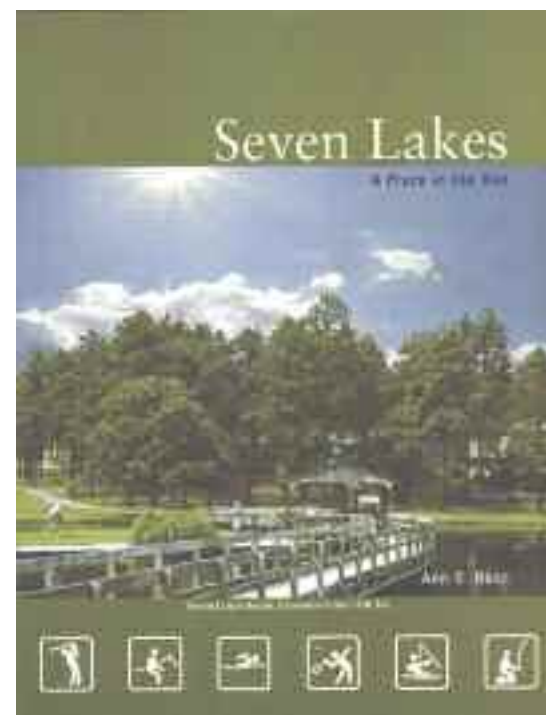
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Local yoga instructor Laura Christophersen has brought to the 7 Lakes Dance School and Shine Yoga in Olmsted Village her passion for keeping people of all ages and abilities in shape and in their game.



**Laura Christophersen**

In addition to instructing the dancers in private classes, Christophersen also offers two public classes at the Dance School on Mondays and Wednesdays. She also teaches at Shine Yoga on Sundays and will add a Thursday morning class beginning in February.

Christophersen discovered yoga after years of being a runner, cyclist, skier and all-around gym rat. Combined with 10 hour weekdays at an office desk, she developed

compression in her back resulting in excruciating pain. Once she found her way onto the yoga mat to ease physical discomfort, she discovered a myriad of other benefits within the practice including stress relief, better sleep, and faster recovery from training.

Twenty years later, she is a Yoga Alliance E-RYT (Experienced Registered Yoga Teacher) with over 1000 hours and five years teaching experience. She received her Yoga for Golfers certification in 2010 from the renowned Katherine Roberts, and her Yoga For Athletes certification from Sage Rountree in 2012. Christophersen is also certified in Yoga Warriors, a unique program for sufferers of PTSD. Her interest in and unique understanding of how various sports impact the body led her to launch Freebird Yoga, a fitness and flexibility-focused approach to instruction designed to enrich the experience of various sports and hobbies with min-

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cycling or even gardening, Freebird Yoga has a program to help get folks back in the game, and stay there! Visit

freebirdyoga.com for a current class schedule and locations, or call Laura at 917-225-4217 for more information.

## It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

West End resident L'Asia Jackson, a Girl Scout Cadette with Troop 1301, was the top cookie seller in Moore County last year, with over 1,300 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies sold.



**L'Asia Jackson**

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the biggest girl-led business in the world, generating \$790 million in annual sales. Girls sell over 200 million cookie packages a year to more than 50 million customers.

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In Moore County, Girl Scouts sold over 63,000 boxes last year, and the 2013 Cookie Sale is currently underway.

Local Girl Scout dad and

recently seated County Commissioner, Randy Saunders generously offered to step into the role filled by Gulistan Carpet for many years by donating the use of his Southern Pines-based warehouse and forklift crew to receive the initial delivery of thousands of cases of Girl Scout Cookies in late January.

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# Eco-friendly emphasis at Karen Simmons Designs

Karen Simmons Designs [KSD] is no stranger to eco-friendly merchandise.

The precious metals used in all of owner Karen Simmons-Milligan's fine jewelry creations are from recycled sources.

"During the busy Christmas season, I had customers who were searching for more artisan, eco-friendly items," she said, and that led to a search for artisans to fill that order.

During 2013, KSD will begin hosting a small boutique offering of made-in-America artisan gifts. Introduced in the first part of the year is Christina Jesson's Paper Dandelions, a line of

handmade paper stationery made from 100 percent post-consumer recycled paper. The unique artisan part comes from the fact that each piece of paper contains crushed wild flower seeds, so the paper can be planted after use to grow a little patch of wild flowers.

A specialty line of original hand painted silk scarves from Missouri artist Brenda Sipe will also be featured. Sipe's works are nature-inspired; and, during 2013, her scarves will be featured in specially designed nests for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

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Carolina husband and wife team, are purveyors of natural, handcrafted soap, lip balm, laundry detergent, and related products. Their doggie soap is wonderful! They use only certified organic oils, in their products, and minimal recycled packaging. Whispering Willow pays it forward by committing ten percent of their profits to local charities. Whispering Willow will be available in the KSD Studio by the end of January.

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Karen Simmons-Milligan of Karen Simmons Designs

## Social Media for Business

Sven Schaefer, of Seven Lakes' Tangram Media will teach a variety of social media platforms at Sandhills Community College in February.

These free seminars are available through the Small Business Center. Each seminar will be held from 6-9 pm on Mondays. Social Media Basics and Blogging will be on February 4, Pinterest will be on February 11 and YouTube on February 18.

Even though these are offered at no cost, the Small Business Center asks that participants pre-register a week prior to the day of the class. Please call (910) 695-

3980 to register.

The Sandhills Community College Small Business Center offers free seminars, counseling, assistance, resources, and networking opportunities for small business owners, employees, and prospective business owners. Small business owners and prospective owners may also receive free one-on-one counseling, assistance and referrals to appropriate agencies for further counseling.

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## SLLA Work Session

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"It has been the standard not to extend twenty feet into the lake beyond the lot, in order to maintain lake openness," Fentzlauff explained.

"If you are allowed to park a boat in that space," Ritter replied, "then why can't you have a structure there to park the boat in?"

### Does mobility matter?

The discussion then turned to the mobility of the Wheeler's boat lift. "The boat lift is not attached to the dock," Mr. Wheeler noted, "and it can be moved by two people."

Director Conrad Meyer agreed with Ritter: "I look at it as a portable item; and, if it needs to be moved, it could be moved. I can't imagine why anyone from the homeowners association would want to move it. It's not attached, but it's movable. It's in the grey area, but I think it's portable."

"If the lift is allowed will others be soon to follow?" asked President Darr. By accepting the Wheeler's lift, he warned, the Board may set a precedent that would allow structures ten feet long to be attached to a dock."

The board then debated portability versus structure and the definition of "easily movable." Community Manager Ray Sohl stated that the lift did, in fact, violate the rule. "The lift fits the definition of a structure, if it will not be removed within

a year," he said.

"It's not in a cove but out in the open area," Meyer argued. "I understand precedent — at least part of it — but if someone else wanted to put one in, then they have to go through us. If they don't we have to call them on it. The circumstances would determine each case."

Fearing repeated appeals, Fentzlauff said, "We will end up fighting this like we are now. It came up in November, and here we are in January still working on this."

A motion was made to decide whether or not the Wheelers could keep their lift, generating a four-to-two vote against allowing it.

With no comment to the Wheelers, President Darr said, "Moving on," and moved to the next agenda item.

### Liability concerns raised on NC Open Water Swim

Community Manager Sohl, during the Work Session, expressed concerns about the liability incurred by the SLLA in hosting The NC Open Water Championship on Lake Echo, and event that the Association has hosted for several years.

But Director Racine reminded Sohl that any concern should be channeled to the appropriate committee and discussed there before being brought to the full Board. The committee would then introduce it at the work session.

"In the past four years, this has always gone to recreation committee first and then to the work session," said Racine.

"I am in favor of the event," he added. "There was exposure there, and it was mitigated by insurance. It has been run excellently every year. I don't see why this year we should suddenly be worried about [liability] exposure. They [the organizers] are thorough, and experts are running it. It gives us a good exposure to the community. It's our public relations. It doesn't cost us anything, brings good will to the community, and puts the spotlight on Seven Lake."

"If we are not going to allow them to have their championship here — if there is going to be a change in the venue — we have to bring it up," said Director Meyer, who also noted that the water level is down in Lake Echo.

"This is something Ray and I will have to start talking about," said Director Fentzlauff. "Mother Nature is not being good to us. If we need to take water out of Sequoia and put it in to Lake Echo, we can. We will have to do that for residents any way."

Several board members questioned whether the issue needed to be expedited and go to the January Open Meet-

ing for a vote.

"That's putting the cart before the horse," said Racine. "If they are told in February, then that should be enough proper notice. It should go in proper order. We need to send it to Recreation first."

### Implementing Amenities Fees for Guests

Racine's concern about items not going through proper channels was tested again when President Darr presented a list of guest fees for the Board to consider and vote on at the next open meeting.

"One of the things I am going to be able to say, is we have done everything we could do to cut cost," Darr said, explaining the fee increases in light of a expected request for a dues increase.

"At least by taking an approach like this, we can say have done everything,

while maintaining the pools and stables," he added. "If we don't do this, then I don't think we can make that statement."

After much discussion over how to properly charge the fees, Racine said that he would take the list to the Recreation Committee's meeting on Wednesday, January 16, for review.

Racine then once again expressed his frustration about items not being channeled first to the appropriate committee.

"We were going to bring this up a month ago at the Recreation Committee, and I was asked not to because of a pending a dues increase," he said. "I was told that the board didn't want a dues increase and fee schedule increase at the same time. We did not discuss it further at that time."

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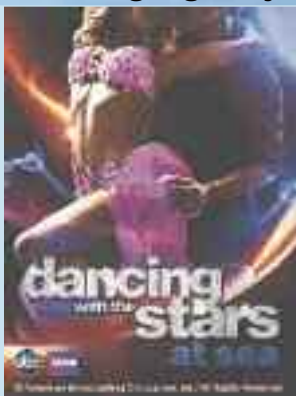
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### Limiting Debate at Open Meetings

The board discussed ways to streamline Open Meetings. "At the last open meeting there was a lot of fire going back and forth on what we were bringing to the table for discussion," said Darr.

After much debate, the Directors decided that the bulk of discussion would occur during their Work Sessions. Debate during Open

Meetings would be limited, unless there was new information between the work session and open meeting that needed to be considered.

The Board would continue to utilize Work Sessions to decide what would be voted on during the Open Meeting; the motion would then be written and a director assigned the task of making the motion during the Open Meeting.

### Petition Requirement Waived for Candidates

The Directors plan a one-year-only modification of the Bylaws that will waive the requirement that candidates filing by the January 30 Open Meeting present a petition with the signatures of fifty members.

The bylaws require the nominating committee to present candidates to the Board no later than the December Open Meeting;

however, that meeting came and went with no candidate stepping forward. Normally, candidates who come forward after that December meeting must file a petition to qualify. It is that requirement that the Board is waiving for this

year only.

There are five potential openings on the Board. President Darr told *The Times* that he expected several candidates would be announced at the January Open Meeting.

## Shaver

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ments; Pall Bearers; Obituary; Notify the following upon my death; and Additional Instructions.

Other necessary documents include: Durable Power of Attorney (if one spouse becomes unresponsive or incapacitated it gives the other spouse the power to make decisions); Health Care

Power of Attorney; Advance Directive for a Natural Death (Living Will) and Authorization for Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information (HIPPA).

Reverend Fran Stark, Minister of Visitation and Outreach at the Chapel in the Pines also encouraged the audience to make sure their wedding certificates were

updated. When her husband died, she was told that her original marriage certificate was antiquated. It was necessary for her to write New York State for an official marriage certificate.

It is Shaver's love for his wife and his desire to comfort her in her grief that is his inspiration. Shaver read a poem by John Kendrick Bangs, with the final lines "I never knew an hour so drear Love could not fill it full of cheer."

"What I have presented is my final act of love and what it entails," Shaver said. "It is the one thing I can do for her that will make her life easier."

The handouts Shaver provided during the seminar, as well as a transcript of his presentation, are available up on request from The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines.

## Veterans

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oping a second design.

Moore County Board of Commissioners Chairman Nick Picerno reminded the Committee that "there is no hurry" to come up with a plan for the Veteran's Memorial.

"You have the time," said Picerno. "And nothing is going to happen down there until we've explored all options. The right thing is to get it right."

The Commissioners took the three acres of land adjacent to the Memorial off the market and are not entertaining any offers to purchase it until the Veteran's Memorial Advisory Committee has completed its work.

The current Memorial holds 8,000 names of Veterans. Benton told the group that there are an estimated 3,200 names that still need to be added to the granite slabs at the site.

Benton reported that the existing Memorial site is large enough to accommodate the additional names.



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## Quilter

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ourselves the Stand Up Stitchers," said James. "There are ten of us that share this passion."

James' eye for aesthetics goes beyond quilting. At the annual quilt show hosted by the Sandhills Quilters Guild in September, her queen size quilt won in three categories: Best of Show, Best in Piecing, and First Place in bed quilt. Presently, the quilt hangs in a place of honor on her living room wall. It is a geometric jeweled mosaic of color, design, and movement that was intricately pieced from a black and white pattern.

James' previous career in accounting compliments her quilting, because piecing a quilt is exacting. More than 1200 tiny, pieced, half-square-triangles bridge the larger pieced squares together. Each piece is cut with a rotary cutter, sewn together, and then attached to its neighbor.

There are infinite possibilities in laying out the design. "I would lay out each border and decide on the placement," James said. "At some point, you have to say, 'I am done.' You don't really see the finished product until it is completed."

The layout of color and square is, in itself, an art. None of the colors are bunched together nor clash. Up close, the fabric itself has personality — and even a sense of humor. But back away to take in the whole, and it is a jeweled masterpiece. One has to wonder, with so many different variables, how James has found the best combination. When asked if she would change anything, she said, "No. You finally have to say 'I am done' and just be happy with the way it is."

James receives plenty of encouragement from her husband Craig. He is as devoted to her quilting as she is passionate about making quilts. In fact, he has joined her in her endeavors. Craig's first quilt was not just any quilt, but a "quilt of valor" presented to a wounded serviceman.

"I was busy completing some other quilts, and he wanted me make more valor quilts," Linda James said. "He asked me to teach him, and I did." He received a first place ribbon for his first quilt.

The James' have given ten

valor quilts to different families. Another in progress lies on a table. The eagle wings have been quilted with individual feathers. The eagle itself was not in the pattern. It is a unique addition by James.

James' gift is her countless stitches that run beyond her immediate family into the surrounding community, providing comfort and warmth. Her quilts have been given to children, friends of her children, and to the families

of servicemen she has never met.

"I want my quilts to go on to my next generation," said James. "They are my legacy."

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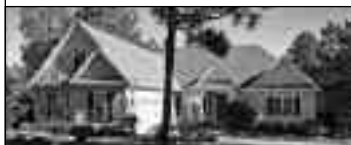
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Thank you again for everything.

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# Synergy

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volunteer in anyway or serve on the board to contact them.

Sports are a focal point of the Smith family's life together. Thirteen year-old Joseph and twelve-year old Allie are both involved in sports.

Joseph's West Pine Middle School Wrestling Team just won the Cape Fear Valley Conference title — and Joseph, undefeated for the season, won his own conference title.

Allie's sport is competitive gymnastics.

"I drive her four days a week to gymnastics in Sanford," Tammi explained. "While she practices, I work on Synergy. Steve is with Joseph at practice. We try to keep Wednesdays and weekends open so that we can have family dinners and keep the family together. Yesterday was a full day at wrestling, and we were all together as a family," said Tammi.

In their spare time the adult Smiths also volunteer as coaches. Steve has volunteered coaching in youth basketball, Optimist baseball, and football. Currently, he volunteers with West Pine Middle School's football team. Last spring, the Smith's started a Moore County lacrosse league.

Much of the Smith's desire to build Synergy is based on their childhood memories.

"I want all those things I remember as a kid coming together," Steve said. "I just remember everything we did as a family: Pack a picnic basket, run over to the park, and play Frisbee. I am hoping to provide that for the community out here."

Steve and Tammi check off a long list of steps it will take to turn a pasture into an

park: "Land needs to be leveled for playing; sod needs to be bought and laid, and a sprinkler system installed. We have to pay the County a \$4,000 connection fee just to put in the water. We have to purchase and have serviced port-a-johns. The estimate is \$160,000 or more just to get it ready to go."

"We don't have that number," explained Steve. "We are going to try to do a lot of the labor ourselves and put together Friends of the Park."

"We don't want this to be

a pipe dream and go to the wayside," said Tammi. "Since moving here, we have met some great people and made wonderful friends. We love the lakes and surrounding community. We are just starting a park, a place for everybody to get together."

At the end of the day, the golden field is more than a park. It is a community center scheduled with activities. Steve and Tammi are already filling the roster, "Yoga, cross-fit, and lacrosse — we have a lot of ideas. Movies on the grounds, kite contests, star

gazing and music . . . ."

For more information on Synergy, or to help make the

park a reality, contact the Smiths at sandhill-slacrosse@aol.com

## Chapel Valentine's Party

Join in for the Valentine's Fun on Thursday, February 14 at 2 pm at the annual Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines Outreach Valentine Party.

The Chapel invites everyone to come to the celebration, especially those living in the community alone or

as a shut-in.

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For information or if transportation is needed, please phone Fran Stark at 673-5493.

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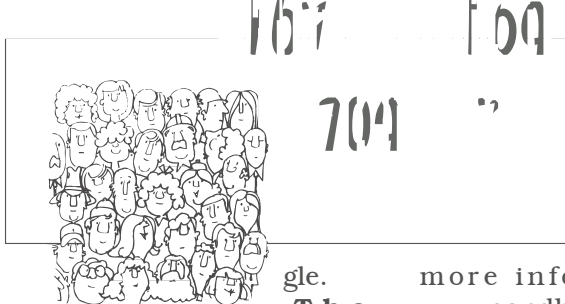
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 26**

- **Turkey Shoot** - Alec Creek Farm in Jackson Springs at 7 pm. Win a turkey, ham, slab of bacon or cash. All proceeds benefit Sandhills Animal Rescue League. Come join the fun and support the animals. Alec Creek Farm, 396 Thomas Road, Jackson Springs. 910-974-4468 or 910-638-1921.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 2:30 pm & 7:30 pm, *Hyde Park on the Hudson*. Starring Bill Murray, Laura Linney and Olivia Williams. Tickets \$7 plus a \$1 suggested donation.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27**

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes 673-3838.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 2:30 pm & 7:30 pm, *Hyde Park on the Hudson*. Starring Bill Murray, Laura Linney and Olivia Williams. Tickets \$7 plus a \$1 suggested donation.
- **Annual Community Social and Mixer** – 4 to 6 pm, sponsored by The Women of Seven at the Seven Lake North Clubhouse. Limited to 110 purchasers at only

\$5 per person. Hot and cold appetizers provided with cups, ice, and water furnished. BYOB. Purchase tickets call: Southside – Polly 673-2260; Northside – Lee 673-2521; or Westside – Tina 400-5356. This is a great opportunity for newcomers and neighbors to meet and min-



gle.

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**Wife** – 6:45 pm, doors open at 6 pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. Music guest tonight is *The Sweetback Sisters*, and *10 String Symphony*. Buy tickets on line, or at the door. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org (910)944-7502.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 28**

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 10:30 am to 3 pm, sponsored by Sandhills Community College and Century Link. At Van Dusen Hall, SCC, 395 Airport Road, Pinehurst. Make an appointment online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) Enter sponsor code 3296. Please consider giving blood, for those in need.
- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal

Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. Group leader Rachel Carr.

- **Sandhills Natural History Society meeting** – 7 pm at Weymouth Woods Auditorium, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd., Southern Pines. "Box Turtles in the Sandhills" Dr. John Roe will have a presentation about his research on box turtles and the use of radio-telemetry. Visitors Welcome. 910-692-2167 for

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- **Monday Night Services at WEUMC** – 7 pm. Do you have to work on Sundays? Travel on the weekends? Or are you not ready for Sunday morning? Come as you are. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 Highway 73, West End. Contact the Church Office at 673-1371.
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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 29**

- **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. Reverend Carol Burgess. All are welcome.

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 1 pm to 5:30 pm, sponsored by Penick Village, Emmanuel Episcopal Church and First-Bank, 500 E. Rhode Island Avenue, Southern Pines. Call 910-692-8571 for an appointment. Please consider giving blood.
- **Women of Seven Lakes Happy Hour** – 4 pm, at Sandhills Winery. Light snacks will be provided and beverages may be purchased. This is a fun event for members and their guests to meet and socialize.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30**

- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **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. Rev. Dr. Won Namkoong will lead this session. Meet in the WEUMC Fellowship Hall.

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 7:30 pm, General meeting. Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Open to all landowners.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 31**

- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am until 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). A time of fellowship and devotion and a meal provided at \$5.
- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. [www.sandhillswinery.com](http://www.sandhillswinery.com)
- **Save Our Sandhills** – 7 pm, hosting Dominick Pagnotta, Secretary for the Walthour-Moss Foundation Board of Directors. He will discuss the longleaf pine

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### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- **Groundhog Day**
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 2:30 pm & 7:30 pm, *The Impossible*, starring Ewan McGregor and Naomi Watts. Tickets \$7 plus a \$1 suggested donation. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.
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### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- **Moore Republican Women Meeting** – Registration: 11:30 am, Luncheon: 12 pm, in the St. Andrews Room Resort Club next to the Pinehurst Members Club. Speaker will be Dr. Aaron Spence, Moore County Superintendent of Schools. Reservations, e-mail or call Joan Ward paward@embarqmail.com or 295-6544. Cost: \$17 inclusive; cash or checks payable at the luncheon to Pinehurst LLC. Valet parking available.
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- **Moore County Board of Commissioners** – 5 pm, at the Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
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- **Welcome Home Bible Study** – 7 pm, West End United Methodist Church. Bible Study. Rev. Dr. Won

Namkoong will lead, meet in the Fellowship Hall.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am until 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). A time of fellowship and devotion, a meal \$5.
- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 11:30 am to 4 pm, sponsored by FirstHealth of the Carolinas Fitness Center, 170 Memorial Drive, Pinehurst. Make an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org Enter sponsor code 188. Please consider giving blood, for those in need.
- **Women of Seven Lakes** – 1 pm, luncheon at Beacon Ridge Country Club. Join the women for lunch. Come and have lunch with some

WSL friends and maybe meet some new ones.

- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- **Vietnam Veterans #966 Fundraiser** – 5 to 7 pm at Chick-Fil-A, 10735 US Hwy 15-501, Southern Pines. Part of the dinner proceeds will be donated by Chick-Fil-A to the Moore County Vietnam Veterans Chapter 966. Come with your family and friends, enjoy a great meal, and support the military.

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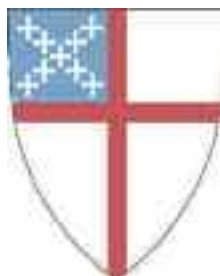
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## Westside Meeting

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be cut or that spending controls be tightened.

President Mick Herdrich said that the Events Committee has made adjustments to the remainder of the year's events to make up for the overage.

"Rosemary and her committee have done an excellent job over the last year," said Herdrich. "The budget situation was unfortunate; but when they discovered that, they have also taken the measures to correct it for the rest of the year. So my compliments to the Committee and Rosemary."

Weber said unforeseen costs associated with food, musicians, and replacing Christmas decorations contributed to the overage.

The Events Budget also bore the full cost of adding lighting to the walkway to Johnson Point, explained Weber.

Westsider Betty Milligan was not as understanding about the \$3,000 cost of a Christmas party attended by 200 people.

"We were talking about needs and wants in the community," said Milligan. "We are very concerned and very conservative about where the money goes and how it is spent."

After a heated exchange ensued between Milligan and Weber, President Herdrich refused to hear any more comments on the matter.

The Events Committee has postponed planned events, including the American Band

Stand Revival and a Social Mixer.

### Vision Plan Reserves Questioned

Some of the more than forty people attending Tuesday's meeting questioned an allocation of \$20,000 reserve allocation in the 2013-2014 Budget for a "Vision Plan" study that would ultimately cost \$40,000.

This past Summer, a request for such a plan by the Long Range PLanning Committee failed due to strong community opposition.

Westsider Benedette York asked Treasurer Don Friert if the \$20,000 placed in reserve was allocated specifically for the study.

Herdrich replied that the money had been set aside in reserves so that it could possibly be allocated for the Vision Plan but not necessarily for that. The money could be used for roads or other needs as they arise in the future, he added.

If a future Board plans to use the money for a Vision Plan, Herdrich said, the community would have the opportunity to weigh in on that decision. The membership will have a chance to vote on the proposed 2013-2014 budget at this year's annual meeting in March.

### Board Candidates

Of three candidates running for election to the SLWLA Board, only two attended Tuesday night's meeting to introduce themselves to the

community.

"I was overwhelmed by what I saw," said candidate Dale Erickson, describing the first time he saw Seven Lakes West. "I feel so fortunate to be here — to be a part of this community — and that's why I have decided to run."

Erikson said he would like to take over responsibility for finance from retiring Treasurer Don Friert, noting that he is "very frugal by nature."

"In this economy, we really have to watch our money and our expenditures," Erickson said.

Candidate Chuck Watkins, who has lived in the community for two years, said he wants to make sure that Westside property values continue to grow.

He is also concerned about all the empty lots in the community — and how their eventual build-out will affect Seven Lakes West.

Candidate Bryan Benjamin

was absent from Tuesday's meeting due to work obligations. Secretary Jane Sessler read a biographical sketch about Benjamin in which he said he is interested in what the community has to offer as well as what the business district provides.

### Mailhouse Update

Mailhouse Project Manager John Hoffmann reported that the construction of the new mailhouse is nearing completion. Community Manager Jeanette Mendence added that there is still a list of things that need to be done.

Hoffmann reminded the community that everyone will keep their same mailbox numbers. The new mailboxes will be eighty-five percent bigger.

"We've given you large boxes that are more convenient to get to," said Hoffmann.

Updates on the mailhouse will be posted online and in the current mailhouse.

### Lake Auman

The Lake Auman Sports Club has asked the SLWLA Board to contribute to the cost of stocking fish in Lake Auman. Currently, the Club has \$3,000 to commit to the project.

However this year's SLWLA's budget does not have money set aside for stocking fish in the Lake.

"I didn't see where we can come up with a \$3,000 commitment," said Lake and Dam Director Bruce Keyser. According to Keyser, next year's budget has \$5,000 set aside for stocking fish.

A study commissioned by the Lake and Dam Committee last year found that "feeder fish" are low in the Lake. It would take \$11,000 over a three year period to get levels to where they should be, explained Keyser.

Keyser said the fish levels are not an emergency at this point; but, if nothing is done, it would delay improving the

(See "Westside," p. 19)

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## Westside

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Lake.

"We just fall further and further behind in terms of the health of the lake as the fish go down the tubes," said Director Ed Cockman.

Treasurer Friert will look at the overall budget to see if the SLWLA can contribute to the restocking of fish this year.

### Safety and Security

Speed bumps at the back gate are here to stay, said Director Ed Cockman.

"You don't like them. I don't like them," said Cockman, "But they are necessary to the back gate."

Cockman also said that the back gate was broken by a resident which was caught on camera. A resident wishing to hold the gate for a non-decaded vehicle bent and broke the back gate. This person will be charged for the price of replacing the gate said Cockman.

The Board approved a request by Cockman to add George Jenner and Dan Lambert to the Safety and Security Committee.

### Other Business

Other business conducted during the Tuesday, January 22 meeting included:

- The Board approved a request by Cockman to hold the SLWLA's monthly work sessions on the fourth Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 26.
- The Board appointed Walker Rodeniser and Welch LLP to conduct the financial audit for the community for the fiscal year ending on April 30, 2013.
- The Rules and Regulations book has been officially moved online said Sessler. Members can print their own copy from the community website or have a copy made at the CAS office.
- The Neighbor to Neighbor Committee will host a New-comers Event on Sunday, February 10 said Sessler.



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102 Sheffield - Under Contract  
Lot 2369 - New Listing Under Contract



## Animal Center

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put the lives of our animals first thing on their agenda in 2013."

The Pet Responsibility Committee has been recognized nationally and internationally. To date fifteen states have contacted Moore County about their program.

Zumwalt said the number one goal of the program is to deal with pet overpopulation in the County.

### Public Hearings

After a public hearing, the Commissioners approved text amendments to Articles 13 and 24 of the Moore County Zoning Ordinance. The amendments aim to increase the specificity of the ordinance, in the wake of a court decision in the Village of Wesley Chapel that hinged on overly broad definitions.

During the public hearing, West End landowner Elizabeth Blackwell, who has sued to prevent the Seven Lakes Aeromodelers Club from using a tract of land adjacent to her property, asked the Board to better define the recreational uses allowed in the ordinance. She said one new use — "private recreation clubs" — was almost identical to the definition that "got Wesley Chapel into trouble."

But the Board declined to change the definitions presented by Ensminger.

The Board also approved text amendments to Article 11 of the Moore County Zoning ordinance, which deals with Watershed Overlay Districts. The new standard will allow developers to combine two non-adjacent pieces of property in a development scheme for the purposes of meeting watershed density requirements.

Commissioner Randy Saunders said the amendment "really gives people some flexibility in areas where land cannot be developed."

The Board called a public hearing for Tuesday, February 5 on a funding application to be submitted to the NC Community Transportation Program by Moore County Transportation Services, as requested by Transportation

Director Tawanna Williams.

### Housing Rehab Application Approved

The Board approved a request by County Planner Tim Emmert to submit the FY 2013 Urgent Repair Program Application for \$75,000 to the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency. The program pays for the rehabilitation of substandard housing for owners who meet certain income requirements.

A \$5,000 match from the County is needed to apply for the grant. Last year, the grant money helped fifteen Moore County residents. "We try to stretch our funds as much as we can," said Emmert.

### Public Safety Purchases Approved

The Board approved a request by Deputy Public Safety Director Scot Brooks

to award a contract for an Emergency Generator and Manual Transfer Switches to Atlantic Power Solutions of Siler City for \$200,000.

In 2010, Moore County was awarded a Homeland Security Grant that will be utilized for this project explained Brooks.

The Board approved the purchase of a Moore County Emergency Medical Services ambulance from Northwestern Emergency Vehicles for \$177,000 as requested by Public Safety Director Bryan Phillips.

The ambulance was purchased in cooperation with the purchase of a fleet of ambulances by Guilford County, which ultimately saved the County ten percent off the regular asking price, Phillips explained.

The Commissioners also approved a request to amend the Emergency 911 Radio

and Telephone System contract. The amendment includes a \$35,000 increase to run additional CAT 6 and electrical circuits to the 911 center. The new contract for the Emergency 911 Radio and Telephone System contract will increase to \$970,700. The project will take four weeks to complete.

The Board approved a contract with Patterson Pope, Inc. for the design and installation of storage equipment at the Rick Rhyne Public Safety Center, as requested by Chief Deputy Neil Godfrey. The \$179,500 installation will begin in February and is scheduled for completion by March 31, 2013.

### Tap Fees Raised

The Board approved a request by Public Works Director Randy Gould to revise the County's tap fees

(See "Animal," p. 21)

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depending on the size of the tap. Currently, the County charges a sewer tap fee of \$2,300 regardless of tap size.

The fees will increase in part because of the need to utilize brass components, in order to comply with the federal Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act.

Gould said brass prices have gone up fifteen percent.

The new fee schedule will take effect immediately. Prices will vary from \$2,300 to \$14,500 for sewer tap fees. Domestic water and irrigation tap fees with range from \$1,950 to \$12,300.

Gould said the typical homeowner will still pay the \$2,300 fee.

At Gould's recommendation, the Board allowed a property in the extraterritorial jurisdiction [ETJ] of Whispering Pines to have water supplied by Utilities Inc. rather than the County.

The Village of Whispering Pines is supplied with water by Utilities Inc. rather than the County. The land in question is currently controlled by the Whispering Pines Land Development Ordinance and may be annexed by the Village, if it is developed.

Nick Picerno and Commissioner Craig Kennedy will lead.

- A Transportation Task Force that will include Kennedy and Melton.
- A Budgetary Task Force that Commissioner Randy Saunders and Picerno will lead.
- A Facilities Task Force that will include Commissioner Larry Caddell and Picerno.
- A Legislative Issues Task Force that Kennedy and Saunders will lead.
- An Education Task Force that will include Saunders and Caddell.

Chairman Picerno indicated that the Commissioners responsible for each task force will assemble additional members and

resources as needed.

The Board dissolved two ad hoc committees whose work had been completed:

- The Major Capital Projects Task Force which was formed in 2008 to determine the County's need for a new detention center.
- The Government Center Committee, which was formed in 2008 to determine the County needs for a government center.

### Other Business

Other business conducted during the Moore County Board of Commissioners Tuesday, January 15 meeting included:

- Clerk to the Board Laura Williams will submit several examples of governmental

newsletters for the Board to consider. During the Board's retreat in January they suggested publishing a monthly newsletter that could be distributed on the County's website or emailed to residents at their request. The Board will consider the newsletter format during their Tuesday, February 5 meeting.


- Nina Walker gave a presentation on how the Sandhills Community Action Program Service Block Grant will be utilized.
- Interim Manager Wayne Vest outlined the proposed FY 2013-2014 budget schedule, which was unanimously approved by the Board. The Board plans to adopt the budget by Tuesday, June 4 during their

regular meeting.

- The Board recognized Property Management Director Rich Smith for his work on the Rick Rhyne Public Safety Center. Smith submitted his letter of resignation at the beginning of January.
- The Commissioners will submit five names of County residents and the names of four County department supervisors to form a County Manager Application Review Committee. The Board will vote on the names during their next meeting on February 5.

### Appointments

The Board appointed Dr. Kamron Monroe to the Board of Health for a three year term.




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### Task Forces Formed

The Board created several task forces during their Tuesday, January 15 meeting, each led by two Commissioners, charged with making progress on outstanding issues in a number of operational areas. Those committees included:

- A Utilities Task Force to help determine the water needs of Moore County. Commissioners Larry Caddell and Jimmy Melton will serve on this committee.
- An Economic Development Task Force that Chairman

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# OPINION

## How to preach a sinner's funeral sermon

**Question:** I do not belong to your church, but I have attended numerous memorial services that you have conducted. In every service you have said only good things about the deceased — and have assumed that God has taken them to heaven. I know that some of these people were not church members and had never given their hearts to Christ. Why don't you tell people the truth: that, if a person is not saved by the blood of Christ, that person is going to hell?

**Response:** I have conducted over eighty memorial services in the Chapel in the Pines since becoming the pastor. I can promise you that, if you attend that many more where I am the presiding minister, you will never

hear me consign someone to hell.

Several years ago, when I was teaching at Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC, I sang in a mortuary quartet. Over the years, I heard funeral sermons from preachers

in hell, just like the deceased.

Several came forward. But as I watched the grieving faces of the wife and children of the deceased man, I wanted to reach out and embrace them and tell them that the preacher did not know what

he was saying. I wanted to take the preacher by the lapels of his black suit and look him in the eye and

decide the eternal destiny of any man or woman, even if, by our standards, they have lived wicked, sinful lives. Eternal life is a gift that only God can give, and he offers it to all his children no matter what religion they follow. Who are we to think that we can decide for God which persons are worthy?

Memorial and funeral services are not for the deceased, but for the living. They should be designed to proclaim the good news of God's love and to bring comfort and hope for the grieving mourners left behind. This is what I believe God has called me to do when I am privileged to be a part of these services.

At the end of each service, I pray this prayer:

*Into your hands, O merciful*

*Savior, we commend your servant*

*Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.*

*Receive this, your child, into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints of life.*

I pray this prayer with the sure belief that God will answer it. If I were ever to be privileged to conduct your memorial service, your loved ones will hear this prayer and be comforted.

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



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Rev. Don Welch

in nearly every denomination. One day, at the end of his sermon, the preacher asked that all sinners come forward, kneel at the casket, and give their lives to Christ. If they didn't, they would soon be

shout: "Jesus said, Judge not that you be not judged."

I guess at heart I am a Universalist, who believes that God can save any person living or dead, and that it is never our prerogative to

## Road Striping – What's the hold up?

Dear Editor:

For months the subject of road striping has been part of the Seven Lakes Landowners Board meetings and appeared in *The Times*. It seems as though it's an issue that might go away "if we wait long enough." The issue seems to revolve around "how much should we do and how much should we spend?" The

latest question is "what color should the lines be?"

Have you ever seen or driven on a new stretch of road or highway that has not gotten lined soon after it is completed and in use — except in Seven Lakes? Example: the recently opened inbound lane of NC Highway 211.

Side lines and center lines should be applied to all our

roads first as a safety measure and certainly (in our case) as an image improvement feature.

When the original roads were paved they were lined on both sides and center. A very few still exist. In my 30-plus years as a resident, they have never been renewed.

Why is color a question for discussion? Why not follow and use what the DOT uses? Again, our newly opened lane of NC Highway 211 is a fine example of how nice the lines look, and the color and the added safety feature.

Why is the Board so "paranoid" about what the cost is to do the job right. Where are your priorities?

I've been under the impression that a portion of the dues was being set aside in a fund for road resurfacing and paving. Striping should be a necessary part of that repair.

We can all remember how nice Seven Lakes Drive looked

when it was resurfaced a few years ago. When we speak of improving our image, this might be the first place to start.

Without striping (lines) on our roads, we are being short changed.

*Ray Nies  
Seven Lakes South*

## Pet owners, beware!

Dear Editor:

On Saturday, January 5, I let Socks, our cat, out at 6:00 am, while it was still dark.

He never returned.

Socks was a coal black cat except for about an inch of white on each foot and white blaze down his throat.

Originally, Socks was abandoned in Seven Lakes North and roamed from our location all the way to Sequoia Point. This went on for several months.

Our son noticed the cat and set food and water out in the yard.

Little by little, Socks finally came to me in the garage

and I fed him roast turkey. He loved that meat.

Eventually, he came into the house and became a wonderful pet. He had been declawed and neutered, so he must have belonged to some family that cared for him.

I can only assume that Socks became a victim that morning I let him out to a wild fox or coyotes. We will miss him a lot.

Pet owners beware that there are wild animals in this area.

*Andy Lowe  
Cottage Grove Lane  
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# Where was God when children were shot?

Recently, we as a country have experienced another tragedy, the shooting of innocent children and teachers in a Connecticut classroom just before Christmas break. It is difficult to write about it even after a month, as I wonder how broken a person must be to commit such heinous acts.

I find myself asking questions that I had asked myself after 9/11. Where was God? Where were you, God, when these children were hiding in the classroom? Where were you, God, when these parents were in agony, not knowing if their children were safe? Certainly, these are not easy questions to answer. I wrestle with these questions each time a tragedy occurs, but especially when it involves children.

I hear some ministers and talking heads claim that this happened because we have kicked God out of the classroom. Others say that it is because we have forbidden the posting of the Ten Commandments. The Supreme Court's wording: "If the posted copies of the Ten Commandments are to have any effect at all, it will be to induce the school children to read, meditate upon, perhaps to venerate and obey the Commandments."

In other words, you can't display the commandment 'thou shalt not kill' because someone might obey it. I understand the argument that we booted God out, but we actually don't have the authority to tell the omnipresent God where He can and can't be.

So the question remains: Where was God?

Psalm 46 has helped me to find some answers. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." The first statement in Psalm 46 is a statement of confidence. The psalmist had written this in very bleak times to remind the people that God is there. God was very present, and I believe that He was there with these children, parents and teachers. I know this because

Jesus told the disciples not to forbid the children to come to Him. He wept at the grave of Lazarus and I know that His heart broke for these

He was there when Paul was in prison for preaching the gospel. Paul wrote more than half of the New Testament, and much of it was written while in prison.

He was there when His only begotten Son died on a cross for the sins of the world. He allowed it to happen.



## Bound by Grace

Rev. Chris Hrabosky

children and families. The rest of the passage has helped me to get through some of these tragic events and I hope that you will read it.

It is easy to ask God these questions when we face tragedy, but I want to remind you that God was present at some other very difficult situations. He was there when Joseph was in jail for twelve years. Joseph hadn't done anything wrong, but was sentenced to prison for doing what was right. In the end, Joseph told those who had wronged him that although they had meant it for evil, God used it for good.

I struggle to understand why these terrible things happen in this world and I will never fully understand it this side of heaven. I do find comfort in knowing that even in the most difficult things that we will ever face, God is there. He is a very present help in times of trouble. All that I need do is turn to Him. I hope that you will continue to pray for these families as they continue to grieve.

*Chris Hrabosky is past at Seven Lakes Baptist Church. You may send him your question or comments at [chrabosky@mac.com](mailto:chrabosky@mac.com).*

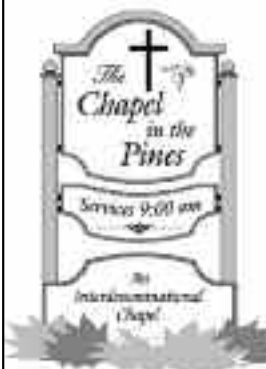
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# Why not accentuate the positive?

Dear Editor:

Seven Lakes is a premier community with great assets. Dr. Fred Young accurately described our community in the last issue of *The Seven Lakes Times*, when he focused on nature's beauty (trees, etc.), pristine lakes, amenities, nice location,

housing options, etc.

This is the community that we moved into eleven years ago and plan to live in for many years to come. Each and every day, both of us enjoy the beauty that Dr. Young described in his article.

We believe that one special asset was forgotten — warm special neighbors and priceless friends.

In our opinion, the gentleman would have been wise to have stopped with his positives. Wrong impressions

can be given that certainly affect each and every property owner — whether the North, South, West or the Village. Negatives are not always helpful, especially the way they were written by Dr. Young. What was his purpose?

Why would a part-time resident on the West Side — one who has not served on any committees, has not been active in the community, has not attended board meetings, — know what is best for his community and Seven Lakes?

One can be masterful with making proposals and presentations, but do these proposals have an agenda attached and does the agenda

help or hurt?

Does one who spends so little time here know the needs of the community?

Would it not be a better service to this community to use your energies, Dr. Young, to enhance this community with positive thoughts and to encourage readers to improve on what we have? It stands to reason that positives enhance property values, encourage growth, and change attitudes.

What are you doing to encourage these attributes?

Dr. Ronnie Milligan &  
Betty Milligan  
Seven Lakes West

## Praise for new book, & Fred Lawrence

Dear Editor:

I read an article in your newspaper a while back about a book called *Seven Lakes, A Place In The Sun* by Ann Bass. I ordered a copy of it, and found it most informative.

My husband and I live in Fayetteville and have been looking everywhere along the eastern seacoast for a vacation home at the beach and at lakes.

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I commend Fred Lawrence for sticking with his vision to build the area, through much personal tribulation, and hope I can meet him someday to thank him. The book gave me a great insight on what he went through personally to get it done.

Thanks *Seven Lakes Times* for a great newspaper. We are looking forward to spending lots of time over there and getting to know the area better.

Suzanne Pennink  
Seven Lakes West

## Seven Lakes tells a wonderful story

Dear Seven Lakes Residents:

Clint and I have in and out of Seven Lakes for 38 years, permanent residents for 28 years. We were somewhat involved in the early development, but we were not aware of many other parts of the history.

I have just finished reading my copy of the new publication, "Seven Lakes a Place in the Sun," written by Ann O. Bass. I simply could not

put it down. Some of you know her as Ann Norris. She was heavily involved in the early development of Seven Lakes. It is a wonderful true story and well-written. I strongly recommend that all of you who are interested in the development of your home community order a copy and enjoy it.

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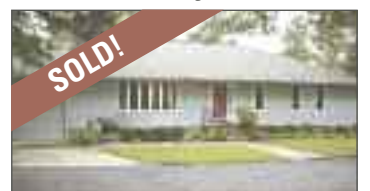
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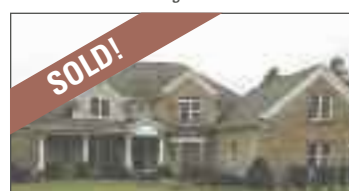
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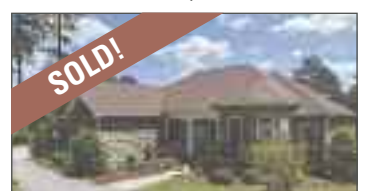
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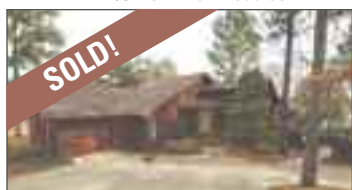
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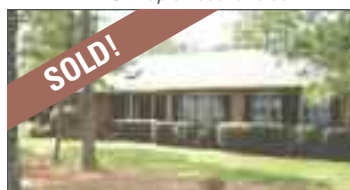
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# The Future of Seven Lakes: Two Structural

*This is the second in a series of articles on the future of Seven Lakes by Westsider Fred Young, President Emeritus of Elon University and Chair of VIF International Education. He and his wife, Phyllis, built their first house in Seven Lakes North in 1978 and moved to Seven Lakes West in 2006. Contact him at [youngf@mindspring.com](mailto:youngf@mindspring.com).*

Those of us who live in the greater Seven Lakes community have it within our grasp to build a premier residential community at little or no increased cost to most residents. Seven Lakes has many of the resources necessary to become such a community, as well as a number of liabilities that detract from this possibility.

## Two Structural Flaws

There are two major structural flaws that preclude greater Seven Lakes becoming a premier residential community and that, if not corrected, probably ensure a gradual deterioration toward mediocrity:

**Structural Flaw 1. Lack of Leadership.** There is no leadership structure and consequently no leadership. No one is in charge; no one is responsible for the greater Seven Lakes community.

There is no board, no committee, no developer, no coordination. We are not in charge of our own community; it is a happening.

As *Times* Editor Greg Hankins pointed out in an article about six months ago, when a community's population reaches about 3,000, a legal

governing structure becomes imperative. There are too many diverse groups. Residents no longer know everyone. Operation by consensus becomes inefficient and ineffective.

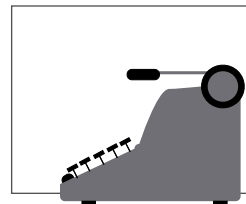
I have seen these changes come about as Seven Lakes has grown.

**Structural Flaw 2. Lack of Money.** There is no money for the greater Seven Lakes community because every year we give away approximately \$1,600,000 in sales tax receipts that came out of our pockets and to which we are entitled.

Our primary financial resource is landowner dues, which cannot be increased quickly and substantially. Additional construction does not bring much more money because the lot owners are already paying substantial dues. New construction in

the business district cannot be taxed by the landowners associations.

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## Your Turn

Fred Young  
Seven Lakes West

this community. Most of you know that the mandatory ingredients for any successful organization are leadership and resources. We are trying to operate a community of about 5,000 in a highly competitive and complex environment without either, and we are likely to fail.

Careful management can compensate somewhat for lack of resources, but cannot overcome this structural

weakness.

## Correcting the Structural Flaws

Fortunately, the remedy for all the problems outlined above is at hand, fairly simple, cost effective, and within our control. We just have to decide to do it.

**Incorporate.** The greater Seven Lakes community needs to incorporate, which would provide the needed legal, governance, and leadership structure.

Greater Seven Lakes is somewhat like the proud mother who was watching

the high school band parade and exclaimed "Everybody is out of step except my son."

There are 553 incorporated municipalities in North Carolina, 11 in Moore County. Seventy-seven percent of these municipalities are smaller than Seven Lakes. We are out of step with these communities.

These communities chose to incorporate because it was to their advantage. It would be to the advantage of Seven Lakes also. It is not likely that 553 communities are wrong and Seven Lakes is right on this matter.

Let's keep our \$1,600,000 sales tax money at home. If Seven Lakes incorporates and we raise the crossbars

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# Flaws, and How They Can Be Corrected

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on the main gates, we will be eligible for this money annually. It is noteworthy that 553 incorporated North Carolina municipalities are keeping their sales tax money at home.

Forfeiting \$1,600,000 annually is an economic disaster for Seven Lakes!

If we kept the sales tax money at home, our annual revenue would be increased by 55%.

## Approximate Annual Revenues

North/South	\$1,300,000
West	\$1,600,000
Total	\$2,900,000
Sales Tax	\$1,600,000
	55% increase

## Who Ended Up With Our \$20 Million?

Our landowners associations have to be frugal and spend significant time managing small amounts of money — trying to find \$5,000-\$10,000 for fireworks

or drainage or some similar small but important project.

Yet, we are giving away \$1,600,000 every year — \$20,000,000 since 2000.

Envision what Seven Lakes would be like if we had kept that money at home — \$20,000,000 would have built a magnificent community.

Instead, our money has been used to support town governments; hire policemen, repave roads; provide storm drainage, sidewalks, and

beautification projects; and other services for the eleven incorporated towns in Moore County.

For us to forfeit our money to Moore County municipalities that compete with us and help provide them with

services we cannot afford makes absolutely no sense to me!

**The next article** in this series will focus on Incorporate or Continue the Present Course?

## Walthour-Moss is focus at SOS

Join Save Our Sandhills for an informative and interesting evening, Thursday, January 31, 7 pm, in the Southern Pines Civic Club at the corner of Ashe Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. Save Our Sandhills will host Dominick Pagnotta, who is Secretary for the Walthour-Moss Foundation Board of

Directors.

He will discuss one of the most precious assets in the Sandhills; the 4,052 acres of longleaf pine forest known as the Walthour-Moss Foundation lands. At a time when much local land is either under development or slated for development, this pristine expansive tract of land is

unique.

In his discussion of the Walthour-Moss Foundation, Pagnotta will touch on the early settlement of the Southern Pines area, with its foray into timbering and naval stores; the Boyd family's interest in preservation and country sport; the Moss family's interest in philanthropy; and the resultant Walthour-Moss Foundation's legacy of preservation and support of community.

## Who ended up with our \$20M?

Municipality	Estimated Portion
Southern Pines	\$6,300,000
Pinehurst	\$5,980,000
Aberdeen	\$2,600,000
Whispering Pines	\$1,260,000
Carthage	\$1,150,000
Pinebluff	\$700,000
Robbins	\$665,000
Taylortown	\$495,000
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## Lifeguards

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projected approximately \$15,000 in savings. "We are estimating two pool attendants during the weekend and one during the week," Sohl said. "That is a cost difference of about \$15,000."

Even in the absence of lifeguards, pool attendants will be necessary to control access and enforce pool rules.

Seven Lakes West eliminated the diving board and replaced lifeguards with attendants at the West Side Park pool in their second swim season after hiring Community Association Services, Inc. [CAS] to manage their community. CAS took over as SLLA manager in September.

During the Work Session, SLLA President Bob Darr suggested posting "Swim at Your Own Risk," signage and letting the responsibility fall on swimmers and parents.

"While on different trips in the last four to five years, I have not seen a lifeguard," said Darr. "There would be a reason why those particular

organizations are not providing lifeguards."

"That is not sufficient," said Recreation Director Bob Racine. "Without a lifeguard, the entry would have to be controlled by key or swipe pad. We would have to put in a gate and swipe pad" — adding to the expense.

Such modifications would need to be made, Darr agreed: "If we do not intend on having a pool attendant there, then that might need to apply."

### Outsourcing Lifeguards?

Manager Sohl said simply posting signs would not mitigate all liability.

"I have managed facilities that have outsourced that service [lifeguards]," he said. "I would support lifeguards here, due to the number of young people, if we could outsource it. I have reservations about hiring our own lifeguards and being understaffed — or the lifeguards lacking motivation."

But outsourcing lifeguards for Seven Lakes may be impossible, as there appear

to be no local companies offering that service.

Racine spoke up on behalf of the current staffing. "What I have seen for the three years that we have been going to that pool is that we have a phenomenal lifeguard crew and manager," he said. "They monitor the diving board. They blow the whistle and make sure it's clear before the next person dives. Could someone break their neck? Maybe. But there will be a lifeguard there to pull them out."

"I understand the budgetary thing," Racine continued. "You could save maybe \$10,000 by removing lifeguards. But we should do everything we can, knowing it will never be completely safe. If not — fill it up with sand."

Racine added that a pool manager is required by law — plus, someone has to handle the maintenance of the pool itself, as well as policing any rough play at the pool.

"We do need supervision at the pool for these kids," said Racine.

### CAS: Lifeguards Increase Liability

Darr reported a conversation he recently had with CAS President John Stone, "concerning lifeguards, diving boards and all of this stuff. As it relates to the issue of the lifeguards versus none, we have more liability with them," said Darr.

"We also talked about liability related to diving boards. There is not an increase of liability due to diving boards. My personal opinion is that there is, due to the risk of falling." He also gave examples of two different incidents where other associations were held responsible for the lifeguard failing to respond properly.

Sohl cited a recent report on Association-owned pools. "Just to support what you [Darr] just said, the majority of injuries came from diving

boards. They also advised other associations not to have lifeguards, if there were not code requirements, for the very reasons Bob [Darr] mentioned. If you have a lifeguard that doesn't respond correctly to first aid, then you have more liability."

However, Sohl also said that removing the diving board would not result in reduced cost of insurance for the Association.

Weighing the potential monetary gain against the life of a child, Security Director Steve Ritter said: "The advantage is: if it saves one child, then having lifeguards outweighs the risk."

Racine reminded the board that a child was saved the previous summer from drowning by an SLLA lifeguard.

### Pool Versus Lake Liability

The discussion then wandered from the liability risk posed by the the pool to the

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# Lifeguards

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liability risk posed by the lakes.

"We have all kinds of conflicts," Darr said. "There are no lifeguards at beaches. It's open swimming. The thing is: we have got stuff going on all over creation, and it doesn't line up that with we have to have pool lifeguards," said Darr. Sohl agreed with Darr that the lakes present a huge exposure to liability.

"When we go to the swim beach, no one expects there to be a lifeguard there," Ritter responded. Racine agreed with Ritter that the residents expect a lifeguard at the pool.

"This issue has created more phone calls for me than any other," said Racine. "A man called me recently. He was a lifeguard here when he was growing up. While he was working as a lifeguard, a kid had drowned — and he pulled him out, gave him resuscitation, and brought him back."

Sohl countered with an incident at a different Association of a young child falling and hitting its head at a wading pool. The child had extensive brain damage and the Association was held responsible.

Accidents are unavoidable, Ritter replied. Exaggerating to make his point, he said, "Let's drain the pool, fill it with sand, and put some play equipment there. But we will still have liability if a kid falls off the jungle gym. When people come to a pool,

they expect to have a lifeguard to help parents watch the kids."

## Hire a Manager Who Is — But Isn't — A Lifeguard?

During the discussion of how best to staff the pool if lifeguards are eliminated, Ritter asked how many attendants are enough.

"If you have an attendant there just checking swimmers in and out, then you will still need someone there responsible to yell 'Don't run! Don't throw the ball! Don't jump on that person!' You are then performing a quasi-lifeguard function," said Ritter.

To provide those services without the liability of having a lifeguard, Darr suggested hiring a manager who also just happens to be a lifeguard. "It's almost a title thing from 'manager' to 'pool manager/pool attendant.' I am thinking we could hire a lifeguard for that job," Darr said. "We are not going to call him a 'lifeguard' for that position, but you will have that kind of control to blow a whistle for those around."

"The expectation that residents have is that there will be a lifeguard on duty at the pool," said Ritter. "I would venture to think, that if residents see a pool manager acting in that manner, then they will think that there is also some kind of assistance."

## Time to Vote

Despite the lack of agreement among the Directors,

Darr advocated moving the elimination of lifeguards and the diving board to the open meeting for a vote.

The first vote would be on whether to eliminate the diving boards. The second vote, Darr said, would be to "decide it one way or another, to keep the lifeguards or eliminate them."

But Racine insisted that any motion headed to the Open Meeting for a vote needed more specificity. "If we are going to do what you're suggesting, then we should have a type of motion and discuss it here before we take it to Open Meeting," he said. "This specific motion would be to eliminate lifeguards for the upcoming season, and that lifeguards would be replaced with 'swim at your own risk' signs and the pool managed by a pool attendant."

Director Conrad Meyer agreed that the diving board motion was ready to be voted on, but wanted a more complete financial report concerning lifeguards.

"I think the diving board is pretty straight-forward," said Meyer. "On the other hand, we are talking about

hiring pool attendants and we need to better define the finances."

Several members of the board agreed with Meyer that the financial implications of making the switch from lifeguards to pool attendants needed more study. Meyer said that it would be addressed the following day at the monthly finance committee meeting.

The Directors then agreed that the motion to eliminate lifeguards would move forward to the Open Meeting for a vote — and that the Directors would try to avoid "rehashing" their Work Session debate during that meeting. They would also hear any new information brought to the Open Meeting.

Both Racine and Ritter emphasized that their position in support of lifeguards was based on doing the right thing, rather than monetary considerations.

"I have to go on record," Ritter said. "I vehemently oppose taking away lifeguards to save \$12,000. There will be liability either way."

"The right thing is to have lifeguards," Ritter continued. "To remove the lifeguards is unconscionable, and I could never vote for it."

Racine nodded his agreement and said, "I agree with Steve."

"I disagree completely," Darr replied, ending the discussion.

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